

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 TSOs' Proposal for the Implementation Framework for a European Platform for the Imbalance Netting Process

On 10 July 2018, the Utility Regulator received the all TSOs' proposal for the implementation framework for a European platform for the imbalance netting process (the "INIF"). This was in accordance with Article 22 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 establishing a guideline on Electricity Balancing (the "EBGL Regulation").

This letter sets out the Utility Regulator's decision to request amendment to this proposal pursuant to Article 6(1) of the EBGL Regulation and outlines the necessary steps that must be taken.

Background

The proposal for the implementation framework for a European platform for the imbalance netting process lays down the design, functional requirements, governance and cost sharing for the platform. Containing the proposal for the entity to perform the imbalance netting process function as well as the TSO-TSO settlement function, as described in Article 22 of the

EBGL Regulation, the INIF also takes into account the general principles, goals and other methodologies set in the EBGL Regulation.

The Agency has confirmed that the last Regulatory Authority received the proposal for the implementation framework for a European platform for the imbalance netting process on the 10 July 2018. In line with the EBGL Regulation, the competent Regulatory Authorities are required to make their national decision by 10 January 2019.

Decision

The Utility Regulator has reviewed the proposal in line with the requirements of the EBGL Regulation, the wider objectives of Regulation (EC) 714/2009 and the Utility Regulator's principle objectives and duties. As required by Article 5(6) of the EBGL Regulation, the Utility Regulator has closely cooperated and coordinated with all Regulatory Authorities to reach an agreement on the proposal.

The all Regulatory Authorities' agreement reached on 9 November 2018, attached as an annex to this decision letter, constitutes the reasons for the UR's decision. In line with the all Regulatory Authorities' agreement, the UR hereby requests amendment to the implementation framework for a European platform for the imbalance netting process proposal.

Next Steps

In accordance with Article 6(1) of the EBGL Regulation, the TSOs must make the amendments necessary to address the points set out in the all Regulatory Authorities' agreement with the amended proposal being re-submitted to the UR and the Agency within two months of this decision.

If you have any queries regarding the information contained within this letter please contact JeanPierre.Miura@uregni.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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