

Meeting Minutes

Generator Connections Liaison Group Meeting # 41

**ESBN Networks, Wednesday 3rd March 2016,
10.00 - 12.00**

Agenda

10.00 Introduction

10.10 Review of LG Meeting #40 actions

10.20 Connection Policy Work Plan (action no 2)

10.30 Updates

- CER
- SOs
- Industry

11.15 Future Connection Policy (CER)

11.30 Increasing Capacity Behind Connection Points (TSO)

11.40 Publication of information in relation to Disclosure of Applications (TSO)

11.50 AOB

Attendance by Liaison Group Members or Approved Substitute

Name	Present	Company / Organisation	Member (M) or Substitute (S)
Robert O'Rourke	Y	CER	M
Malgorzata Sadowska	Y	CER	M
Nigel Fullerton	Y	EirGrid	M
Siobhan O'Shea	Y	EirGrid	M
Keith Palmer	Y	EirGrid	S
Shane Maher	Y	EirGrid	M
Joe Duignan	Y	ESB Networks	M
Ivan Codd	Y	ESB Networks	M
William Carr	Y	ESB GWM	M
Mary Doorly	Y	IWEA	M
Fiona Hannon	Y	SSE	M
Margaret Riordan	Y	Brookfield Renewable	M
Tom Bruton	Y	Irish Bioenergy Association	M
Donal Smith	Y	Switched In Consulting	M
Rory Mullan	Y	Mullan Grid Consulting	M

Additional Attendees

Name	Company / Organisation
Mary Power	ESB Networks (Secretariat Function)

Apologies/Absent

Name	Company / Organisation
Peter Kavanagh	ISEA
Warren Deacon	ESB GWM
Brian Linton	Energia
Pat Blount	Dunmore Wind Power Ltd.

A. Introduction

The CER as Chair (Robert O'Rourke) opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

CER advised that the dates for the years Liaison Groups meetings were agreed with the SO's and would be circulated to Industry in the minutes. Please see proposed dates below:

- **7 June** – EirGrid offices
- **6 September** – ESB Networks offices
- **6 December** – EirGrid offices

B. Review of LG Meeting #40 actions

Action 1: Closed. LG Meeting dates for year ahead included in minutes.

Action 2: Closed. Agreed priority of issues as follows:

1. Future Connection Policy;
2. MEC Security Policy Amendments;
3. OGSC;
4. Harmonics;
5. Joint Charging Principles;
6. Connection Agreement Review;
7. Standard Charges;
8. COPP Clarifications.

Action 3: Closed. Responses received by CER.

Action 4: Open. ESB Networks are going through internal review of the Network Data that can be published and would hope to have more Network Data (ie: equipment data, ratings etc.) published before the next LG.

Action 5: Closed. CER have advised they will not be consulting on the Application Fees in light of the Future Connection Policy review. Industry noted that the current application fees are dictating the size of the generator applications.

Action 6: Closed. The CER advised that the review of COPP will be undertaken only after the Enduring Connection Policy is developed. For clarity reasons, a list of policy decisions and related documents that supersede COPP has been provided by the SOs, and will be published on CER's website (new action).

Action 7: Closed. Responses received by CER. CER hope to have decision in forthcoming weeks.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
8	Publish list of all decisions and policy papers that supersede COPP.	CER	Open

C. Curtailment reporting

Industry requested that timing of curtailment reporting be considered

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
9	Industry to advise in writing their specific issues with regards to the timing of curtailment reporting and then then TSO to raise internally.	Industry / TSO	Open

D. Connection Point Provisions Review

The issue of non-contracted parties sharing Connection Points with contracted parties within the same corporate group was raised by Industry. The SOs confirmed that they are reviewing the current Connection Point provisions in the connection agreement and are making a submission to the CER to feed into the CER review process on this issue.

E. Updates

- **CER Update:**

The CER provided an update on the implementation of DS3 System Services procurement design. In that respect, DS3 system services products and interim tariffs/contracts are currently being progressed by the RAs and TSOs. While DS3 System Services procurement is not going to be harmonised with the 2017 CRM auction, their designs will be aligned where appropriate allowing for possible harmonisation at a later stage.

The CER gave an update on the adoption of Network Codes. System Operation Guideline is still in comitology. Adoption of the NC on Requirements for Generators is planned for March/April 2016, while the two remaining Connection Network Codes (DCC, HVDC) will now go through the scrutiny procedure, and their adoption is expected within the next few months.

- **SO Updates**

An update on Gate 3 Project status of offer acceptance to date was presented. A slide providing this information is published alongside these minutes.

