

Meeting Minutes

Liaison Group Meeting #35

CER Office, 5 November 2013

Attendance by Liaison Group Members or Approved Substitute

Name	Company / Organisation	Member (M) or
Denis Cagney	CER	M
Paul Brandon	CER	M
Yvonne Coughlan	EirGrid	M
Marie Hayden	EirGrid	M
Shane Maher	EirGrid	M
Fiona O'Donnell	ESB Networks	M
Ivan Codd	ESB Networks	M
Caitriona Diviney	IWEA	M
Pat Blount	Meitheal na Gaoithe	M
Aine Dorran	ESB Wind	M
Brian Linton	Energia	M
Tom Bruton	IrBEA	M
Enda Casey	Mayo Co. Council	M
Donal Smith	Bord Gáis Energy	M

Additional Attendees

Name	Company / Organisation
Cormac McCarthy	EirGrid
Sonya Twohig	EirGrid
Deirdre Bell	CER

Apologies

Name	Company / Organisation
Peter Coyle	MRIA
Anne-Marie Kean	ESB Networks

1 Introduction and Approval of Minutes

The CER opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. The minutes for meeting #34, as updated in October 2013, were discussed. There were no comments on the minutes.

2 SO Update

The SOs gave an update on Gate 3 offer acceptance to date. The update is published alongside these minutes.

3 CER Update

The CER gave an update on current work streams including Installed Capacity Cap, RoCoF and Gate 3 disputes.

4 Industry Update

Industry members raised concerns over modifications and harmonics. They also noted their concerns regarding resources available within the SOs for the process of offer acceptance and supporting workstreams. The delay in 'kick off' meetings in the south/south west was mentioned specifically.

5 Standard Charges for Transmission

The TSO has submitted additional (and some revised) standard charges to CER for approval. CER is deferring the review until new charges are received from the TAO/TSO.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
1.	CER to progress review of TSO submissions. CER has received some advice from its technical consultants which it has reviewed. CER intend to progress during Q3 2013 dependent upon submission of additional standard charges from TSO. CER and TSO to discuss.	CER/TSO	Open

6 Short Circuit Uprates

Industry in their update mentioned short circuit uprates including the publication of uprates that are associated with offers and a note on the impact of these uprates.

Presentation on Short Circuits was given by TSO. TSO confirmed that no additional reinforcements would arise as a result of this. Industry welcomed the presentation and the decision to revise associations for relevant customers. SOs to decide how the update for customers with revised associations should be notified but industry indicated that moving of the specific short circuit works from the contracts into a separate statement of short circuit works (while still being covered by the contract) would be a sensible approach.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
2.	TSO to add status of short circuit uprate projects to quarterly ATR projects status updates. This action to be completed once short circuit project in completed in Q1 2014.	TSO	Open
3.	Note to be published on mechanism for advising parties if they can connect in advance of Short Circuit uprates being completed.	TSO/DSO	Open

7 Impact of Grid Optimisation

EirGrid submitted a paper on Grid Optimisation to the CER for review. The CER has asked the TSO to re-examine the paper to ensure it is still relevant following the recent update of Gate 3 offers and the emerging view on likely grid re-optimisations to connect contracted generators.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
4.	CER to review EirGrid's paper. This has been delayed. Review of the paper likely to take place in late 2013 following consideration by EirGrid and possible amendment/re-submission of paper by end 2013	CER	Open

8 Gate 3 Scope and Terms of Reference

The CER had presented on revised terms of reference previously. Following meeting #28 the CER circulated and published a draft document for comment. Further discussion was invited at meeting #29. CER confirmed that the draft terms of reference were circulated alongside the minutes for meeting #34 for comment. They were finalised and published with meeting minutes in October.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
5.	CER to circulate the draft terms of reference for final comments by group members. The terms of reference were finalised and published in October 2013	CER	Closed

9 COPP: Installed Capacity

At meeting #31 industry gave a presentation on installed capacity and highlighted their view that the limit should be re-considered. At the time the TSO advised that one of the considerations originally outlined relating to curtailment may change as part of the Tie Breaks decision therefore it would not be unreasonable to re-examine the cap. CER confirmed that it was open to reviewing the cap on increases to installed capacity which is outlined in COPP.

