



**Energia response to UR Consultation
Paper**

***SONI's Draft Transmission Development Plan for
Northern Ireland 2018-27***

1. Introduction

Energia welcomes the opportunity to respond to the UR Consultation Paper titled “SONI’s Draft Transmission Development Plan (TDP) for Northern Ireland 2018-27” (the “Consultation Paper”).

Energia fully endorses the Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group (NIRIG) response to the Consultation Paper and in particular its comments in relation to the required investment to facilitate existing and future renewable generation, sufficient interconnection between Northern Ireland and Ireland, improved coordination between NIEN and SONI and strong relationships between Northern Ireland, Ireland and Great Britain. Furthermore we note the historic nature of the freeze dates used in the draft TDP and the lack of firm dates for completion of projects within the TDP which is a cause of concern. We strongly urge the UR to consider the comments put forward by NIRIG in their response.