

Gas Innovation Group – PC4 Consultation Response

Dear Sir, Madam,

On behalf of the members of the Gas Innovation Group, we wish to express our support for the inclusion of Innovation funding for the Price Control 4 period.

To date the Innovation Fund has supported a range of activities including the progression of Compressed Natural Gas for transport, renewable gas production and grid injection along with a variety of research activities. The research activities currently supported under Price Control 3 will continue to develop our understanding of topics including the role of renewable gas in Ireland, renewable gas feedstocks and future technologies such as the production and use of hydrogen. While recognising the PC4 funding proposed, this is largely allocated to CNG, an increased level of innovation funding would be welcome to enable the greater roll out of new innovative technologies. Such an increased fund is supported by regulatory precedent in other jurisdictions and would assist greatly in Ireland meeting its renewable targets.

We believe that the funding of innovation activities will continue to support the development of new technologies in the Irish gas industry for the long term benefit of customers. The Innovation Fund will support the delivery of the required new technologies to the Irish gas market including the development of new sources of renewable gas and the market structures which are required for renewable gas. Inclusion of innovation funding in PC4 will therefore continue to develop and deliver the benefits of the required new technologies and will ultimately deliver benefits to the Irish gas customer.

Please feel free to contact members of the Gas Innovation Group if you would like to discuss the above further.

Kind Regards,
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Chairperson Gas Innovation Group (on behalf of the members of the GIG)