The CER intend to publish a consultation paper on installed capacity in Q3 2013.

At meeting #35 CER agreed that if it was decided that further modelling was required, they would seek the views of industry to agree the assumptions to be used.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
6.	Industry to provide feedback to the CER and the TSO with regard to an appropriate level of cap on increases to installed capacity. Feedback to be provided within 3 weeks of the meeting date.	Industry	Closed
7.	CER and TSO to consider industry submissions with a view to consulting on this matter in 2013.	CER/TSO	Closed
8.	CER to consider whether additional modelling is necessary following receipt of information from TSO. If so, industry to input on modelling assumptions.	CER/TSO	Open

10 ESB Networks Gate 3 Delivery Presentation

At meeting #33 ESB Networks IPP Delivery team gave a presentation on their approach to delivery of Gate 3 projects – including the delivery of the wider Grid 25 work programme - which will deliver firm access. The focus was on projects that are 'ready to go'. These are projects which:

- *Have no outstanding group resolution issues;*
- *Do not intend progressing additional modifications to their offers.*

These are then at the stage where they transfer to the ESB Networks IPP delivery team. The team at this point, would schedule a 'kick-off' meeting with developers to discuss construction and energisation. An IPP information pack is being published on the ESB Networks web site which details what information is needed in advance of that meeting, so as to progress the works more efficiently.

ESB Networks also noted that customers should advise on offer acceptance whether they were likely to be progressing any modifications – in particular where these were likely to impact on their connection method. It is intended to include a note to this effect in the offer acceptance acknowledgement letter

At meeting #35 ESB Networks stated that the information pack would published by the end 2013.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
9.	Information pack to be published on ESN website. This is due for publication by end 2013.	ESBN	Open

11 System Harmonics

The TSO gave a presentation on system harmonics outlining some of the key issues they have identified at meeting #33. Industry raised concern at the time over who would pay for changes to system and how the cost could be attributed to individual generators. They also noted that a pricing policy would need to be

established and that meters would be necessary to differentiate between generators in areas where harmonics is a problem.

At meeting #34, the TSO gave a brief presentation on the progress to date and project timelines. They also provided information on potential approaches to charging for harmonics which they intend to publish a paper on for comment. Industry expressed concern over this and called for a CER consultation on the subject.

Following meeting #33, the TSO published an information note on harmonics. At meeting #34 they noted that there are likely to be a series of notes rather than one with the next due later in September.

At meeting #35 EirGrid confirmed that they would hold a workshop on system harmonics on 21 November 2013 in Dublin.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
10.	Information note to be published on TSO website in coming weeks	TSO	Closed
11.	An update on this issue and a methodology for processing and pricing to be prepared for next meeting	TSO	Closed
12.	Harmonics will be included as a standing item on the liaison group agenda.	CER	Open

12 Special Protection Schemes (SPS)

At meeting #34, the TSO gave a presentation on SPS which set out their policy and principles.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
13.	Result of investigation into options for facilitations of connections in advance of ATR completion to be provided at meeting #35	TSO	Closed

13 Pre-energisation Data

Prior to energisation generators are contractually obliged to provide dynamic models to the SO's 12 months prior to energisation¹. These models must be grid code compliant and should enable the TSO to study the impact of the new generation on power system stability. The SO's are concerned that energisation could be delayed if this information is not provided 12 months in advance. This action is still open, paper to be

