

**CRONALAGHT WINDFARM**  
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Re: Submission on

**Integrated Single Electricity Market (I-SEM)**

**Consultation on the Aggregator of Last Resort Framework**

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Gineadoir Gaoithe Teoranta welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the **Aggregator of Last Resort Framework (AOLR)**.

Gineadoir Gaoithe Teoranta (GGT) is Ireland's oldest private financed windfarm, having started operation in 1997. It is a 5 MW windfarm on Cronalaght Mountain at Gweedore, Co. Donegal. Cronalaght windfarm has been **out of support** since 2011 and has a Power Purchase Agreement until the 31.12.2016 with a Supply company as a De Minimis windfarm, whereby the production can be offset as negative demand. It has not been possible to get a PPA beyond that date due to the uncertainty about the operation of the I-SEM.

WE are very concerned that the new proposed market will not allow Cronalaght windfarm to continue to be financial viable; as turbines gets older they require higher maintenance cost and the latest development with proposed much higher rates payable to the local Authority , will mean higher again operation cost.

The concerns in particular with the AOLR will be the structure, cost and transparency of operating in same. It may be the De Minimis generators do not need to enter the market, if it continues to be attractive for Supply companies to offset the production as Negative Demand. However, to have an alternative, it is necessary to have a well functioning, cheap AOLR.

In general, we support the IWFA response to this consultation.

Yours sincerely

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