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# Connection Policy Transitional Arrangements Information Note

## Information Paper

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# 1. Background

On 12 October 2016 the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) published its decision on Connection Policy Transitional Arrangements ([CER/16/284](#)). That decision provides an opportunity to eligible projects that may not progress to release their capacity in exchange for 80% of their first stage payments.

The CER has directed the system operators to develop standardised application forms to be used by eligible projects applying for capacity release. The forms have been approved by the CER and published on the system operator's websites on 22 December 2016.<sup>1</sup> In line with section 3.4 of [CER/16/284](#) the deadline for applications for capacity release has been set for 12 February 2017, four months after publication of CER decision. The application forms state that any applications received after 12 February 2017 will not be processed unless otherwise directed by the CER.<sup>2</sup>

# 2. Purpose of this Note

On 1 February 2017 the transmission system operator (TSO) has requested the CER to extend the application deadline given that potential applicants wishing to apply for capacity release find it difficult to comply with the deadline of 12 February 2017.

Given the significance of the decision to be made by developers and the benefits to customers through reduced infrastructure costs from the release of unused capacity, the CER approves an extension to the application deadline until **28 April 2017**. The CER directs the system operators to inform their customers of this extension.

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<sup>1</sup> [TSO application form](#), [DSO application form](#).

<sup>2</sup> See p 2 of the forms.