



All interested parties,
stakeholders in Ireland and beyond,
and other regulatory bodies

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Dear All,

Approval of the 3rd Amendment to the Core Fallback methodology

On 13 June 2024 the CRU received a proposal for the 3rd Amendment of the Core Fallback methodology from the Irish TSO, EirGrid, in line with Article 44 of the Guideline on Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management (the CACM Regulation)¹.

This letter sets out the CRU's decision to approve the 3rd amendment to the Core Fallback Methodology proposal, pursuant to Article 9(6) and Article 9(10) of the CACM Regulation.

Background

The TSOs of the Core Capacity Calculation Region (Core TSOs) submitted the proposed 3rd amendment to the Core fall back methodology to the Core National Regulatory Authorities (Core NRAs).

The proposed 3rd amendment makes a number of changes to the existing Core Fallback methodology.

- Art. 1. Subject matter and Scope – The Shadow Allocation Rules (SAR) shall include the related regional and/or border specific annexes.
- Art. 4. Regional specificities – Regional specificities may be introduced for one or more bidding zone borders.
 - A new regional specific annex for the Core CCR to the Shadow Allocation Rules, was included in annex 6 to the SAR.
- Art. 7. Participation Agreement Conclusion – The participation agreement shall be singed with handwritten signatures or qualified electronic signatures.

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 of 24 July 2015 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management

- Art. 9. Submission of information – The required information was complemented;
- Art. 18. General provisions for Shadow Auctions – The provisions regarding performing shadow auctions on the Slovenia-Italy border in case of market coupling unavailability or in the case where it is known that single day ahead coupling will not be available for the next sessions were removed.
- Art. 21. Default bid – The provisions concerning additional criteria and rules for the Allocation Platform to decide which bid shall be rejected in case where the Information system rules allows the submission of bids with the same bid price by one registered participant were removed.
- Art. 26. Notification of Shadow Auction results – the timing to publish shadow auction results, previously set in the core fallback approved documents was explicitly mentioned to be 2:20PM;
- Art. 32. TSO Designation – The TSOs by these provisions are now listed in the related regional annexes to the SAR
- Art 41. General principles on invoicing and payment – New provisions for the registered participants to inform the Allocation Platform of any local, intra-community or extra-community taxes and levies which are in line with the legislation of the Registered participants country of establishment, were added.

Our Decision

The CRU has reviewed the proposal in line with the requirements of the CACM Regulation, the wider objectives of the Regulation (EU) 943/2019², and the CRU's statutory duties and obligations.

The CRU has closely cooperated and coordinated with the relevant Regulatory Authorities to reach an agreement on the Core TSOs Proposal for the 3rd amendment of the Core Fallback Methodology submitted in accordance with Article 44 of the CACM Regulation.

During the consideration of the amendment by the Core NRAs a number of issues with the drafting were identified and a direct amendment of the proposal was carried out by the Core NRAs to rectify these issues, the details of these amendments are outlined in the joint position paper of the Core NRAs, this position paper is attached to this decision as an annex.

² REGULATION (EU) 2019/ 943 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL - of 5 June 2019 - on the internal market for electricity



The Core NRAs, including the CRU have cooperated closely to produce a joint position paper which is attached as an Annex to this decision. The Core NRAs through the Core Energy Regulators Regional Forum (CERRF) voted unanimously to approve the amendment in line with the rules of procedure of the CERRF. The voting was carried out between 13th December 2024 and 20th December 2024.

In line with the relevant Regulatory Authorities agreement, the CRU hereby approves the 3rd Amendment of the Core Fallback methodology as amended by the Core NRAs.

Next Steps

In accordance with this decision, the Fallback procedures proposal will take effect following approval by all relevant Regulatory Authorities. This decision will be posted on the ACER Monocle market monitoring platform and EirGrid must publish the proposal on the internet in line with Article 9(14) of the CACM Regulation. The proposal must be implemented by the date when the commercial go-live of the SEM-FR border and the addition of that border to the Core CCR.

If you have any queries regarding the information contained within this letter or the Core National Regulatory Authorities opinion, please contact jconneally@cru.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities.