

GENERATOR CONNECTIONS LIAISON GROUP MEETING #49

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 24 October 2018
Time: 14:00 – 16:00
Location: ESB Networks offices, Leopardstown

MEETING AGENDA

- 14.00 Introduction
- CRU update
 - ECP- 1 & next steps
- 14.15 SO update:
- General Update (Non ECP)
 - 2018 batch
 - Current Status
 - Offer scheduling and next steps
 - Constraints modelling – EirGrid
 - Planning Standards Update & progression – ESBN
 - Generator Standard Charges - ESBN
- 15.00 Industry Update
- General Updates
 - ECP-1 queries – IWEA
 - ECP-1 queries – IWFA
- 15:40 Review of actions from last minutes & AOB



Name	Present	Company / Organisation	Member (M) or Substitute (S)
Stuart Coleman	Y	CRU	M
Malgorzata Sadowska	N	CRU	M
Amber Raut	Y	CRU	M
Nick Fullerton	N	EirGrid	M
Shane Maher	Y	EirGrid	M
Tom Gallery	Y	EirGrid	S
Deirdre Corbett	Y	EirGrid	M
Philip O'Donnell	Y	EirGrid	S
Cormac McCarthy	Y	EirGrid	S
Joe Duignan	Y	ESB Networks	M
Patrick Crowley	Y	ESB Networks	M
Pat Dowling	Y	ESB Networks	M
Mary Power	Y	ESB Networks	S
Ciaran Donnelly	N	Energia Renewables	S
Donal Smith	N	Switched In Consulting	M
Rory Mullan	Y	Mullan Grid Consulting	M
Helen Ellis	N	IWEA	M
Garrett Connell	N	Now Ireland	M
Margaret Nee	Y	Brookfield Renewable	M
Peter Kavanagh	Y	ISEA	M
Brian Linton	Y	Energia	M
Tom Bruton	Y	BioXL (on behalf of IrBEA)	M
Fiona Hannon	Y	SSE	M
Grattan Healy	N	IWFA	M
Nick Rackard	N	IrBEA	M
William Carr	Y	ESB GWM	M

MEETING MINUTES

A. Introduction

The CRU as Chair (Stuart Coleman) opened the meeting, welcomed the attendees and all attendees introduced themselves.

B. Updates

B.1. CRU Updates

- The CRU provided an update in relation to ECP-1

As part of future plans

- CRU expect to start engaging with the stakeholders for developing ECP-2 in the new year with a target to roll out the final policy in 2020
- CRU will consider how best to accommodate community schemes & offshore generation as part of the policy development for ECP-2

B.2. SOs Updates

The main update from both SOs was in relation to ECP-1, the stats on the applications received and the successful applicants for ECP-1. An update was provided on the scheduling of the offers, the different influencing factors and options available.

Key aims of the ECP-1 offer scheduling are to:

- Feed offers into related processes (e.g. Capacity Auctions, DS3 procurement, etc.);
- issue offers in an efficient manner; and
- issue offers as fairly as possible.

Regarding the scheduling of ECP-1 Connection Offers, the SOs outlined that the following approach would be taken:

- Applicants will be prioritised in the following order:
 1. Customers who qualify for a capacity auction
 2. Any offers applicable for applying into DS3 Volume Capped Procurement
 3. Extensions to existing projects
 4. All remaining projects.
- All customers at a node will be processed together to ensure connection offers are processed as efficiently as possible.

- Nodes will then be scheduled in order of planning permission expiry date. The earliest Application Date will then be used as a tie breaker if required.
- Once the schedule for offers is published, the SO's will be in touch with the customers to begin the kick-off meetings.
- The CRU and all industry representatives at the Liaison Group meeting were in agreement that the proposed process for scheduling the ECP-1 offers was a reasonable approach based on the objectives
 - Since this Liaison Group meeting, the ECP-1 batch list has been jointly published by both SOs, found [here](#)
- TSO presented on how typical transmission connections are determined
- TSO also presented on Constraints Analysis and the assumptions being used in setting up the models. It is expected that the first constraints reports will be issued in Q2 2019
- DSO presented an update on the Planning Standards Review
- DSO gave an update on the DSO Generator Standard Charges consultation which opened on 17.10.2018 and closes on 28.11.2018.
[SO Update, Planning Standard Review and Constraint Analysis presentations were circulated separately by email to attendees]

B.3 Industry Updates

- The IWEA discussion points provided in advance of LG#49 were discussed throughout the meeting.
- IWEA requested that a capacity release project is run in parallel with the 2018 Batch. CRU confirmed this to be unlikely at this juncture.
- IWEA are concerned that the 2020 RES-E target will not be met.
- It was noted that the trade associations will be requesting for an extension regarding their review of the DSO GSC.
- Brookfield – Margaret Nee requested an update on the Hybrid workgroup and was advised that EirGrid are currently looking into moving this forward over the next few weeks and that EirGrid had written separately to IWEA to progress.
- IrBEA requested that the SOs consider the 120% over installation rule for solar projects given the evolution in DC/AC ratio.

C. Review of outstanding actions from last minutes

No	Action:	Owner	Comments
20	<p>Section 34 Disputes</p> <p>CRU to consider if improvements can be made to process and more information disclosed</p>	CRU	Open
<p>Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SOs noted that open disputes were holding up nodes, which in turn may hold up ECP-1 offers at these nodes. 			

D. A.O.B

The next Liaison Group was suggested for before year end 2018. CRU to advise as to when and where the next Liaison Group will be held.