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### **SEM Testing Tariffs**

Seán,

Endesa Ireland welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Consultation Paper on SEM Testing Tariffs.

Endesa Ireland generally agrees with the methodology set out for the calculation of testing charges and appreciates the clarity with which it is set out.

However, the proposed tariff for commissioning of a large unit (>450MW) results in an increase of 15% from the existing tariff. Endesa Ireland argues that this increase cannot be accommodated for those projects that have committed to their investment and have already finalised their project budget.

Therefore Endesa Ireland proposes that any changes to the commissioning tariffs should only be applicable to those generators that have not yet committed to proceeding by the date the SEM Committee decision is published. Generators that have received board approval to proceed with the project, based on existing costs, should not be subject to the new tariffs, as these increases will put the projects at risk.

If you have any queries on this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Deirdre Powers'.

Deirdre Powers