



## **Proposed Timetable for Implementation of New Approach to the Regulation of the Electrical Contracting Industry**

### **Introduction:**

In March 2002, the Government approved a mechanism for the future regulation of the Electrical Contracting Industry. Further to this, The Commission for Energy Regulation ('the CER') has now agreed a timetable for the implementation of this proposal with the Distribution System Operator (ESB - DSO), which is outlined below:

### **Timetable:**

From 12 August, 2002	<p>ESB DSO to commence preliminary discussions on the proposed new approach to the regulation of the Electrical Contracting Industry with all interested parties, and in particular the following):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association of Electrical Contractors of Ireland (AECI)</li> <li>• Electrical Contractors' Safety and Standards Association (ECSSA)</li> <li>• Electrical Contractors' Association (ECA)</li> <li>• Electro-technical Council of Ireland (ETCI)</li> <li>• Register of Electrical Contractors of Ireland (RECI)</li> </ul> <p>DSO to commence development of procedures and quality manual to apply to current and future self-regulating bodies.</p> <p>DSO to begin preparation of draft criteria for recognised self-regulating bodies for consultation.</p> <p>DSO consultation with CER prior to public consultation.</p>
October 31 , 2002	DSO to finalise draft criteria to apply to self-regulatory bodies.
October, 2002	CER to modify DSO licence to allow the DSO to take on a supervisory role for the 'day to day' regulation for Electrical Contracting industry, with overall responsibility for supervising regulatory bodies for the Electrical Contracting industry resting with the CER.
November 1, 2002	Draft criteria published by CER.
November 11, 2002	Public consultation process by CER commences.
December 9,	Final decision by CER on revised criteria, dispute resolution

2002	procedures and appeal mechanism details.
January 2, 2002	Commence implementation of proposal in phased approach.
July 1, 2002	Full implementation of new approach to the regulation of electrical contracting industry.

**Further information:**

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