

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

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To whom it may concern

### **Request for Amendment to the all TSO Proposal for Common Grid Model Methodology**

In accordance with Article 18 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1719, establishing a guideline on Forward Capacity Allocation (FCA), the Utility Regulator (UR) received on the 3 July 2017 the all TSO Proposal for Common Grid Model Methodology (CGMM proposal).

This letter sets out the UR's decision to request amendment to the CGMM proposal pursuant to Article 4(11) of Regulation 2016/1719.

### **Background**

The CGMM is an all TSO proposal for a methodology to enable the establishment of a common grid model. The proposal takes into account the general principles and goals set in Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1719 (the FCA Regulation), as well as Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity. The goal of Regulation 2016/1719 is the coordination and harmonisation of capacity calculation and allocation in the long-term cross-zonal markets. To facilitate these aims, it is necessary for all TSOs to use a common grid model.

The Agency has confirmed that the last Regulatory Authority received the CGMM proposal on 5 September 2017 and, in line with the FCA, the competent Regulatory Authorities are required to make their national decision by 5 March 2018.

## **Decision**

The UR has reviewed the CGMM proposal in line with the requirements of the FCA, the wider objectives of Regulation (EC) 714/2009 and UR's statutory duties and obligations. As required by Article 4(9) of Regulation 2016/1719, the UR closely cooperated and coordinated with other Regulatory Authorities in order to reach agreement on the proposal.

The all Regulatory Authorities' agreement reached on 23 February 2018 at the Energy Regulators' Forum is attached as an annex to this decision letter and constitutes the reasons for the UR's decision. In line with the all Regulatory Authorities' agreement, the UR hereby requests amendment to the CGMM proposal.

## **Next Steps**

In accordance with Article 4(11) of Regulation 2016/1719, the TSOs must make the amendments necessary to address the points set out in the all Regulatory Authority opinion with the amended proposal being re-submitted to the UR and the Agency within two months of this decision.

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Yours sincerely



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