



Single Electricity Market

TERMS OF REFERENCE WORKING GROUP

MOD_14_19

INTERCONNECTOR REPRESENTATION ON THE MODIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

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1 INTRODUCTION

Modification Proposal Mod_14_19 Interconnector representation on the Modifications Committee was presented by Moyle Interconnector Limited at Meeting 93 of the Modifications Committee on 22nd August 2019.

The proposer delivered a [presentation](#) on this proposal describing the make-up of the Modifications Committee and changes between SEM and ISEM with Interconnectors owners being neither generators nor suppliers. They are more actively interested in the Trading and Settlement Code compared to the old SEM market, and given that Interconnectors are now balance responsible Participants in the market, consideration should be made for them to have a seat on the Modifications Committee, without impacting the quorum. Questions were raised on how to arrange for Interconnector owner representation given that only 2 parties exist in such category and should they instead be nominated alternating the Member and Alternate and represented as non-voting members such as the TSOs and the MDPs.

The proposer replied that the intention was to gain a voting seat because recent modifications have impacted them directly and it seemed clear that they should have a say.

The committee discussed the current set up of the Panel and how parties are represented. This is a wider issue than the one raised in the mod, and the proposal provides a good opportunity for a review of both voting rules and Panel composition. It was agreed that a Working Group should be convened to consider the constitution of the Modifications Committee and how it is elected more generally. The RAs also asked to specifically consider the voting mechanism currently assigning one vote per Participant, and the 'constituency' grouping. The RAs asked this to be discussed at the Working Group as an issue that had been already discussed at the Oversight Committee.

2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Modification Working Group are to:

- a) to provide an overview of the structure of the Modifications committee, why the proposal was raised and discuss the implications of appointing an Interconnector Member to the committee;
- b) to discuss the current set up of the panel and how existing parties are represented;
- c) to consider the constitution of the Modifications Committee and how it is elected more generally;
- d) to consider the voting mechanism during the elections currently assigning one vote per Participant;
- e) to discuss the 'constituency' grouping and how to achieve a fair and adequate representation;
- f) to make a recommendation to the Modifications Committee;

3 SCOPE

The scope of the Working Group will be limited to:

- a) A decision on whether an Interconnector Member can be appointed to the committee
- b) The current voting mechanism during elections
- c) The constituency grouping and adequate representation on the Panel

4 DELIVERABLES

- a) Working Group report detailing the discussion and outcome of the meeting
- b) Recommendation to the Modifications Committee
- c) Finalised drafting of a new Modification Proposal

5 STAKEHOLDERS

Market Participants, potential new entrants to the market, Market Operator, System Operators, Regulatory Authorities. Meter Data Providers and Interconnector Parties.

6 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) Working Group Chair – to be confirmed in advance of Meeting (as stated in section 7)
- b) Any stakeholders as outlined above to participate to achieve the objectives as per Section 2
- c) Secretariat to draft report and update Modifications Committee.
- d) Proposer to update and submit revised version of modification, if appropriate

7 RESOURCES

- Chair to be confirmed in advance of meeting
- Secretariat
- Proposer
- Market Participant representatives
- SO representatives
- MO representatives
- RA representatives
- Interconnector representatives
- Potential new entrants

8 WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

- a) Discussion on current structure of the panel and how each party is represented.
- b) Implications of appointing an Interconnector Member to the committee.

9 SCHEDULE

An initial half day Working Group meeting is proposed for 13th November 2019 to address the objectives of the meeting.

If further meetings are required to address the objectives in full, the timeline for further engagement will be defined at the initial meeting.

10 RISKS AND RESTRAINTS

There is a risk that the Working Group may stray beyond the objectives set out above into wider issues. If such a discussion occurs, the Chairperson will refer parties to the objectives and the scope of the Working Group.

The election process is complete for 2019 so a decision will need to be made if the seat will be available for this year and as such requiring an ad hoc election or apply this additional seat to be filled at the 2020 elections.