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Commission for
Regulation of Utilities

**APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING DETERMINATION
CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT A DOWNSTREAM GAS PIPELINE
GODDAMENDY, CO. DUBLIN**

10 March 2023

In accordance with:

- Article 6(3) of Directive 92/43/EEC (the Habitats Directive); and
- Regulations 42(1) and 42(2) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011) (as amended),

the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and a determination has been made in relation to an application for the construction of a downstream gas pipeline in Corduff, Co. Dublin. These actions have occurred prior to making any ultimate decision on the granting of consent to construct the aforementioned pipeline.

In reaching this AA Screening determination, the CRU has had regard to:

- Information contained in the application documentation including the AA Screening documentation provided by the applicant in relation to the proposed project; and
- The analysis and conclusions of the report entitled *Review of EIA & AA Screening Reports for Goddamendy Gas Pipeline* (Byrne Ó Cléirigh, 2023), which is adopted as a record of the CRU's AA Screening review.

Particular attention has been paid to the European Sites listed below, based on a 15-km zone of influence around the proposed project's site:

- Rye Water Valley/Cartron SAC (site code 001398; 9.9 km southwest);
- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (site code 004024; 10.7 km southeast);
- Malahide Estuary SAC (site code 000205; 11.7 km northeast);
- Malahide Estuary SPA (site code 004025; 11.8 km northeast);
- South Dublin Bay SAC (site code 000210; 13.3 km southeast);
- North Bull Island SPA (site code 000206; 13.4 km southeast);

- North Dublin Bay SAC (site code 000208; 13.5 km southeast);
- Rogerstown Estuary SAC (site code 000199; 14.5 km east);
- Baldoyle Bay SAC (site code 000199; 14.5 km east); and
- Baldoyle Bay SPA (site code 004016; 14.5 km east).

Having reviewed and considered the information presented within the application and within the report provided by Byrne Ó Cléirigh, the CRU concludes, in view of the Natura 2000 conservation objectives and on the basis of objective scientific information, that the proposed project is not likely to have significant effects on any European Sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. This conclusion is based on the following factors and considerations:

- The characteristics and location of the proposed project; and
- The characteristics of potential impacts.

Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the CRU has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

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