

## Meeting Minutes



### Generator Connections Liaison Group Meeting #43

ESB Networks Offices, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016,  
 14.00 - 16.00

#### Agenda

#### 14.00 Introduction

Review of LG Meeting #42 actions:

No	Actions:	Owner	Comments
10	Industry to consider publishing of additional information in the Disclosure of Application (SOs proposed information to be submitted to CER for approval)	Industry/CER	open
11-13	Increasing Capacity Behind Connection Points (I-SEM design process)	Industry/TSO	open
N/A	Industry Request to Share Connection Points: CER to review SOs submission regarding their position on the current Connection Point contractual provisions. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   IWEA submission         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   SO paper         </div> </div>	CER	open

#### 14.30 Updates

- CER
- SOs (DSO Update to include Contestable Commissioning)

- Industry

15.50 AOB

**Attendance by Liaison Group Members or Approved Substitute**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Company / Organisation</b>	<b>Member (M) or Substitute (S)</b>
Sean Mac An Bhaird	Y	CER	M
Malgorzata Sadowska	Y	CER	M
Nick Fullerton	Y	EirGrid	M
Shane Maher	Y	EirGrid	M
Siobhan O'Shea	Y	EirGrid	M
Keith Palmer	Y	EirGrid	M
Joe Duignan	Y	ESB Networks	M
Ivan Codd	Y	ESB Networks	M
Warren Deacon	Y	ESB GWM	S
Donal Smith	Y	Switched In Consulting	M
Rory Mullan	Y	Mullan Grid Consulting	M
Mary Doorly	Y	IWEA	M
Fiona Hannon	Y	SSE	M
Margaret Riordan	Y	Brookfield Renewable	M
Peter Kavanagh	Y	ISEA	M

**Additional Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company / Organisation</b>
Louis Fisher	EirGrid
Mario Duarte	EirGrid

**Apologies**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company / Organisation</b>
Brian Linton	Energia
Pat Blount	Meitheal na Gaoithe
William Carr	ESB GWM
Tom Bruton	BioXL (On behalf of the Irish Bioenergy Association)
Brendan Heneghan	ESB Networks

**A. Introduction**

The CER as Chair (Sean Mac An Bhaird) opened the meeting, welcomed the attendees and all attendees introduced themselves.

**B. Review of LG Meeting #42 open actions**

No	Actions:	Owner	Comments
10	Industry to consider publishing of additional information in the Disclosure of Application (SOs proposed information to be submitted to CER for approval)	SOs/CER	Industry feedback sought

**Update:**

Positive feedback was received by CER from Irish Bioenergy Association. Agreed at meeting that all attendees were satisfied with updating the information included in the Disclosure of Applications with node and technology type.

SOs to formally write to CER and request that these updates are acceptable by CER further to CER direction CER/06/145.

Industry (RM) requested that the node assignment ruleset is included as an appendix to the Disclosure of Applications. ESNB (IC) stated the ruleset is that which was used in Gate 3.

Agreed by all attendees that no consultation is required.

**Further Actions**

- SOs to prepare formal request for CER.
- SOs to consider including node selection criteria in Disclosure of Applications.

No	Actions:	Owner	Comments
11-13	Increasing Capacity Behind Connection Points (I-SEM design process)	Industry/CER/SOs	

**Update:**

Industry (PK, ISEA) advised that they have been in discussions with external private consultants, IWEA, etc. on possible proposals, i.e.: MEC shadowing, JVs, tripartate agreements, etc.

Industry requested a workshop to go through the issues raised in TSO presentation. SOs have requested Industry to write in with actual proposals that can be assessed by both SOs.

CER requested industry (PK, ISEA) to update the rest of industry on their discussions with private consultants and to subsequently write to CER with proposals in this regard.

**Further Actions** – Industry to write to CER with proposals.

No	Actions:	Owner	Comments
14	Industry Request to Share Connection Points	CER	
<p><b>Update:</b> IWEA provided response to CER regarding the SOs review of the current Connection Point contractual provisions.</p> <p><b>Further Actions</b> – CER requested Industry to submit proposals in relation to their request to share Connection Points by 23 September 2016. CER and SOs to consider industry submissions once all have being forwarded by CER.</p>			

## C. Updates

### C.1. CER Updates

#### Transitional Arrangements

- Proposals on transitional arrangements will be submitted to the Commission for discussion on 07/09/2016. [Post meeting note: decision paper on transitional arrangements published on 12 October 2016 – see [CER/16/284](#).]

#### DS3

- Q2 2016 ROCOF Report was published in August 2016. 12 out of 14 high priority units have delivered their studies by the deadline and are currently in the testing process. Two mid and 11 low priority units have submitted their studies early for review.
- Co-operation from distribution connected wind farms and distributed generation is crucial to the success of the ROCOF project.
- DS3 System Services Qualification Trial Process Decision Paper to be published soon. Qualification trials will commence in early 2017. [Post meeting note: decision paper on qualification trials published on 11 October 2016 – see [SEM-16-060](#).]
- Quarterly update on DS3 system services will be published soon.

#### EU Network Codes

- Network Codes on the Requirements for Generators (RfG) and Demand Connection (DCC) are in force, therefore need for compliance.
- CER and SOs are launching plans to implement the codes. Public workshop will take place on 22 September 2016.

### C.2. SOs Updates

An update on the following was presented by SOs:

- Gate 3 Project Status Update
- TSO Offer Processing Statistics

- TSO noted in particular a large scale increase in non-GPA applications – approx. 850MW received across 15 applications. EirGrid are engaging with CER and DSO about next steps in processing these applications at transmission level and will keep customers updated.
- DSO Gate 3 Wind Modifications in Progress
- DSO non-GPA Statistics

TSO provided presentation on the current review of ATRs.



ATR Review.pdf

SOs update on Contestability of Commissioning:

- Nine (9) responses received from industry. All were in favour of the introduction of contestability of commissioning and provided valuable feedback in relation to the specific of the SOs / AOs proposals. SOs and AOs are currently working through the responses.

### **C.3. Industry Updates**

#### **ISEA**

- Controllability (RTUs) in Solar Connection Agreements. Request for TSO to update on work group progress at next meeting.
- Enduring Policy timelines means that contribution from new generation under that process to meet 2020 targets is going to be challenging. Suggests to apply Planning Permission filter to Non-GPA applications, which may assist in meeting our targets.

#### **IWEA**

- Enduring Access urgently required.
- Request for forum to look at cost reduction / controllability.
- Request for update on Harmonics and will email CER separately on this issue.
- Compensation for curtailment to be removed in 2018 on implementation of DS3, however DS3 has been delayed.

#### **Brookfield**

- Agrees with comments above.
- Request for CER to give an update on their list of priorities. CER happy to provide update at next LG.

### **D. Documents Distributed with these Minutes**

The following documents are published on the CER website with the minutes of meeting #43.

- SOs Update
- Agenda
- ATR presentation

**E. Next Meeting**

Provisional date of the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

## Appendix 1: Closed Action Items

<b>No.</b>	<b>Actions:</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Status</b>
4	ESB to review Network Data published on their website	DSO	closed
7	CER to publish SO Paper alongside CER Decision on MEC Security <a href="#">Click here for CER Decision and SO Paper</a>	CER	closed
8	CER to publish COPP clarification note together with all the relevant documents <a href="#">Click here for COPP Clarifications</a>	CER	closed
9	Industry to advise in writing on issues regarding the timing of curtailment reporting and then TSO to raise it internally <a href="#">Click here for EirGrid's proposed methodology</a>	Industry/ TSO	closed