



Commission for Energy Regulation

An Coimisiún um Rialáil Fuinnimh

Special Liaison Group meeting on Constraints Modelling

On the 14th September, 2011 the CER held a special Gate 3 Liaison Group meeting at which EirGrid presented on their proposed approach to the constraints modelling which will input into the Constraints Reports.

EirGrid has been directed by the CER under CER/08/260, to *“issue estimates, generally with the offers, of likely incidence of constraining off of the recipients’ generation output from the date of commissioning of the generator until all necessary transmission reinforcements works are expected to be completed.”* EirGrid has produced interim constraint reports (PGOR – Possible Generator Output Reductions); however the publication of the SEM Committee’s decision paper “Principles of Dispatch and the Design of the Market Schedule in the Trading and Settlement Code” (SEM-11-062) and the current consultation on SEM Tie-breaks in Dispatch (SEM-11-063) introduces a new rule set in dispatch. Accordingly the purpose of the meeting was to present EirGrid’s considerations and possible approach to producing the constraint reports in light of SEM/11/062 and SEM-11-063.

EirGrid’s presentation is now published on the CER website for information and comment. Interested parties are requested to comment on this presentation by **17.00 Friday, 7th October, 2011**. In particular comments are sought on the assumptions and modelling approach, scenarios, and timelines. It is intended to discuss this issue further at the next Gate 3 Liaison Group meeting on the 4th October. It should be noted that this presentation does not necessarily represent the complete list of issues relating to this matter nor is it EirGrid’s definitive proposal. EirGrid has advised the CER that it reserves the right to change its views or position from that presented here. The timelines presented here are EirGrid’s, the CER is engaging with EirGrid with a view to shortening in order to ensure the timely issuance of the constraints reports.

Please send any comments to Robert O’Rourke at the CER (rorourke@cer.ie) copying Ken McDonnell at EirGrid (ken.mcdonnell@eirgrid.com).

At this meeting it was suggested that a workshop be held on this and related issues. This suggestion has been considered and the CER have decided not to hold a workshop on these matters. It is the CER’s view that sufficient information has been provided in EirGrid’s presentation (and in the relevant SEM decision and consultation papers) to inform responses.