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Ofreg Consultation on EU Regulation 1775 / 2005

Dear Brian

ESBI's response to Ofreg's consultation on the services to be provided in Northern Ireland under EU Regulation 1775 / 2005 is set out below. Our response to each of the question in the consultation document is listed, plus the additional question (between Q4 and Q5) in the 18 May presentation in your Belfast office.

Q1. Is the current pricing methodology for interruptible capacity suitable?

ESBI is happy with the current pricing methodology, ie no charge for interruptible capacity.

Q2. Are there any other possible solutions to the requirement that short-term access to firm capacity is reduced to a period of one day?

ESBI does not have any alternative solutions to this requirement but is prepared to discuss further any alternatives proposed to or by Ofreg as a result of this consultation.

Q3. In light of the likely pricing methodology for this service, are any parties interested in a short-term firm capacity product?

ESBI may be interested in such a product depending on pricing.

Q4. If online-based information on capacity and balancing status of network users is required, what type of online based information in particular would shippers require?

ESBI does not require any information in addition to that already provided.

Q. Do shippers want secondary trading of capacity to be reduced from one month to one day?

ESBI would welcome the possibility of daily secondary trading of capacity.



Q5. Do shippers wish to avail of any of the services described in the consultation paper, bearing in mind the likely pricing methodology to be used for each service?

As discussed above, ESBI may be interested in some of the services depending on pricing.

Q6. Are there any other services required by shippers that should be made available under the Regulation but have not been identified in this paper?

ESBI does not currently envisage a requirement for additional services but this may change in the future with circumstances.

Thank you for affording ESBI the opportunity to participate in this consultation. We have no objection to Ofreg publishing part or all of this response.

Kind regards



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