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Dear Sir/Madam,

Many thanks for your email. The CRU has taken a number of steps over the past few years which have gone some way to recognise the differences between storage technologies and more traditional participants in the market, and on the networks. This has included an Information Paper in 2019 (CRU/19/034), confirming that commercial storage units would only be required to pay the PSO levy on their house load; and also the reservation of up to 400MW for prospective DS3 service providers, including storage, in the ECP1 Process (CRU/18/058).

We are very aware of the services that storage can offer to our networks, and we are also cognisant of the overall narrative on storage that has been taken in the Clean Energy Package and in nascent European Commission Green Deal.

The CRU is currently planning to engage in a wider review of the structure of electricity network tariffs in Ireland, in order to reflect the changes seen over the past number of years in the industry and to provide a framework which facilitates the energy transition to low carbon solutions. The aim is to commence this review in earnest following the close out of the PR5 Price Review decision for EirGrid and ESB Networks. Given the breadth of this review, and the level of consultation with industry and other stakeholders that would be involved in this process, we do not anticipate a decision being made until we are well into 2021.

In the interim, I have asked the relevant teams to explore an interim solution until the full review can take place. We expect to engage with stakeholders on this interim solution in the coming weeks and would welcome further engagement with IESA as part of that process.

Kind Regards,

Jim Gannon  
Commissioner