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2nd July 2021

Ref: D/21/15418

Re: Direction pursuant to Article 28(10) of the European Communities (Internal Market in Electricity) Regulations (SI 60 of 2005) (the Regulations)

Dear Mark,

We refer to your letter dated 15 June 2021 in which you provided evidence of a likely and substantial risk of an electricity security of supply emergency which is likely to emerge in the winter of 2021/22.

Having considered and on the basis of the evidence provided by you, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) has identified a likely and substantial risk of a security of supply emergency in respect of which it is not practicable in the time available to otherwise ensure security of supply. Accordingly, the CRU applied to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications under Article 28(10) of the Regulations for consent to direct you to secure the delivery of emergency additional generation for the purposes of the provision of system services. By letter dated 23 June 2021, the CRU received the consent of the Minister to issue such direction to you.

Accordingly, pursuant to Article 28(10) of the Regulations, we hereby direct you to secure the delivery of circa 200MW of emergency additional generation capacity, as identified in your letter and report of 15 June 2021. You are further directed, prior to the commencement of any required development, to provide to the CRU, for its approval in advance, the terms and conditions applicable to the contract for the delivery of the additional capacity, together with satisfactory supporting analysis which addresses whether and the extent to which the securing of this generation may have an impact on the CRM and/or the Wholesale Market and addresses any relevant State aid issues or concerns.

The costs which may arise to EirGrid in its fulfillment of this direction may be recovered through the Transmission Use of System (TUoS) charges, for which the CRU will make the necessary provision.



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Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aoife MacEvilly'.

Aoife MacEvilly,
Chairperson

Encl. Letter from Minister Eamon Ryan dated 23 June 2021