

From the office of the Chief Executive

Ian Luney, EP Kilroot
By email only

04 October 2022

Our Ref WM-031-1132

RE: Provision of Information to the Authority and TSO

Dear Mr Luney

Given the current geo-political climate and uncertainty around energy supplies in Great Britain and in Europe generally and in order to facilitate the management and operation of the Northern Ireland electricity transmission system this winter and the transparent flow of information in a timely manner to ensure awareness of any issues, the Utility Regulator:

- (A) **Gives a direction under paragraph 2 of Condition 16 (Provision of Information)** of your electricity generation licence for the information specified in paragraphs 1 to 5 below to be furnished to SONI in accordance with the timescales set out in those paragraphs.
- (B) **Requires, under paragraph 1 of Condition 11 (Provision of information to the Authority)** of your electricity generation licence the information specified in paragraphs 1 to 5 below to be furnished to the UR in accordance with the timescales set out in those paragraphs. The UR requires this information for the purposes of performing the general functions set out in Article 50 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

The information to be provided under and in accordance with the direction at paragraph (A) and the request at paragraph (B) is as follows:

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1. Based on **current** usable fuel stocks please specify for each generating unit (forming part of a generation set) the type of fuel, the quantity held, the number of continuous days' running at the generating unit's maximum rated capacity this equates to and clarification of the date this information relates to. This information is required no later than Monday 17 October 2022. If the unit is capable of running on more than one fuel, please specify the required information for each fuel.
2. The technical capability for the generating site to store fuel (i.e. what volumes of fuel can be held on site, or at other sites, in respect of operation of the generating set). If the generating units are capable of running on more than one fuel, please specify the required information in respect of each fuel.
3. As soon as the licensee becomes aware of any circumstances, which will or will be likely to affect (a) the downward levels of fuel stocks cited in Q1 (aside from normal seasonal usage) and/or (b) where future orders may be compromised.
4. As soon as the licensee becomes aware of it immediate notification of any other significant information (or concerns) (including if stocking levels of usable coal fall below 30,000 tonnes) which may or will cause other operational difficulties to the licensee in advance of and/or during the winter 2022/23 period (from 1 November 2022 to 3 April 2023).
5. To submit a report to SONI, for each generating unit, on the first working day of each calendar month during the winter 2022/23 period (1 November 2022 to 3 April 2023 inclusive) which sets out the following information separately. Where relevant this should specify the date this information relates to but the date must be within the last seven days of each calendar month. This relates to primary fuels and where appropriate secondary fuels (as defined by the Fuel Security Code):
 - a. Primary fuel quantity held;

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- b. Primary fuel quantity held in terms of number of days' at maximum rated capacity on an uninterrupted continuous basis;
- c. Primary fuel stock replenishment arrangements and timelines
- d. Secondary fuel quantity held;
- e. Secondary fuel quantity held in terms of number of days' at maximum rated capacity on an uninterrupted continuous basis; and
- f. Secondary fuel stock replenishment arrangements and timelines

A copy of each report should be provided to the UR each month at the same time as it is provided to SONI. These may be shared by the UR with the Department for the Economy for security of supply purposes as and when deemed necessary.

We may disclose the information to the Department for the purposes of facilitating the UR's duty (function) under Article 50(3) of the Electricity Order. Security of supply and fuel stock matters are matters in respect of which the UR's electricity functions apply and are exercisable. We may also disclose the information to facilitate the performance of the Department's functions under Article 37 of the Electricity Order.

For security of supply reasons, the above information is important and relevant for both SONI and ourselves for the approaching winter period. Your co-operation with the above requests throughout the winter period is appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

cc Colin Broomfield, UR
Alan Campbell, SONI

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