

*Dear Kenny,*

*As part of the ongoing consultation on the treatment of gas capacity costs in the all-island electricity market, we want to express our clear view that we do not agree with any proposal that would result in these costs driving up wholesale electricity prices.*

*Our business within the pharmaceutical industry is in the production of medicinal products for patients worldwide and cost containment is a very important feature of our business and managing our energy costs is an integral part of this process.*

*If this consultation resulted in an increase in electricity costs we would be extremely disappointed with the regulatory framework for allowing this to proceed. One of the key purposes of the single electricity market was that electricity prices are fair and reasonable. The impact on our business would be an estimated 4% increase in electricity costs. We would urge you to consider all possible options to alleviate the impact of the proposed change.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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