

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

26th May 2010

Our Ref: 39414

**SEM Committee Decision for the Regulatory Authorities in relation to Mod_25_09
(Recommendation Report FRR_25_09_V2)**

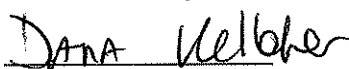
Dear Aisling,

On 18th May 2010, 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). Two RA letters have previously issued on this Modification, which are included in the appendix to this letter for completeness.

This Modification Proposal, raised by the TSOs, 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. It was acknowledged by the Modifications Committee that this information is indicative, however it is useful nonetheless. The SEM Committee notes that the Modifications Committee agreed unanimously that the Modification Proposal furthers the Code Objectives "*to facilitate the participation of electricity undertakings engaged in the generation, supply or sale of electricity in the trading arrangements under the Single Electricity Market*", "*to promote competition in the single electricity wholesale market on the island of Ireland*", "*to provide transparency in the operation of the Single Electricity Market*" and to "*promote the short-term and long-term interests of consumers of electricity on the island of Ireland with respect to price, quality, reliability and security of supply of electricity*" and that the modification should be implemented on a Settlement Day basis on the next Working Day after the Regulatory Authorities' decision is made.

Considering the above, and in accordance with paragraph 2.218 of the Code, the SEM Committee directs that a modification be made in accordance with the Final Recommendation Report of the Modifications Committee (FRR_25_09_V2), for the avoidance of doubt based upon the legal drafting set out in Section 9 of that report. The Regulatory Authorities therefore direct that a Modification be made on a Settlement Day basis with effect from the next Working Day after the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Dana Kelleher
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APPENDIX



Trading and Settlement Code Modifications Committee
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26th November 2009

Our Ref: 09057

Re: Modification Proposal Mod_26_09 (Publication of Two-Year Generation Outage Plans)


Dear Stephanie,

On 29th October 2009, the Modifications Committee submitted its Modification Recommendation Report with regard to a Modification Proposal, Mod_26_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 notes that this recommendation is subject to appropriate amendments being recommended for approval by the relevant Grid Code Review Panels. Therefore, 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_26_09 can be made.

Yours sincerely,


Sheensh Rooney
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28th March 2010

Our Ref: 39326

Re: Modification Proposal Mod_25_09 (Publication of Two-Year Generation Outage Plans)

Dear Aisling,

On 29th 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 Panels.

In response, on 26th 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 proposal set out in the Modifications Committee's report FRR_26_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 2.21B 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,

Shamagh Rooney
Manager – Wholesale Electricity Market