

All interested parties,
stakeholders in Northern Ireland,
and other regulatory bodies.

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To whom it may concern,

Approval of the UK-Ireland Regional Operational Security Coordination Methodology

Articles 76 and 77 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1485 of 2 August 2019 establishing guideline on electricity transmission system operation (SOGL) requires that all TSOs in the IU Capacity Calculation Region (IU CCR) develop a proposed methodology for regional operational security coordination (IU ROSC Methodology). On 18 December 2019, the Utility Regulator (UR) received this proposal from SONI. On the same date, all other Regulatory Authorities in the IU CCR (CRU and Ofgem) received the same proposal from their relevant TSO (EirGrid and National Grid ESO, respectively).

This letter sets out the UR's Decision to approval the proposal subject to the revisions set out in the Annex of the agreement published alongside this Decision pursuant to Article 6(3)(b) of the SOGL and outlines the necessary steps that must be taken.

Background

The proposed IU ROSC Methodology addresses day-ahead and intraday regional security coordination within the IU CCR and is to be applied to all TSOs and Regional Security Coordinators (RSCs) operating in the IU CCR. The IU ROSC Methodology outlines specific information to be submitted by the TSOs to the RSC to enable a strategy to be developed that addresses operational security limit violations.

The IU ROSC Methodology was developed in accordance with the requirements under Articles 76 and 77 of the SOGL and existing relevant methodologies such as the IU Methodology for coordinated Redispatching and Countertrading and IU Methodology for coordinated Redispatching and Countertrading Cost Sharing.

Decision

The UR has reviewed the proposed IU ROSC Methodology in line with the requirements of the SOGL and the UR's statutory duties and obligations. Pursuant to Article 6(3) of the SOGL, the UR has engaged with other concerned Regulatory Authorities to reach an agreement on the TSO's proposal.

The concerned Regulatory Authorities' agreement reached on 18 June 2020 and published in conjunction with this letter constitutes the reasoning behind the UR's Decision. In line with this agreement and in accordance with Article 6(1) of the SOGL, the UR hereby approves the IU TSO's proposal for a methodology on regional security operational coordination subject to the revisions provided in the annex of the accompanying agreement.

Next Steps

In accordance with this Decision, the concerned TSOs are required to publish the IU ROSC Methodology with the concerned Regulatory Authority's revisions on the internet as required by Article 8 of the SOGL.

If you have any queries regarding the information contained within this letter, please contact jody.oboyle@uregni.gov.uk or kenny.mcpartland@uregni.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Hedley', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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