

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

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To whom it may concern

Scope of data exchange between SONI, NIE Networks, and Significant Grid Users - approval under Article 6.4(b) of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1485, establishing a guideline on electricity transmission system operation.

Under Article 40(5) of Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1485 (System Operator Guidelines Network Code hereafter referred to SOGL), SONI is required to co-ordinate with NIE Networks and Significant Grid Users (SGUs) within NI on the applicability and scope of data exchange between themselves. Also, under Article 40(7) each TSO is to reach an agreement with relevant Distribution System Operators (DSOs) on the processes and formats of data exchange between them.

The terms and conditions or methodologies for data exchange are subject to approval by the UR under Article 6(4)(b) of SOGL.

Background

SONI as TSO have consulted with NIE Networks (as DSO) and Significant Grid Users (SGU) in determining the applicability and scope of the data exchange (in accordance with Article 40(5)). SONI conducted a public consultation, which opened on 25/01/2019 and closed on 25/02/2019 to gather feedback from stakeholders.

Following this consultation SONI submitted for approval under Article 6(4)(b) of SOGL the file named "*191217_Scope of Data Exchange for KORRR_Northern Ireland_V1.0*", by email on 17 December 2019 (the submission).

SONI has also reach an agreement with NIE Networks on the processes and formats of data exchange between them.

Decision

The UR has reviewed the approval request in line with the requirements of the SOGL, the wider objectives of Regulation 2017/1485 and the UR's statutory duties and obligations. Accordingly, we approve SONI's submission under Article 6.4(b) of the SOGL.

Next Steps

We request that SONI publish the approved submission as well as this approval letter on its website.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roisin McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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