Notification to Industry on the entry tariff for the Bellanaboy entry point

The CER is today, November 21st 2014, publishing a notification to industry on the Bellanaboy Entry Tariff for Gas Year 2014/15. The tariff that will apply at Bellanaboy for accessing the Mayo-Galway pipeline for the current Gas Year is the Nominal Entry Tariff. The Nominal Entry Tariff has been in place since December 2009, and is set at €100.00 per peak day MWh capacity and €0.10 MWh commodity. The CER’s letter of December 10th 2009 approving this tariff is appended to this notification.

Subject to all necessary consents being in place, commercial flows from the Corrib Gas field are likely within Gas Year 2014/15. On this basis, it is appropriate to clarify the tariff in effect at the entry point.

Taking into account the uncertainty as to when Corrib first flows will occur, and also cognisant of the major changes to the Gas Entry Tariff Regime in advance of Gas Year 2015/16, the CER considers it appropriate to maintain the existing tariff arrangements for the entry point, as identified in 2009.

The Nominal Entry Tariff was agreed in 2009 as a result of the requirement for an entry tariff for each entry point. The tariff was not a calculated tariff but was nominal in character only.

The CER will be working with the Corrib Partners and the pipeline owners, Bord Gais Networks, in the coming months to identify the enduring access charge arrangements on the Mayo-Galway pipeline. Cognisant of the relationship between the review of the Gas Entry Tariff Regime and the enduring tariff regime at Bellanaboy, the CER envisages that its decision on the enduring tariff regime will occur roughly at the same time as the decision on the Gas Entry Tariff Regime.

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