

MEETING:	System Services Code Working Group Meeting #6 April 2025
DATE AND TIME:	28 th April 2025 09:30-11:00
PARTICIPANTS:	<p>Cian Fitzgerald (CF), Energia</p> <p>Andrew Burke (AB), WEI</p> <p>Patrick Liddy (PL), DRAI</p> <p>Peter Brett (PB), Eco Power Supply Ltd.</p> <p>Paraic Higgins (PH), ESB</p> <p>Jessica Branigan (JBr), Matheson / IESA</p> <p>Brian Mongan (BM), FERA</p> <p>Paul McGuckin (PMcG), Mutual Energy</p> <p>Eoghan Cudmore (EC), Bord Gais Energy</p> <p>Pranav Kakkar (PK), EPUKI</p> <p>Bronagh McKeown (BMcK), UR</p> <p>Donna Maye (DM), UR</p> <p>Sumona Mukerjee (SM), CRU</p> <p>Jason Kennedy, (JK), CRU</p> <p>Andrew Crawford (AC), EirGrid</p> <p>Carole Devlin (CD), EirGrid</p> <p>Juliana Jordano de Carvalho (JJC), EirGrid</p> <p>Aidan Byrne (ABy), EirGrid</p> <p>Gerard Hanlon (GH), EirGrid</p> <p>Niamh Delaney (ND), EirGrid</p> <p>David Clark (DC), FASS Programme Team</p> <p>Rachel Plomp (RP), FASS Programme Team</p> <p>Brendan Ring (BR), Market Reform</p>
ABSENT:	<p>Harry Molloy (HM), EPUKI</p> <p>Michael-Allan Millar (MAM), SSE</p> <p>Peter Frampton (PF), VPI</p> <p>Sarah Friedel (SF), SONI</p> <p>Michael Atcheson (MA), SONI</p> <p>Brendan O'Sullivan (BOS), EirGrid</p> <p>Eoin Farrell (EF), FASS Programme Team</p> <p>Daniel Marshman (DMa), Market Reform</p> <p>Dylan Ashe (DA), CRU</p> <p>Harry Enwereonu (HE), CRU</p>
PREPARED BY:	David Clark

Meeting Context

FASS SS Code Working Group Meeting was held virtually. Meeting facilitated by Carole Devlin.

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introduction
- All-Island System Services Supplier Charge
- AOB

Minutes

Welcome and Introduction

- CD welcomed the group and voiced over the Agenda, Scope, Table of Contents and Market Rules & Code Development PIR extract (slides 2-5).
- CD highlighted that the TSOs are awaiting agreement from the RAs in relation to the Programme Schedule and that changes to the PIR would be shared as soon available. CD also noted that delivery date for the final Plain English Version will be extended from end of June.
- BM highlighted the TSOs should not use the term “preferences” in the Chapter 8 title “TSO Operational Preferences”. CD noted and agreed to amend this.
- CD asked the group if there was any feedback on the previous Meeting Minutes and Comments Log. PH noted that these documents are very helpful and appreciated.

All-Island System Services Supplier Charge

- CD talked the group through the All-Island System Services Supplier Charge content. CD highlighted the statement on a potential capital shortfall is as per the Trading and Settlement Code (T&SC).
- AB queried how the TSOs will inform people should the charge rate be adjusted and requested clarity regarding whether a within year adjustment could be at any time? AB further queried the frequency of the FASS Charge reviews? RP responded that the review will be done on 6-monthly basis as a minimum but that the TSOs will monitor money out on FASS and money in on Supplier Charge and in the case that there was an over/under recovery beyond preset limits, it would trigger a review of the FASS Charge. AB added further that this implies a review could be done adhoc and asked how would this be communicated to industry? RP responded that the TSOs intend to follow the existing System Support Services (SSS) / Transmission Use of System (TUoS) processes in communicating updates to industry.
- CF highlighted that a lot of suppliers would be nervous of the fact that changes to tariffs could occur with little notice. He also asked if the TSOs could provide insight on the levels of change to be expected. RP replied that no detailed costings are available at present and also pointed out that DS3 costs are recovered via TUoS and SSS tariffs. As the FASS Charge will be split out from the SSS/ TUoS tariffs, it will be smaller than these tariffs. CF further queried what is the proportion of TUoS/ SSS charges is made up of DS3 costs. RP to take point away and check with the Regulation teams.
- EC asked how long the notice period will be for any charge rate changes? RP noted the TSOs intend stick to the existing minimums but agreed to check with Regulation teams and revert to the working group with confirmation of this. EC added that Suppliers are required to provide a minimum notice period of 30 days to customers for any rate adjustment.
- PH asked if it is planned that suppliers will be billed at end of month and providers of services will be paid in the following month i.e. is money taken in by TSOs in month 1 and paid out to suppliers in month 2. RP confirmed that the TSOs will recover the money from Suppliers before the Providers are paid.
- PH questioned if the TSOs would use the working capital fund to manage monthly differences, once the fund was exhausted, would the TSOs then pro-rata payments to System Services providers. RP replied that the TSOs would use the working capital fund as described on a monthly basis but would use the within year/ quarterly adjustments to manage expenditure long before the working capital fund would be exhausted. PH queried the processes for ‘topping back up’ the working capital fund after it has been used before pro-rata payments kick in. RP agreed to take away the point on ‘topping back up’ the

working capital facility with the Finance teams. ND highlighted that pro-rata payments are a last resort. The TSOs will regularly review monies in/out and will put in place a within year adjustment before the working capital fund is exhausted. PH further queried if there could ever be a pro-rata applied to provider payments, particularly in the first few months of DASSA go live where it may be difficult to forecast the market costs. RP noted that TSOs do not foresee a situation where they would be using a pro-rata payment reduction in the first few months of the DASSA. The TSOs are taking a very conservative approach in sizing the working capital facility so there should not be a scenario where the TSOs it is exhausted.

- PH asked if the working capital fund is separate for System Services? RP confirmed yes this is the case.
- PH queried if it is just the System Services Charge rate that will be published i.e. not the estimated market cost? RP confirmed yes, only the Charge rate will be published.
- BM highlighted that it would be useful to see the forecast costs for charge rates to indicate what would be required for working capital fund. BM further queried if the pro-rata is going to be applied to all sections of FASS i.e. long-term contracts such as LCIS as well as the DASSA. RP responded that the TSOs will have to take away this point and discuss internally. RP further added this is an extreme last resort that has never happened but the TSOs will need to consider this. BM agreed and added this will need to be included in the SSC.

AOB

- ND added for anyone in the Working Group to email the TSOs at the shared mailboxes if they have any further questions.
- CF had a query in relation to Secondary Trading and Scarcity Pricing that was not a topic of discussion for this working group and suggested submitting the query by email. ND agreed that this would be best.

Actions:

1. TSOs to amend the title for the Proposed new Chapter "TSO Preferences" in the PEV.
2. TSOs to confirm with Regulation teams what proportion of TUoS/ SSS charges is made up of DS3 costs.
3. TSOs to confirm with Regulation teams how long the notice period will be for any charge rate changes.
4. TSOs to confirm with Finance teams the processes for 'topping back up' the working capital fund after it has been used before pro-rata payments kick in.
5. TSOs to consider whether forecast costs for charge rates can be provided.
6. TSOs to investigate if pro-rata payments would apply to all sections of FASS i.e. long-term contracts such as LCIS as well as the DASSA.