

20th October 2025

Re: Request for Observations – MUL Reference: MUL250010

Shannon Foynes Port Company (SFPC) welcomes and supports the MUL application relating to the **Strategic Gas Emergency Reserve Project**. The project aligns with SFPC's *Vision 2041* objectives to support Ireland's energy security and facilitate the transition to green alternative fuels over time.

SFPC was established under the *Harbours Act 1996* as the statutory authority responsible for the safe navigation and regulation of operations within the Shannon Estuary.

As the statutory authority with regulatory functions in the Estuary, SFPC respectfully requests that any permission granted under this MUL be subject to the following condition:

Condition:

All operations within SFPC's jurisdictional waters connected to this MUL must be approved, agreed, and coordinated in advance with the Harbour Master of SFPC.

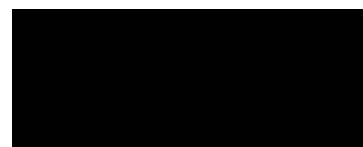
This condition is necessary to ensure the safe coordination of maritime traffic within SFPC's jurisdiction, in accordance with the *Harbours Act 1996*, Section 46(1), which provides that:

"The harbour master of a harbour may, subject to any bye-laws in force in relation to the harbour, give to the master of a ship using the harbour such directions as the harbour master thinks proper for the purpose of protecting persons or property or regulating traffic and, in particular, for the following purposes:

(a) Regulating the time and manner in which the ship may approach, enter, depart from, or lie within any part of the harbour, and regulating its position, mooring, unmooring, placing, or removal."

If you have any queries or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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