

All interested parties,
stakeholders in Northern Ireland,
and other regulatory bodies.

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To whom it may concern

Utility Regulator Decision on SONI TSO and NIE Networks DSO Proposal for the General Application of Technical Requirements in accordance with Articles 12-21 and Articles 27-30 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1388 establishing a Network Code on Demand Connection

In accordance with Articles 12-21 and Articles 27-30 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1388, establishing a Network Code on Demand Connection (hereafter referred to as DCC), on the 21st September 2018 the Utility Regulator (UR) received the TSO's (SONI – The System Operator in Northern Ireland) and the DSO's NIE Networks (Northern Ireland Electricity Networks) proposal for the general application of technical requirements for establishing a Network Code on Demand Connection (the DCC proposal.)

Background

This letter provides detail on the decision of the UR, on the DCC proposal put forward by SONI and NIE Networks. The proposal was submitted in accordance with Title II Articles 12-21 and Article 27-30 of the DCC by the TSOs and DSOs, which relate to Northern Ireland.

SONI and NIE Networks conducted a public consultation on the DCC proposal from 6th July 2018 for a period of 6 weeks until 10th August 2018¹. No responses to this consultation were received.

The DCC code identifies that power system requirements in different synchronous areas can be different due to varying sizes. Therefore the DCC recognises that some of the requirements for general application should be specified at National level. Numerous requirements for general application already exist in Northern Ireland in the Grid and/or Distribution Codes.

Decision

The UR has reviewed the DCC Proposal in line with the requirements of the DCC, the wider objectives of Regulation (EC) 2016/1388 and the UR's statutory duties and obligations. The

¹ <http://www.soni.ltd.uk/media/documents/DCC-Parameter-Consultation-Northern-Ireland.pdf>

UR considers that part of the proposal can be approved however some aspects of the proposal need further elaboration before approval can be given.

This letter approves part of SONI and NIE Network's proposal for the general application of technical requirements in accordance with Articles 12-21 and Article 27-30 of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1388 establishing a Network Code on Demand Connection. This part approval excludes the DCC proposal elements which relate to Articles 28.2(e) & (i) and Article 18.3 of the Demand Connection Code.

The UR decision is to request an amendment to the DCC proposal that relate to Articles 28.2(e) & (i) and Article 18.3.

The UR proposes that the following amendments are made:

1. Within the DCC Article 28.2(e) states that the relevant system operator shall make publicly available the technical specifications approved to enable this transfer of information. Additional within Article 28.2(i) it states that the relevant system operator or relevant TSO shall specify the modalities of the notification relating to demand response capacity.

We as the regulatory authority request that the technical specifications relating to Article 28 are consulted upon as is required under Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1388 and the final detailed requirements, after completion of the consultation, are contained in the amended proposal to meet the requirements specified in Articles 28.2(e) and (i) of the Demand Connection Code.

2. Under Article 18.3 of the code, it states that the relevant TSO shall specify information exchange standards and the relevant TSO shall make publicly available the precise list of data required.

We as regulatory authority request that either the precise list of data required or a methodology for establishing that list of data in accordance with the provisions in Article 18, in which the information exchange standards are specified are included in the amended proposal in order to meet the requirements of Article 18.3 of the Demand Connection Code.

Next Steps

We request that SONI and NIE Networks publish this decision on the DCC Proposal methodology, on the internet. Additional we request that the amended copy of the proposal which relates to Articles 28.2(e & i) and Article 18.3 is submitted to us by 10th June 2019.

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Yours sincerely



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