



**CONSULTATION ON THE**  
**SONI TRANSMISSION CONNECTION CHARGING METHODOLOGY**  
**STATEMENT**  
**30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

Under Condition 30 of the SONI Transmission Licence, SONI, in co-operation with the Republic of Ireland Transmission System Operator must prepare a statement setting out the basis upon which charges will be made for connection to the All-Island Transmission Networks at entry or exit points on the Transmission System.

In line with the Utility Regulator's Update Note on Contestability in Connections<sup>1</sup> dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016, SONI are today launching a 4 week consultation on the SONI Transmission Connection Charging Methodology Statement to take account of required changes for the implementation of Contestability.

A clean version of the revised SONI Transmission Connection Charging Methodology Statement can be found at:

[http://www.soni.ltd.uk/media/documents/Consultations/Consultation%20Draft%20-%20SONI%20TCCMS%20-%20Contestability%20Updates%20v30-06-16%20\(Clean\).pdf](http://www.soni.ltd.uk/media/documents/Consultations/Consultation%20Draft%20-%20SONI%20TCCMS%20-%20Contestability%20Updates%20v30-06-16%20(Clean).pdf)

A redline version of the revised SONI Transmission Connection Charging Methodology Statement can be found at:

[http://www.soni.ltd.uk/media/documents/Consultations/Consultation%20Draft%20-%20SONI%20TCCMS%20-%20Contestability%20Updates%20v30-06-16%20\(Redline%20from%20Dec%202009%20Version\).pdf](http://www.soni.ltd.uk/media/documents/Consultations/Consultation%20Draft%20-%20SONI%20TCCMS%20-%20Contestability%20Updates%20v30-06-16%20(Redline%20from%20Dec%202009%20Version).pdf)

SONI invite interested parties to submit their views and comments on this revised SONI Transmission Connection Charging Methodology Statement.

Responses should be sent electronically to [connections@soni.ltd.uk](mailto:connections@soni.ltd.uk) by **5pm 29 July 2016**. Please note that SONI may publish all responses to this paper on their

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.uregni.gov.uk/uploads/publications/Update\\_note\\_on\\_Contestability\\_in\\_Connections.docx](http://www.uregni.gov.uk/uploads/publications/Update_note_on_Contestability_in_Connections.docx)

website ([www.soni.ltd.uk](http://www.soni.ltd.uk)) and may share them with the Utility Regulator. Respondents who wish that their response remain confidential should highlight this when submitting the response.

Respondents should be aware that as the Utility Regulator is a public body and non-ministerial government department, the Utility Regulator is required to comply with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The effect of FOIA may be that information contained in consultation responses that is shared with the Utility Regulator is required to be put into the public domain. Hence it is possible that all responses made to this consultation that may be shared with the Utility Regulator will be discoverable under FOIA, even if respondents ask for the responses to be treated as confidential. It is therefore important that respondents take account of this and in particular, if asking that the responses are treated as confidential, should specify why they consider the information in question should be treated as such.

SONI are continuing to work closely with Northern Ireland Electricity Networks and the Utility Regulator and are committed to providing transmission contestable connections to applicants of 5MW or above by the end of August 2016.

If you have any queries on this consultation, please contact Adrian Henning on 028 9070 7439 or [Adrian.Henning@soni.ltd.uk](mailto:Adrian.Henning@soni.ltd.uk).