

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

29 June 2017

Our Ref: WM018-11-358

Dear All

**Request for Amendment to the proposal for Intraday Cross-Zonal Gate Timings (IDCZGT)  
Proposal**

On 14 December 2016, the Utility Regulator received the all TSOs' proposal for the Intraday Cross-Zonal Gate Timings (IDCZGT) from the Northern Ireland TSO, SONI Limited, in line with Article 59 of the Guideline on Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management (the CACM Regulation)<sup>1</sup>.

This letter sets out the Utility Regulator's decision to request an amendment to the IDCZGT proposal, pursuant to Article 9(6) and 9(12) of the CACM Regulation, and outlines the necessary steps that must be taken.

**Background**

The IDCZGT submission proposes the intraday cross-zonal gate opening and the intraday cross-zonal gate closure times. These set the times in which the single intraday coupling market is open.

The intraday cross-zonal gate opening time is the point in time when cross-zonal capacity between bidding zones is released for a given market time unit and a given bidding zone border. The intraday cross-zonal gate closure time is the point in time where cross-zonal capacity is no longer permitted for a given market time unit.

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<sup>1</sup> [COMMISSION REGULATION \(EU\) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management](#)

## Decision

The Utility Regulator has reviewed the proposal in line with the requirements of the CACM Regulation, the wider objectives of Regulation (EC) 714/2009<sup>2</sup>, and the Utility Regulator's principal objectives and duties. As required by Article 9(10) of the CACM Regulation, the Utility Regulator has closely cooperated and coordinated with all Regulatory Authorities to reach an agreement on the all TSOs proposal for IDCZGT submitted in accordance with Article 59 of the CACM Regulation. The all Regulatory Authorities' agreement, reached on 14 June 2017, is attached as an Annex to this decision, and constitutes the reason for the Utility Regulator's decision.

In line with the all Regulatory Authorities' agreement, the Utility Regulator hereby requests an amendment to the all TSOs' proposal for IDCZGT in line with Article 9(12) of the CACM Regulation. The amendment should contain the elements outlined in the all Regulatory Authorities' agreement.

## Next Steps

In accordance with Article 9(12) of the CACM Regulation, SONI Limited must make the amendments necessary to address the points set out in the all Regulatory Authority agreement, and submit the amended proposal to the Utility Regulator within two months of this decision. If you have any questions regarding the information contained within this letter or the all Regulatory Authority agreement, please contact [jeanpierre.miura@uregni.gov.uk](mailto:jeanpierre.miura@uregni.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully



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<sup>2</sup> [REGULATION \(EC\) No 714/2009 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 1228/2003](#)