**Consultation on SONI Transmission Development Plan**

**Irish Energy Storage Association Response**

The Irish Energy Storage Association welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Consultation on the SONI Draft Transmission Development Plan for Northern Ireland 2020 – 2029.

There does not appear to be any mention of batteries, synchronous condensers or other energy storage technologies in your development plan. We are wondering whether you have considered energy storage as a potentially cheaper alternative to new or upgraded lines and substations in certain circumstances. The use of energy storage to relieve grid congestion is becoming more common and we believe it is worth considering in your development plan.