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29 January 2010

Dear Robin,

**Re: Direction Under Condition 29, 2 (b) of your Transmission System Operation Licence**

This is a direction made under Condition 29, paragraph 2(b) of the licence ("Licence") to participate in the transmission of electricity granted to SONI Limited (the "Licensee") under Article 10(1)(b) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

2. The Licensee shall, with effect from 00.00 on 1 February 2010 ("HAS Go-Live"), offer to contract with those authorised electricity operators who are as at the date of this direction counterparties to System Support Services Agreements with the Licensee on the terms of the Harmonised Ancillary Services Agreement substantially in the form of the agreements annexed to this direction.
3. The Licensee shall by not later than HAS Go-Live, publish on its website (and provide a copy to the Republic of Ireland System Operator) a statement (the "**Ancillary Services Statement of Payments and Charges**") setting out:
  - (a) the rates for calculating Ancillary Services payments and charges; and

- (b) any parameters to be used for the purposes of calculating Ancillary Services charges,

in the form of the statement annexed to this direction.

4. The Licensee shall, (in consultation with authorised electricity undertakings, to the extent that such persons are liable to be materially affected thereby), at least once in every year the Licence is in force, review the Ancillary Services Statement of Payments and Charges and the operation of the harmonised Ancillary Services arrangements. Following any such review, the Licensee shall send to the Authority:
  - (i) a report on the outcome of such consultation;
  - (ii) any proposed revisions (having regard to the outcome of the consultation) as the Licensee reasonably thinks fit; and
  - (iii) any written representations or objections from any electricity undertaking (including any representations that the rates for calculating Ancillary Services payments need to increase to reflect underlying costs and any proposed revisions to the statement not accepted by the Licensee in the course of the consultation) arising during the consultation and subsequently maintained.
5. A proposed revision to the Ancillary Services Statement of Payments and Charges shall require to be approved by the Authority and shall not become effective until approved by the Authority.
6. The Licensee shall publish (prior to its entry into force) a copy of each revision of the Ancillary Services Statement of Payments and Charges on its website and shall send a copy to the Authority and the Republic of Ireland System Operator.

7. This direction shall continue in full force and effect until a subsequent direction is issued by the Authority under Condition 29(2)(b) of the Licence.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shane Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Shane Lynch**

**Director, Electricity**