

Mutual Energy Limited

Business Environmental Policy

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1. INTRODUCTION

Mutual Energy Limited (“MEL”) is a substantial player in the Northern Ireland energy sector operating in Northern Ireland and Scotland. MEL recognises its operations have a direct and indirect impact on the environment.

MEL has a key strategic objective to take an active role in collaboration with key stakeholders in the acceleration of decarbonisation through interventions and investments which benefit NI energy consumers. MEL will therefore actively work to assist society to a position of net zero CO₂ emissions in a timely, effective, and efficient way. MEL recognises that natural gas has a very important role to play in the transition but CO₂ emissions from natural gas will need to be phased out by 2050. MEL recognises the need to decarbonise the gas flowing in its pipelines. MEL’s gas and electricity assets can and do facilitate improvements in the use of renewable energy. MEL aims to deploy its assets and resources to maximise their contribution to the net zero transition. This objective to deal with decarbonisation more widely and indirect emissions from the energy which we transport is not dealt with in the policy but is designed into our wider strategic objectives, targets and plans.

MEL’s business of operating its assets, transporting electricity and gas has a direct impact on the environment. This business environmental policy deals with these direct operational environmental impacts and aims to improve MEL’s operations so as to minimise the direct environmental impact.

2. OBJECTIVES

MEL is committed to identifying, quantifying, managing, and minimising the adverse impact we make on the environment and to preventing unnecessary pollution whilst conducting our operations.

Using ISO 14001 as a framework, we will put in place an Environmental Management System (EMS) to manage and monitor our environmental aspects and establish an annual environmental plan to continually improve on our environmental performance. We will transparently report the environmental performance of our operations and compare our performance against others in our industry.

3. POLICY and PRINCIPLES

MEL owns and operates the Moyle Interconnector which links the electricity systems of Northern Ireland and Scotland, the Premier Transmission Pipeline System, which consists of the Scotland to Northern Ireland natural gas transmission pipeline (SNIP) and the Belfast Gas Transmission Pipeline (BGTP) and the West Transmission Pipeline System (WTPS) which runs from Portadown to Tullykenneye. These strategically important assets located across marine and onshore environments, provide vital energy links with Great Britain. Mutual

Energy manages these assets to the highest standards of safety, reliability, and efficiency.

MEL is committed to continually improving our environmental performance, through benchmarking and review of our energy usage and other significant aspects

We will always take account of environmental issues in all our activities and ensure that business decisions are properly aligned with the principles of the EMS.

Specifically, these principles are:

- To consult as appropriate with local, national, marine, and international statutory environmental agencies and regulatory agencies charged with protecting the environment and where possible, to achieve environmental best practice and exceed environmental compliance obligations.
- To identify and evaluate all environmental aspects of our activities and minimise the resulting environmental impacts.
- Encourage all employees, contractors and key suppliers to participate in the continual improvement of our EMS to enhance environmental performance and promote the suggestion of proposals to further reduce the carbon footprint of the company.
- Ensure company-wide understanding of this policy through training, review, and audit.
- To promote our efficient use of resources and energy.
- To control waste management and recycling in a manner that reduces our burden on landfill and maximises our reuse of materials.
- To minimise the impact of our travel on the environment, making use of teleconferencing facilities when meeting with stakeholders where appropriate.
- To commit to environmentally sustainable procurement principles, and to encourage those principles throughout our supply chain including the use of contractors.
- Consider the use of carbon offsetting and use of green energy tariffs where they exist.
- Where feasible enhance and protect biodiversity on our sites and premises, especially during construction activities.

- To demonstrate transparency in reporting the environmental performance of the company, and to communicate this policy via our website.

The EMS will describe how we measure and manage our environmental impact, how we ensure that we have sufficient competent resources in place to achieve our objectives and how we will report our performance and how we will check that we are achieving our aims. The EMS will also describe how the system will be implemented and governed.

Each year we will produce an annual environmental plan outlining the steps we will take to improve our environmental performance and allocating responsibility and a timeline for each step.

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