¹ Although for some pre-Gate 3 generators, they may be contractually obliged to provide the detail only 6 months in advance, the SO's would still encourage a submission 12 months in advance where possible

published in advance of meeting #35. TSO gave an update on pre-energisation data at meeting #35 confirming that an application fee is applicable if pre energisation data is submitted late.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
14.	Joint DSO/TSO paper on pre-energisation data requirements and associated process to be published prior to next meeting.	DSO/TSO	Open

14 Modification related queries

The SOs in meeting #33 addressed the issues being encountered with modification related queries e.g. Capacity relocation, merging/splitting, cables etc. and stated that these requests must be submitted as modifications. In meeting #34 the SOs requested that industry inform them as soon as possible if they are considering a modification to their offer even if they are unsure as to what exactly the modification requested may be. They also highlighted the fact that one modification may have an impact on other in a subgroup etc.

15 Capacity relocation

SOs have received a high volume of queries in relation to this topic. The COPP ruleset is applied but some clarity is required particularly to do with additional impacts on the system such as harmonics, evidence of need to relocate and negligible impact on the system. It should be noted that evidence must be provided to support need to relocate and to outline impacts this may have on others etc.

At meeting #35 the CER confirmed that they were reviewing the note provided by the SOs. CER agreed that they may publish a clarification on this matter, but would circulate any such paper to the group for comments before circulating to Industry.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
15.	SOs to provide a note on capacity relocation clarifications prior to next meeting	SOs	Closed
16.	CER to circulate paper to group for comment prior to publication.	CER	Open

16 Non-payment of fees

TSO set out the policy around non-payment of fees. This is applicable to GPA, non-GPA and demand customers. Where there are fees outstanding for over 3 months the application will be removed from the queue, but there are fees to reapply. Demand applications will be archived. ESB Networks apply a similar policy for GPA and non-GPA.

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17.	Information note on non-payment of fee to be published.	TSO	Closed

17 Status of Gate 3 offers

TSO plan to publish a status report for all TSO Gate 3 offers which will outline the number of offers which are live, contracted or lapsed. They intend to update the status report on a fortnightly basis from 1 July – 1 December. Industry asked whether the DSO would be publishing something similar. DSO stated they do not intend to do so.

At meeting #34 the DSO advised that they will provide a regular update to the CER and at the liaison group but they will not be publishing the report.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
18.	TSO to publish fortnightly Gate 3 offer status report until 1 December. Reports available on EirGrid website .	TSO	Closed
19.	DSO to consider publishing a similar report. An update on this is to be provided at the next meeting.	DSO	Closed

18 MEC administration for GTUoS Purposes

TSO intend to publish a MEC administration paper consolidating CER-09-138, CER-11-083, COPP and CER directions. The paper will summarise process for each stage from application through to decommissioning process and charges for changing MEC. The document is not for consultation but comments are welcome.

A note on MEC administration has been published.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
20.	MEC administration for GTUoS Purposes to be provided before next meeting	TSO	Closed

19 TSO payment schedule

Industry requested that CER would review the TSO payment schedule with a view to harmonising with the DSO schedule. CER stated that it was unclear on the need for a review and that it may be too late in the Gate 3 process to carry out this review. Industry stated that this issue had been raised previously. CER undertook to reflect on the Industry views expressed at the meeting and to consider whether it was appropriate to harmonise the TSO schedule with the DSO schedule.

The CER will meet the SOs in the coming weeks to discuss issues around alignment and whether it is appropriate, with a view to publishing a note on this and clarifying the position. At meeting #35 the CER stated its intent to publish the paper by the end of year.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
21.	Information note to be published providing clarification on payment schedules.	CER	Open

20 AOB

No items raised under AOB.

21 Documents Distributed with these Minutes

The following documents are published on the CER's Gate 3 Liaison Group [webpage](#) with the minutes of meeting #35:

- Agenda for Gate 3 Liaison Group #35
- SO & CER update
- EirGrid presentation on Grid 25 Update
- EirGrid presentation on Short Circuits
- EirGrid presentation on Pre-Energisation Data

22 Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 4 February 2014.