



Trading and Settlement Code Modifications Committee  
C/O Aisling O'Donnell  
SEMO Modifications Committee Secretariat  
The Oval  
160 Shelbourne Rd  
Dublin 4

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Our Ref: 39326

**Re: Modification Proposal Mod\_25\_09 (Publication of Two-Year Generation Outage Plans)**

Dear Aisling,

On 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009, the Modifications Committee submitted its Modification Recommendation Report with regard to a Modification Proposal, Mod\_25\_09 (Publication of Two-Year Generation Outage Plans), in accordance with paragraph 2.213 of the SEM Trading and Settlement Code (the Code).

This Modification Proposal, raised by ESB Customer Supply, seeks to require each System Operator to submit to the Market Operator outage plans for two years ahead, which are then made public at least two months before the start of each Year by the Market Operator.

The SEM Committee notes that the Modifications Committee voted by majority to recommend the Modification Proposal to the Regulatory Authorities (RAs) for approval. The SEM Committee also noted that this recommendation is subject to appropriate amendments being recommended for approval by the relevant Grid Code Review Panel/s.

In response, on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009, the SEM Committee issued a letter which concluded by saying that *"the RAs await the receipt of appropriate proposals for amendments to the Grid Codes before a final SEM Committee decision on the proposals set out in the Modifications Committee's report FRR\_25\_09 can be made"*.

The SEM Committee now understands that these amendments to the Grid Codes have been discussed by both Grid Code Review Panels and we now are requesting a written update on such discussions.

Due to this, the Final Recommendation Report that is currently with the RAs for decision is not fully developed and under paragraph 2.218 of the Code, the RAs deem that further work is required on the Modification Proposal. A revised Final Recommendation Report should be sent to the RAs for decision.

As part of the further work, the Modifications Committee might also give consideration to whether the obligation should be limited to transmission connected generators or whether it

should also apply to distribution connection generators and whether a De Minimus level would appear sensible.

Yours sincerely,

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