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Response to Enduring Connection Policy 2

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Having reviewed the ECP 2 Proposed Decision the Irish BioEnergy Association makes the following observations and recommendations

In relation to the requirement that all connections must have planning permission before entering batches. We would ask that the CRU ensure that provision is made to ensure that projects exempt from planning are not required to get planning permission purely for ECP 2 compliance reasons – and that provision be made for such projects to apply without the need for planning permission.

We note in section 1.2.1 Microgen is classified as projects under 11kw. We at this stage wish to make known our view that we believe Microgen should be broadened to all producers under 100kw, and that consideration should be given for separate policy for auto producers and/or producers wishing to export electricity at a level at or under their current MIC capacity.

We note (1.2.2 & 2.4.1) that small scale generators from 11 to 500kw are being connected at a rate of 30 per year, with a proposal to maximise all connections at 50 per year. This is insufficient to meet demand for auto producers, capacity to connect needs to be expanded significantly beyond the current proposal. We propose that all potential producers that remain under their current MIC should be processed separately and with greater expediency.

About IrBEA

IrBEA was founded in May 1999. Its role is to promote the bioenergy industry and to develop this important sector on the island of Ireland. The organisation is a self-governing association of voluntary members. IrBEA is affiliated to BioEnergy Europe and the European Biogas Association (EBA).