

Developing a Demand Side Vision for Ireland in 2020

The regulatory authorities of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) and the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (NIAUR) have initiated a programme of work to develop a Strategic Demand Response Programme for the Island of Ireland.

The Authority and the Commission have a clear desire to make a high level of consultation with industry, government, energy customers and the policymaking community a key part of the design process.

It is in this context that we would like to invite interested parties to participate in a one day seminar and workshops on “Developing a Demand Side Vision for Ireland in 2020”. The aim is to provide an open platform for all stakeholders to offer their expert views on how they believe Demand Response will and should develop on the island of Ireland. The workshop is scheduled to take place in The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, on the 26th February 2010. We have engaged consultants from Pöyry Energy Consulting to assist us in this regard.

We expect participants to offer their insights into the barriers confronting such a programme, the opportunities for rapid progress and focus, the developing context and their concerns about any such programme.

This is an opportunity to have a real input into and to shape the future of Strategic Demand Response on the island of Ireland in the next decade. We believe that an active and effective demand response on the island of Ireland will require high level coordination between the many different stakeholders involved in the electricity sector and industry.

Please respond to Ryan McCombe at NIAUR (ryan.mccombe@niaur.gov.uk) by Friday, 19th February, if you would like to attend the seminar and workshop. Please note attendee numbers are limited. Further details of the seminar and workshop will follow on confirmation of your attendance.

Fergus O'Toole at CER (fotoole@cer.ie) and Simon Scott in NIAUR (simon.scott@niaur.gov.uk) are available to answer any questions you may have on the workshop.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Mannion,
Director, Electricity Networks & Retail
Commission for Energy Regulation

Shane Lynch
Director, Electricity
Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation