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Dear Rodney

Re: Electricity Balancing Guideline – Art 14(2) Central Dispatching Model Notification

Thank you for your letter of 28 May 2020 notifying the Utility Regulator (UR) that SONI are applying the central dispatching model and intend to continue to apply this model for Northern Ireland. This notification was submitted in accordance with Article 14(2) of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 of 23 November 2017, establishing a guideline on electricity balancing (the EBGL Regulation).

Article 14 of the EBGL Regulation requires Transmission System Operators (TSOs) to apply a self-dispatching model for determining generation schedules and consumption schedules. Those TSOs applying a central dispatching model at the time of entry into force of the EBGL Regulation are required to notify the relevant Regulatory Authority in accordance with Article 37 of Directive 2009/72/EC in order to continue to apply a central dispatching model for determining generation schedules and consumption. The relevant Regulatory Authority shall then verify whether the tasks and responsibilities of the TSO are consistent with the definition in Article 2(18) of the EBGL Regulation.

The Utility Regulator note that SONI is applying the central dispatching model at the time of entry into force of the EBGL Regulation (at the end of the derogation provided under Article 64) and intend to continue applying this model for Northern Ireland.

Having reviewed the information provided in the letter concerning the tasks and responsibilities of the TSO being consistent with the definition provided in Article 2(18) of the EBLG Regulation, the Utility Regulator are content that these meet the definition of a central dispatching model.

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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