



## **CRU Update on the Gas Networks Ireland's Ten Year Network Development Plan 2022**

In Q2 2022, the CRU met with Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) in relation to the development of the annual Network Development Plan (NDP) for 2022. CRU noted that, in response to the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the corresponding impacts on Irish energy prices and security of supply challenges, the CRU Work Plan 2022 was subject to regular review to reprioritise certain outputs. One output of this review was a proposal to complete the GNI NDP 2021 development in accordance with S.I. 16 of 2015 European Communities (Internal Market in Natural Gas and Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations, and to carry out the related consultation process for the GNI NDP 2023 next. A consultation and development process in line with the legislative requirements for a GNI NDP 2022 would not be undertaken. In addition to the need to reprioritise the CRU Work Plan 2022, CRU was cognisant of industry feedback in making this proposal, in particular the benefits of publishing NDPs as close as possible to their data freeze dates.

In the absence of a formal NDP 2022, GNI has developed an alternate document, a Gas Forecast Statement 2022, to inform network maintenance and development planning. This document is expected to be published on the GNI website in Q1 2023.

Moving from NDP 2021 to NDP 2023 has supported the delivery of related critical works in the gas sector in 2022 in response to the aforementioned energy crisis. The publication of the GFS 2022 also ensures that the data provided for by the NDP annually is still available to industry and the public. The CRU is aware that the development of the GNI NDP is contingent of the completion of other inputting documents in a timely manner, and will support a timelier delivery of NDP 2023.

GNI expects to commence the development of the GNI NDP 2023 in Q1 2023. A CRU public consultation process on the NDP 2023 is expected to be run in Q3 2023.