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Re. SONI Grid Code Constitution Amendments regarding membership of the Grid Code Review Panel

Dear Industry and Stakeholders

The Grid Code Review Panel (the "GCRP") at its meeting on 31 January 2017, considered the rapidly changing structure of the Electricity Supply Industry in Northern Ireland and noted the increasing numbers of grid users and the variety of technologies being present in the industry. As such, it noted that it would be helpful to conduct a review of the membership of the GCRP. At this meeting the following membership was proposed:

- a) Existing SONI representation (4) including the Chairman. The opinion of the GCRP was that this number should remain unchanged;
- b) Existing Generator representation (4). The opinion of the GCRP was that this number should be reduced to (3) to reflect the participation of this group;
- c) Existing Suppliers representation (4). The opinion of the GCRP was that this number should be reduced to (2) to reflect the participation of this group;
- d) Existing RES representation (1). The opinion of the GCRP was that this number should be increased to (3) to reflect the participation of this group. This increase in numbers was reflective of the increasing number of generators connecting to the T&D networks and it was noted that this group should include representation from Large Scale Wind generation, Small Scale Wind generation and PV;
- e) Existing Interconnector representation (1). The opinion of the GCRP was that this number should remain unchanged;
- f) Existing TO representation (1). The opinion of the GCRP was that this number should remain unchanged;
- g) Existing DNO representation (1). The opinion of the GCRP was that this number should remain unchanged; and
- h) Existing Regulation representation (1). The opinion of the GCRP was that this number should remain unchanged.

The GCRP felt it important that representation should be sought from the Market Operator (SEMO), the other TSO (EirGrid plc) and from expert representatives to represent both Energy Storage (1) and DSM¹ (1).

¹ DSM representatives would cover both AGUs and DSUs.



A copy of the draft Constitution and Rules of the SONI Grid Code Review Panel (the "Constitution") is attached to show the proposed amendments SONI is seeking to make to accommodate the revised membership of the GCRP outlined above and also some minor housekeeping amendments which do not affect the substance of the Constitution. SONI is now seeking to consult with industry and stakeholders on these proposed amendments.

Please note that, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, any amendments made the Constitution require the approval of the Utility Regulator.

The consultation period will run for 4 weeks and all responses must be received by close of business on Friday 26th October 2018. Please send responses to julianne.scullion@eirgrid.com, copying gridcode@soni.ltd.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Skillen", followed by a long horizontal line.

Raymond Skillen
Chairperson, SONI Grid Code Review Panel