



IWEA response to the SEM Committee Consultation on the TSC Operational Parameters 2012

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The Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the SEM Committee Consultation on the TSC Operational Parameters 2012.

IWEA does not have any particular concerns with the proposals in this consultation document, however we would like to make the following comments:

- 1) It is not clear how capacity payments for the Interconnector Under Test will apply. If the testing profile will not be included in the market schedule, we would expect that the interconnector is not eligible to receive capacity payments. If this is not the case, we would propose that any capacity payments collected by EirGrid/SONI should be returned to the customers paying for the interconnectors.
- 2) The RAs should consult on testing tariffs for interconnectors – these tariffs should reflect the costs the testing imposes on the system. As the proposal is that they won't be included in the Market Schedule, the constraints cost and additional admin costs imposed by this testing should be recovered.