



Notice Regarding Applications for Designation as Nominated Electricity Market Operator from 5 April 2019

To whom it may concern,

The European Commission Regulation on Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management (CACM or the Regulation) entered into force on 14 August 2015 and requires designation of a Nominated Electricity Market Operator for performance of day ahead and intraday market coupling in each Member State.

The Utility Regulator (UR), pursuant to Articles 4(4) (*NEMOs designation and revocation of the designation*) and 9(8)(a) (*Adoption of terms and conditions or methodologies*) of the CACM Regulation, designated SONI Ltd., as a Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO) for single day ahead and intraday coupling in Northern Ireland for an initial term of four years. This Designation took effect from 3 October 2015 and will continue in force until 3 October 2019.

Under Article 4(2) of the Regulation, Member States shall allow applications for designation at least annually. The UR hereby notifies interested parties that applications for designation from 3 October 2019 will be accepted until 5 April 2019.

A separate notification to interested parties is being published by the Commission for Regulation of Utilities and any applications will be assessed with close cooperation between the Regulatory Authorities. CACM provides that a NEMO that is designated in one Member State shall have the right to offer day ahead and intraday trading services in another Member State.

As the designating authority for Northern Ireland, the UR will assess whether NEMO candidates meet the NEMO designation criteria set out in Article 6 of the Regulation. Such evidence shall be provided by applicants for designation.

The conditions and term of designation from 5 April 2019 are currently being consulted on in SEM-19-003, published on 28 January 2019. SEM-19-003 can be found [here](#).