

Interconnector Forum

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Background

- Moyle Interconnection was planned before privatisation
- Economic Purchasing Reviews by Ofreg determined that interconnection with Scotland would be beneficial
- Interconnection with the Republic restored in 1995

Background II

- IME Directive cited interconnectors as the means to deliver the “internal market” in electricity across Europe
- Ofreg, TSOs and CER developed appropriate access and allocation arrangements for the North/South link in February 2000, and the same principles have applied since then.

Moyle

- First (interim) allocation period Jan - March 2002
- First full auction process : winter 2001 for 2002/03 trading year
- Allocation process co-ordinated with N/S interconnector allocation
- Various “interconnector products” sold

Regulatory Input

- NIE Licence
- Recent Modifications
- Interconnectors now considered to be part of T&D Asset base
- “Relevant Access Arrangements”
 - auctions / other as deemed appropriate

Auctions for 2003/04

- Ofreg paper published August
- Initial responses used to form further paper late September
- Issues yet to be settled
 - ATCs
 - Reserve Prices
 - Auction timing

Auctions II

- Likely Timetable
 - Next technical paper : end September
 - subject to details to be finalised re ATC etc
 - Auction details discussed/published November
 - Auction held 2nd week December
 - Co-ordination with South-North auction process organised by ESBNG/CER