

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 Ireland-UK (IU) TSO proposal for the regional design of long term transmission rights

On 13 April 2017, in accordance with Article 31 of EU Commission Regulation 2016/1719, establishing a guideline on Forward Capacity Allocation (FCA), the Utility Regulator (UR) received the IU TSO proposal for the regional design of long-term transmission rights.

This proposal contains a description of the type of long-term transmission rights; forward capacity allocation time frames; form of product (base load, peak load and off-peak load); bidding zone borders covered; and implementation timeline.

The UR has reviewed the proposal in line with the requirements of the FCA, the wider objectives of the Regulation (EC) 714/2009 and the UR's statutory duties and obligations. Through close cooperation and coordination with the relevant Regulatory Authorities, an agreement was reached on 11 October 2017. The relevant Regulatory Authorities' agreement, accompanying this decision letter and published on the UR website, constitutes the reasons for the UR decision.

In line with the relevant Regulatory Authorities' agreement and, in line with Article 4 of the FCA, this letter approves the Ireland-UK (IU) TSO proposal for the regional design of long term transmission rights.

Next Steps

In accordance with this decision, IU TSOs will be required to publish the LTTR proposal on the internet as per Article 4(13) of FCA and must meet the implementation deadlines required by Article 8 of the LTTR proposal.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Aston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jo Aston
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