TSO flagged possible delays due to approx. 100% increase in applications at year end but advised that extra resources are in place and offers are being prioritised to focus on those nearing connection.

DSO advised that the change in contracted MEC is due to acceptance of Gate 3 offers and transfer of MEC to TSO as part of contracting of modifications.

DSO updated on the large increase in non-GPA applications currently in process.

DSO advised that if projects wish to be energised for their REFIT deadlines i.e. end 2017, then it is essential at this time that they have progressed with their SSP (construction stage payment) and also that they are not carrying out additional modifications (other than for example change of turbines).

- **Industry Update**

- REFIT construction deadline (end 2017) will be a challenge for industry;
- Proposed changes to planning requirements for underground cables is a concern
- No clarity from department on post REFIT 2;
- Capacity Statement – increased wind;

Industry acknowledged the resources on industry and SO sides will be stretched in order to achieve the REFIT deadline.

Industry noted that applications cannot be stopped, but the publishing of more network information would help industry make more informed generator applications. Also, as non-GPA are being processed individually & sequentially on a 110kV nodal basis, it may lead to very expensive offers to customers. This is an issue that the CER are dealing with as part of Future Connection Policy.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
4	ESB to review the Network Data published on their site.	DSO	Open

E. Future Connection Policy

CER advised there was a very good response to the consultation, and that the proposed principles underpinning the Enduring Connection Policy are broadly endorsed.

CER aims to deal with Transitional Arrangements as a matter of priority, and do not intend to consult again in that respect.. CER are cognisant of any delays and how they impact deadlines.

Industry noted that contingency on planning may effect place in queue at node.

CER advised best case of end Q2 – Q3 for Enduring Policy consultation, CER will engage with Industry either before or directly after.

F. Publication of information in relation to Disclosure of Applications

SOs have proposed to include the station/assigned node & generation type in the Disclosure of Applications. SOs request CER to approve, as not in current direction. SO's have also proposed to publish the report more frequently, ie: monthly, if possible.

Industry have welcomed this addition and advised that it will help with future generator applications and requested that this would be published in excel also.

Industry noted that Disclosure of Applications was not published for Q2 2015 (July 2015).

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
10	Industry have 2 weeks to consider publishing of additional information in the Disclosure of Applications. Then CER will decide whether an update to CER/06/145 requires a consultation or can be done through a direction to the SOs by CER	Industry / CER	Open

G. Increasing Capacity Behind Connection Points

Siobhan O'Shea from EirGrid discussed issues around increasing capacity behind connection point. Presentation was circulated to Industry after LG meeting on 04.03.2016.

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
11	Industry to provide their feedback on presentation by 01.04.2016.	Industry	Open
12	TSO to provide information on I-SEM timelines and process for feeding into the I-SEM design process. Detail provided to Industry in email dated 04.03.2016	TSO	Closed
13	TSO to set up workshop to discuss the various issues. Date proposal 11.05.2016 – see detail in email from TSO to Industry	TSO	Open

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
	dated 04.03.2016		

H. AOB

I. Documents Distributed with these Minutes

The following documents are published on the CER website with the minutes of meeting #41.

- Agenda for Liaison Group Meeting (2nd March 2016);
- **Increasing Capacity Behind Connection Points** Presentation;
- DSO & TSO Gate 3 Update.

J. Next Meeting

7th June 2016 – EirGrid offices (time to be confirmed).

Appendix 1: Closed Action Items

No.	Actions:	Owner	Status
1.	LG Meeting dates schedule for the year ahead to be provided.	CER	Closed
2.	<p>CER have provided this list of issues to be progressed and request Industry and SO to revert with comments on the relative priority within the next 2 weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Connection Policy, • Harmonics, • Standard Charges, • Joint Charging Principles, • OGSC, • Connection Agreement Review, • COPP Clarifications, MEC Capacity Bond. 	DSO/TSO /Industry	Closed
3.	Views to be provided on Contingency note to the CER within the next 2 weeks.	DSO/TSO /Industry	Closed
5.	CER to consider if a consultation on Application Fees can be scheduled for 2016	CER	Closed
6.	List of clarifications to be provided by the CER, for feedback by Industry, timeline of 2 weeks.	CER	Closed
7.	Presentation with proposals to be posted to the CER website so that Industry can consider and provide feedback on the proposals, timeline of 2 weeks.	Industry	Closed
12	TSO to provide information on I-SEM timelines and process for feeding into the I-SEM design process. Detail provided to Industry in email from TSO dated 04.03.2016	TSO	Closed