



**IWEA response to the SEM Committee consultation on Imperfections Charges for October 2013 to  
September 2014**

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The Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the SEM Committee consultation on Imperfections Charges for October 2013 - September 2014.

IWEA is Ireland's leading renewable energy representative body representing more than 200 members involved in wind and renewable energy development in Ireland and Northern Ireland (through the Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group (NIRIG), set up in collaboration with Renewable UK). IWEA represents members with projects across the spectrum, in operation, under construction and awaiting connection.

In Ireland IWEA members are involved in the majority of connected projects but also involved in more than 85% of the MW of currently grid contracted projects. Through NIRIG we represent more than 25 company members that have developed over 85% of renewable generation operational in Northern Ireland today and who will contribute a significant majority of renewable energy required to deliver the 2020 targets.

The IWEA membership base includes all large, medium and many small developers as well as financial, legal advisory, consultancy, contractors and other service providers involved in the renewables sector in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

IWEA welcomes that the total imperfections revenue requirement for 2013/14 has reduced from the previous year. IWEA would like to take the opportunity of this consultation to highlight the need for timely grid build-out. IWEA notes that the constraints costs have increased from those predicted for 2012/13 and suggest that this cost can be reduced by ensuring grid development is carried out in a timely manner.