



IWEA response to the consultation on the Terms of Reference for the SEM Market Audit 2014

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The Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Terms of Reference of the SEM Market Audit.

IWEA recommends that Option 3 from the consultation paper be chosen - **Option 3 Core SEMO Audit plus limited expansion to cover Dispatch Instructions**. It is timely that an audit of dispatch instructions is carried out to ensure that the correct dispatch instructions are being carried out in relation to deviating from the market schedule, priority dispatch, managing short term issues such as unit trip etc. These decisions can have material impact on generators in the market.

However, bearing in mind the upcoming market changes through the I-SEM project, and the introduction of new market arrangements in 2016, the benefits of carrying out an audit of the dispatch instructions should be assessed against the associated cost. The timelines for implementation of any recommendations coming out of the audit may be limited, but may be useful input to the design phase of the new market arrangements.

IWEA also notes that the SEM Market Audit includes that failure to update the Auction Management Platform should constitute a general systems failure.