

All interested parties,  
Stakeholders in Northern Ireland and beyond,  
and other regulatory bodies

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To whom it may concern

### **Approval of the amended determination of Capacity Calculation Regions**

In accordance with Article 9(13) of the EU Commission Regulation 2015/1222, establishing a guideline on Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management<sup>1</sup>, the Utility Regulator (UR) received on 3 July 2017 a proposal on behalf of SONI, EirGrid, Moyle and EIDAC (the all-island Transmission System Operators) for an amended determination of Capacity Calculation Regions.

This letter sets out the UR's decision to approve the amended determination of Capacity Calculation Regions (CCR amendment proposal), pursuant to 9(10) of CACM and outlines the necessary next steps that must be taken.

### **Background**

The determination of CCRs is a proposal developed by all EU TSOs in accordance with Article 15(1) of the CACM Regulation with the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (the Agency) publishing a decision on the first proposal for the CCR on 17 November 2016 pursuant to Article 9(11) of CACM.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015R1222&from=EN>

The CCR amendment proposal proposes a change to the existing determination of the Channel CCR to include the bidding zone border Belgium - Great Britain, while retaining the existing bidding zone borders of Netherlands - Great Britain and France - Great Britain. A CCR is the geographic area in which the coordinated capacity calculation is applied.

The Agency has confirmed that the last Regulatory Authority received the CCR amendment proposal on 14 August 2017. In line with CACM, the competent Regulatory Authorities are required to make their national decision by 14 February 2018.

## **Decision**

The UR has reviewed the CCR amendment proposal in line with the requirements of CACM, the wider objectives of Regulation (EC) No. 714/2009 and the UR's statutory duties and obligations. As required by Article 9 of CACM, the UR closely cooperated and coordinated with other Regulatory Authorities in order to reach agreement on the proposed amendment.

The all Regulatory Authorities' agreement reached on 18 September 2017 is attached as an annex to this decision letter and constitutes the reason for the UR's decision. In line with the all Regulatory Authorities' agreement, the UR hereby approve the all TSOs' CCR amendment proposal.

## **Next Steps**

In accordance with the above decision, the CCR amendment proposal will apply once NEMO Link Limited is certified as a TSO following the provisions of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) 714/2009 and Article 10 of Directive 2009/72/EC. SONI must also publish the approved CCR amendment proposal on the internet in line with Article 9(14) of the CACM Regulation.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jo Aston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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