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Dear Ms Greer and Ms Gallagher,

Re: RES Response to I-SEM Roles and Responsibilities Consultation Paper (SEM-15-016)

RES is one of the world's leading renewable energy developers working across the globe to develop, construct and operate projects that contribute to our goal of a sustainable future. We have a portfolio of low carbon energy technologies and a range of services which together can meet demand from the industrial, public and commercial sectors on whatever scale.

RES has been an established presence at the forefront of the wind energy industry for over three decades.

Our core activity is the development, design, construction, financing and operation of wind farm projects worldwide. RES has developed or built over 9GW of wind energy worldwide and we have several thousand megawatts under construction and in development, we continue to play a leading role in what is now the world's fastest growing energy sector. RES is also involved in the solar, offshore wind, wave and tidal sectors, as well as developing storage and demand-side response offerings.

RES has been developing wind projects in Ireland since the early 1990s, and has developed 20 operating wind farms totalling 274MW. RES currently operates over 100MW's of wind capacity in Ireland. In addition RES has gained planning permission for a further 112MW which is awaiting construction, and has 50MW currently in the planning system in Northern Ireland.

Based in Larne, County Antrim, the team comprises 25 staff covering environmental, planning, technical, legal, commercial, project management, construction, operations and administration disciplines.

RES welcomes the opportunity to respond to the SEM Committee consultation on I-SEM Roles and Responsibilities. It is essential that there is clear definition of the roles and responsibilities of the different parties in I-SEM and that these roles are allocated in the appropriate manner. In areas where there is any potential conflict of interest regulatory oversight will have a critical role to play.

It is also important to recognise the size of the I-SEM market when compared to other markets, and to recognise where efficiencies can be made through a reduced number of entities required to carry out the different market functions or through existing entities providing services. Therefore it is important to look at

areas where efficiencies can be made, noting that this may have additional requirements of increased regulatory oversight to ensure any potential conflicts of interest are appropriately managed.

RES is fully supportive of the IWEA position and consultation response.

Yours sincerely,



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