



Commission for Energy Regulation

An Coimisiún um Rialáil Fuinnimh

**Decision on the Retail Trading for Non Participant Generation in the  
Single Electricity Market in Ireland**

**CER/06/250**

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## **1. Introduction**

This paper is the decision of the Commission for Energy Regulation (the Commission) on how a below de minimis generator, <sup>1</sup> in Ireland may sell its output to up to three Supplier Units in the Single Electricity Market (the SEM).

## **2. Background**

On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2006 the Commission issued a consultation paper (CER/06/151) on how a below de minimis generator in Ireland may sell its output to up to three Supplier Units in the SEM. It was proposed this would be facilitated by the wholesale metered data aggregation processes from SEM go live. Two approaches were outlined, namely the provision of metering and the use of IT systems and contracts. It was proposed that the suggested rules do not apply to demand customers that install micro generators as defined in Standard EN 504382. Note that these proposals are in addition to the baseline requirements set out in AIP/SEM/74/06. The Commission received comments from the following companies:

- Airtricity
- Viridian Power and Energy

Both respondents welcomed the Commission's proposals.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November the Commission issued a proposed decision paper (CER/06/230).

No comments were received in response to CER/06/230.

This paper sets out the Commission's decision in this matter.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Version 1.0 of the Trading and Settlement Code (please refer to paragraphs 2.48 to 2.51). Please note that Version 1.0 is subject to legal review.  
<http://www.allislandproject.org/2006/AIP-SEM-10-06.pdf>.

### 3. Commission's Decision

Having considered the comments received, the Commission has decided on the following:

- A below de minimis generator, as defined in Version 1.0 of the Trading and Settlement Code, that is located in Ireland may sell its output to a maximum of three Supplier Units. This shall be facilitated by the wholesale metered data aggregation processes from SEM go live.
- This generator can sell to up to three supplier units by the splitting of gross export amongst the relevant Supplier Units. Any imports to the generating site, like any other demand, can only continue to be supplied by one Supplier Unit.
- Sales to a maximum of three supplier units will be facilitated by splitting the output between the supplier units in question based on a fixed, pre defined percentage or on the basis of metered output, where all percentages add up to 100%.
- The relevant percentages can be changed once a calendar year from the date of commencement of the splitting, except where a contract is terminated and/or a supplier exits the market.
- The splitting of output sales will be facilitated in **either of** the following ways:
  - Physical Metering: This approach is currently used in a small number of cases where sale of output is split between more than one supplier. Where a participant opts to use this approach the additional cost of the required metering will be recovered from the participant.
  - Registration of Contracts/ IT System Splitting: Under this approach the allocation of output among various suppliers based on contract terms is done within the IT systems of the Retail Market Operator (RMO), i.e. the Meter Registration System Operator (MRSO). The summation of the contracts in any trading period must equal the total output of the generator.

For the avoidance of doubt, these arrangements will be open to all suppliers, and will be robust to differing wholesale environments where ESB Customer Supply is either settled by differencing by the Single Market Operator (SMO), or by using explicit aggregated metered supplier unit data provided by the RMO. In addition, these arrangements will not apply to demand customers that install micro generators as defined in Standard EN 504382 and should be read accordingly. Note that these decisions are in addition to the baseline requirements set out in AIP/SEM/74/06.

