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Designation of Competent Authority - EU Regulation 2017/1938 concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply.

Dear Aoife,

I refer to EU Regulation 2017/1928 ("the regulation") concerning measures to safeguard the security of gas supply and repealing Regulation (EU) 994/2010. The regulation came into force on 1 November 2017. One of the requirements of the Regulation concerns the designation of a Competent Authority for the purposes of the regulation (Article 3.2) Article 3 (3) *"Each Member State shall, without delay, notify the Commission, and make public, the name of its competent authority and any changes thereto"*.

The Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) was previously designated as the competent authority for the purposes of the now repealed Regulation 994/2010. I wish to inform you that I hereby designate the Commission for Regulation of Utilities as Competent Authority for the implementation of EU Regulation 2017/1938.

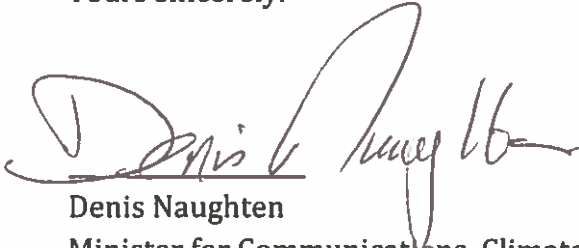
My Department is currently examining what, if any, additional legislative powers may be required by CRU for new aspects of the revised EU regulation and I understand it is currently liaising closely with CRU on this.

In compliance with Article 3 of the Regulation, it is a requirement to notify the European Commission of this designation. It is intended to publish this correspondence on the Department's website and we would ask that, you would also arrange to have this letter published on the CRU's website.

Fáiltítear roimh comhfhreagras i nGaeilge

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for your co-operation on this important work stream relating to Ireland's security of gas supply and emergency planning and to assure you of the full support and cooperation of my Department.

Yours sincerely.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denis Naughten', written over a horizontal line.

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