

# Balancing Market Principles Statement

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## Consultation on Revisions

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Opening: 10 January 2019

Closing: 5pm 7 February 2019



## Introduction

The SEM Committee has highlighted the importance of transparency within the new market arrangements. SONI and EirGrid's Balancing Market Principles Statement (BMPS) is a comprehensive transparency resource. The purpose of the document is to increase awareness and visibility of the Transmission System Operators' scheduling and dispatch processes.

Our intention is that the BMPS is informative and comprehensive, striking a balance between detail on the technical complexity of the scheduling and dispatch process and accessibility for informed industry participants. EirGrid and SONI have worked closely with the Regulatory Authorities in developing the document.

The format, style and content of the document were consulted before Version 1.0 of the document was published in 2017. [Version 2.0 was published in April 2018](#) following consultation on revisions.

The purpose of this consultation is to present a number of revisions to the BMPS and to seek feedback on those revisions.

## Proposed Revisions

All proposed revisions are highlighted as tracked changes in the consultation version of the document, Version 2.1, 10 January 2019. There are numerous minor edits to the document to ensure it is contemporary e.g. to reflect the cutover to the revised market arrangements on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. A summary of other proposed revisions in the document are shown in the following table.

Section	Update / Reason for Update
Important Information	New versions of SONI and EirGrid Grid Codes published. Introductory text updated.
Terms and Definitions	Clarification of definitions and terms used in the document. The term 'System Support Services' is also clarified throughout the document.
3.1.1 Priority Dispatch	Footnote removed as solar and tidal generation is included in the diagram and text.
3.2.5 Unit Under Test Notification	Added reference to Unit Under Test Guidelines.
3.4.5 Interconnector Technical Data and	Updated link to SEM-GB Joint Implementation Group paper.

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3.46 Prices and Volumes for Cross-Zonal Actions	Updated link to SEM-GB Joint Implementation Group paper. Text on prices and volumes updated.
4.2 Input Data Processing	Added text on application of decremental prices to priority dispatch units.
4.3.1 Unit Commitment and Economic Dispatch	Clarification text added as a result of previous consultation.
4.3.2 Scheduling Run Types	Clarification text on horizon of LTS, RTC and RTD.
4.4.3 Timeframes	Clarification text informed by queries received.
4.5.3.2 Cost Minimisation	Clarification text added as a result of previous consultation.
5.3 Audit	Information on first audit included.
6 Publications	Numerous updates to include reference and links to new website and information published since Version 2.0.
Appendix 1.3	Reference to SEM-13-012 on Constraint Groups added.
Appendix 1.4	Reference to European Union (Energy Efficiency) Regulations 2014 added as a result of previous consultation. Reference to Energy Efficiency Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 added.
Appendix 2.1 Input Data Processing	Reference to further information on costs curves added. Reference to Unit Under Test guidelines added. Information on cross-zonal actions added (Note: BP_SO_11.4 is expected to be published in March).
Appendix 2.2 Scheduling	LTS information added. Additional references included.
Appendix 2.3 Dispatch and Control Actions	Additional references included. Information on cross-zonal actions added (Note: BP_SO_11.4 is expected to be published in March).

## Participating in this Consultation

The proposed revisions are presented for consultation by EirGrid and SONI in accordance with our Transmission System Operator Licence obligations (Condition 22B of SONI's and Condition 10B of EirGrid's TSO licences) and SEM Committee decision SEM-16-058 'Balancing Market Principles Statement Terms of Reference'.

Respondents should focus their feedback on the proposed revisions only. The [consultation report from the previous consultation](#) will provide an indication of previous feedback and out of scope comments. **Responses to this consultation should be sent to [BMPS@EirGrid.com](mailto:BMPS@EirGrid.com) or [BMPS@SONI.ltd.uk](mailto:BMPS@SONI.ltd.uk) before 5pm on Thursday 7 February.**

Please note:

- Late submissions will not be accepted to ensure a consultation report is compiled and issued to the Regulatory Authorities within 7 days of the closing date as required by our Transmission System Operator Licences.
- We intend to publish all responses to the consultation. If you do not want your response to be published please state this clearly in your response.
- We will submit all responses, the consultation report and a proposed new version of the BMPS to the Regulatory Authorities with the intention of publishing an updated BMPS in March 2019.



**Figure 1: Timeline to Publication of Version 3. \*Unless directed otherwise by the Regulatory Authorities**

## Future Revisions

We will continue to monitor, review and update the BMPS on an enduring basis, in line with our licence obligations. Any revisions which may be required will be subject to further public consultation and engagement with the Utility Regulator in Northern Ireland and the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in Ireland.