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CC: Stuart Coleman - scoleman@cru.ie, and Mantas Vencius - mvencius@cru.ie

RE: CRU Consultation Paper on the Terms of Reference of the Networks Stakeholder Engagement Evaluation Panel.

Dear Esther,

The Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) is committed to the promotion and education of wind energy issues and plays a leading role in the areas of conference organisation, lobbying and policy development on the island of Ireland. IWEA is committed to promoting the use of wind energy in Ireland and beyond as an economically viable and environmentally sound alternative to thermal or nuclear generation.

IWEA welcomes the opportunity to engage with the CRU on the assessment of measures taken by the System Operators to understand and address the needs of stakeholders.

IWEA would like to submit an expression of interest to join the Networks Stakeholder Engagement Evaluation Panel. As the largest representative body for wind generation connected to the transmission and distribution systems, which as a technology represented 29% of Ireland's electricity generated in 2018, we believe we are uniquely placed to provide an insight on the quality, good implementation and the effectiveness of the System Operators stakeholder engagement strategies.

IWEA believe the Terms of Reference of the Networks Stakeholder Engagement Evaluation Panel are clear and reflective of duties of the panel. We have no suggested changes to make to these terms.

As the leading association for the Irish renewable energy sector, IWEA would consider ourselves a proactive partner, willing to step out in explaining the benefits of an effective, modern and climate friendly Irish electricity system, and we look forward to continuing our work alongside the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in this regard.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Kindest Regards,



Noel Cunniffe
Head of Policy, IWEA