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## **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

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## **CAPACITY MARKET CODE MODIFICATIONS WORKSHOP 34 CONSULTATION COMMENTS:**

ID.	Proposed Modification and its	Impacts Not Identified in the	Detailed CMC Drafting Proposed
ID	Consistency with the Code Objectives	<b>Modification Proposal Form</b>	to Deliver the Modification

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## CMC\_24\_23: Revision of the Exception Application timelines

ESB GT believes this proposal is in line with CMC objectives specifically (b), (c), and (d).

As mentioned in our response to CMC-20\_23: Amendment to Timing of Opt Out Notifications ESB GT supports the rationale of making changes to the timings of the Exception Application Process to ensure owners of the aging plants are able to fully assess the economic considerations of continuing the operation of a generation unit for another year.

The current process where the Opt-Out Notification Date is in advance of the Exceptional Application Decision Date does not properly recognize the risks facing the current conventional generation portfolio on the island of Ireland and the costs associated with the keeping these aging plants operational and therefore contributing to the security of supply.

ESB GT supports the rationale of this proposal and agrees with the proposer that Opt-Out notification should be made after the Unit Specific Price Cap (USPC) application is assessed and a decision on that application is issued.

We note the recent consultation regarding the Introduction of the Intermediate Length Contracts which, if approved, may mitigate some of the risk associated with the current situation and potentially encourages investments into existing conventional generation fleet. While some older generation sites will be able to avail of this option and potentially prolong their operating life, other sites may not be suitable for such investment. These older sites could still significantly contribute to the security of supply and help to mitigate the adequacy deficit (as described in

While we support the rationale of the proposal, we believe the publication of the Initial Auction Information Pack (IAIP) should be the first step in the auction timeline process to ensure the Existing Capacity Price Cap has been published and the application for the Unit Specific Price Cap can be submitted by reference to the published position of the RAs regarding that price cap.

#### **Proposed Auction Timeline:**

- 1. IAIP publication date
- 2. Exception Application Date
- 3. Exception Application Decision Date
- 4. Opt-Out Notification Date
- Qualification Application Date
- 6. Provisional Qualification Result Date
- 7. Final Qualification Submission Date
- 8. Final Qualification Results
  Date

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the recently published
Generation Capacity Statement
2023 – 2032) to overcome the
time where the new and
refurbished generators are
being delivered.
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ESB GT understands the current
Exception Application process is
both labour and time intensive
and believes RAs should
undertake a comprehensive
review that should seek to
streamline the process to the
benefit of all market
participants, the TSOs and the
RAs.