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Re: Consultation Paper on Relevant Considerations in relation to the possible Cancellation of Generating Unit Agreements in Northern Ireland

Dear Paul,

IWEA welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation on Relevant Considerations in relation to the possible Cancellation of Generating Unit Agreements in Northern Ireland.

In order to ensure as high a level of competition in the market as possible it is important that any measures which provide an unfair advantage to existing plant should be ended, thereby enabling a level playing field. From that perspective it is important that the Generating Unit Agreements should be cancelled.

It must be noted, however, that the Generator Unit Agreements successfully encourage very flexible and reliable performance from thermal units. This flexibility will become ever more valuable with increasing levels of renewable development. It is important that these incentives are maintained in the future should the generating unit agreements be cancelled.

Should you wish to discuss this response further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

*sent by email, no signature required

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