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Sent by email: John.Ging@Eirgrid.com

Re: Greenlink Interconnector Project

Dear John,

We refer to your letter dated 26 September 2022, setting out specific regulatory decisions related to market design that EirGrid believes can be applied directly to the Greenlink Interconnector without the need for amendment.

One of the two decisions that EirGrid set out is [CER-17-280](#) “Decision on the SEMOpx proposal for Clearing and Settlement Arrangements”.

This decision contained the CRU approval of SEMOpx’s proposed cross border clearing and settlement arrangements, under Article 77 of the CACM regulation. An equivalent approval decision was also issued by UR. SEMOpx’s proposal described the operation of the relevant articles in CACM regarding cross-border shipping, clearing, and settlement and discussed the various shipping and Central Counter Party (CCP) models used elsewhere in Europe.

The second decision that EirGrid set out is the decision contained in Section 2.4 of [SEM-15-064](#) “Energy Trading Arrangements Detailed Design – Building Blocks Decision Paper”. This section deals with Interconnector Loss Factors and reflects the SEM Committee decision that losses will be modelled separately on the Moyle and East-West Interconnectors, as opposed to the use of a single loss factor for the two.

CER-17-280 was not specific to any interconnector and as such we confirm that it can be applied to the Greenlink Interconnector. SEM-15-064 did refer specifically to the two interconnectors in existence at the time, but the rationale for the decision also applies to other interconnectors between the SEM and GB, and we therefore confirm that it can be applied to the Greenlink Interconnector also.

Furthermore, we confirm that these two decisions apply not only to the Greenlink Interconnector but to any further GB-SEM interconnectors, subject to any future policy developments that might interact with, or create the need to amend, them.

We would like to thank you and your team for your engagement on this matter and look forward to the continued work on the Greenlink integration project. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information regarding this decision.

Yours Sincerely,

(no signature required – sent by email)

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