

All interested parties, stakeholders in Northern Ireland and beyond  
And other regulatory bodies

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Our Ref: WM018-80-364

Dear All

### **Approval of the amended proposal for Common Grid Model Methodology**

On 10 March 2017 the Utility Regulator received the amended proposal for the Common Grid Model Methodology (CGMM) from the Northern Ireland TSO, SONI Limited.

This letter sets out the Utility Regulator's decision to approve the amended CGMM proposal, pursuant to Article 9(10) and 9(12) respectively of the Guideline on Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management (the CACM Regulation)<sup>1</sup>, and outlines the next steps that must be taken.

### **Background**

The CGMM proposes processes and data requirement to create a Common Grid Model (CGM) representing the European Interconnected system for the purposes of single day ahead and intraday coupling. These processes and data requirements are required by the CACM Regulation to provide TSOs with accurate and timely information in order to calculate cross-zonal capacity in a coordinated way. The CGMM is a pan-EU proposal, developed by all TSOs.

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<sup>1</sup> [COMMISSION REGULATION \(EU\) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management](#)

## **Our Decision**

The Utility Regulator has closely cooperated with other Regulatory Authorities to reach agreement on the amended CGMM proposal. The all Regulatory Authority agreement, reached on 8 May 2017, is attached as an Annex to this decision letter, and constitutes the reasons for our decision.

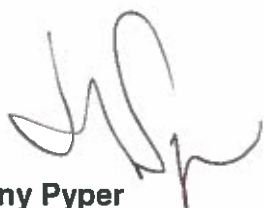
In line with this all Regulatory Authority agreement, the Utility Regulator hereby approves the CGMM proposed by SONI Limited.

## **Next Steps**

In accordance with this decision, the CGMM will take effect following approval by all competent authorities. As such, SONI Limited must publish the CGMM on the internet in line with Article 9(14) of the CACM Regulation, and must meet the implementation deadlines required by Article 24 of the CGMM, following the approval of the last competent Regulatory Authority.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained within this letter or the all Regulatory Authority opinion, please contact [jeanpierre.miura@uregni.gov.uk](mailto:jeanpierre.miura@uregni.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully



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