



19 July 2018

CRU Ref: D/18/11428

Paddy Hayes,
ESB Networks,
Leopardstown Rd,
Sandyford,
Dublin 18,

Dear Paddy,

Re: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Project Close Down Report

I am writing to you in response to ESB Networks' *Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Project Close Down Report*, received 02 May 2018, requesting the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) to consider the conditional termination agreement recommendation for the close down of the EV Pilot project.

The Commission consulted on the ESN EV Pilot and published its decision in October 2017. That decision concluded that the EV assets should not be added to the RAB and that the current financial value of the EV assets is minimal. In that context, the Commission has considered ESB Networks' recommendation, including the proposal on value sharing and the commitments by ESB in respect of the existing network. The Commission approves, in principle, the proposed approach subject to the following conditions:

1. It is recognised that interoperability is a condition of the agreement and that any services provided by ESB eCars to Electric Ireland shall be based on the same terms, including access to recharging infrastructure, available to all electricity suppliers. (i.e. Electric Ireland should not gain a competitive advantage over other market actors through its dealings with ESB eCars),
2. This does not affect regulatory oversight of the Retail Market, including bundling of products, and
3. The ESB eCars brand, the branding of the infrastructure, and associated services, is unchanged for the period of the arrangement.

Furthermore, for the avoidance of doubt, the DUoS customer shall receive a proportionate share of the total value of the EV charging infrastructure at the time of



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sale, or at the end of the termination agreement. This is consistent with CRU/17/283 Decision on ESNB Electric Vehicle Pilot & Associated Assets.

In the event the assets are sold within 12 months of the termination date, the CRU may review the valuation of the assets if the sale value is higher than the valuation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Garrett Blaney', is written over a solid horizontal line.

Garrett Blaney,
Commissioner