

Retail Tariff Timetable 2010

Information Note

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INTRODUCTION

New regulated retail tariffs are due to come into effect in the Single Electricity Market (SEM) from 1st October 2010. In order to provide clarity and transparency to the industry, the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) and the Utility Regulator (UR) are today publishing the 2010 retail tariff timetable, which sets out the key milestones in the retail tariff setting process for the SEM.

RETAIL TARIFF SUMMARY TIMETABLE 2010

The draft retail tariff timetable sets out the dates for publication of all component elements of the tariffs. The timetable and the dates for publication of all tariff elements are shown in the table below. The timetable also sets out the dates for the Directed Contract and PSO auctions for Contracts for Difference (CfDs) from which both regulated supply businesses north and south purchase.

Draft Retail Tariff Timetable 2010		
Contracting in the SEM	Date	
Non-Directed Contract Auctions (Multilateral Trading Facility)	Ongoing ¹	
PSO Auctions – Annual Products	Mid June – Early July ²	
PSO Auctions – Bi-Annual Products	3 Weeks in Sept 3 Weeks in March	
PSO Auctions – Quarterly Products	1 Week in Sept, December, March and June	
Directed Contract Auctions	Thursday 29 th April – Monday 24 th May	
Supplemental Directed Contract Auctions	Tuesday 1 st June – Friday 4 th June	
ROI Required Tariff Inputs		
CER publications	Consultation Date	Decision Date
PES Allowed Revenue	June ‘10	July'10
PSO Levy	Beg June'10	Beg July'10
Transmission Use of System Charges (incl. Capacity Margin Charge)	NA	June'10 ³
Distribution Use of System Charges (incl. DLAFs)	NA	June'10
SEM publications	Consultation Date	Decision Date
Market Operator Charges	Beg June'10	Wk Commencing 6th Sept
Imperfections Charges	Beg June'10	Wk Commencing 2nd Aug
Capacity Charges	End May'10	Wk Commencing 2nd Aug

¹ An information note providing more specific details on NDC Auctions for 2010/11 is to be published on the All Island Project website – www.allislandproject.org

² Above information note will also include specific dates for PSO auctions

³ The CER is currently reviewing the final approach for setting the Transmission and Distribution tariffs, for the tariff period Oct 2010- Sept 2011, under PR3. Further information will be provided in the first hedging update.

PES submit proposed 2010/11 tariffs	Friday 20th Aug ‘10	
ROI Retail Tariffs Published	Friday 3rd Sept ‘10	
New ROI Retail Tariffs come into effect	Friday 1 st October ‘10	
NI Required Tariff Inputs		
UR publications DUoS Tariffs: Supplier TUoS Tariffs: PSO Tariffs: SSS Tariffs:	Consultation Date N/A N/A N/A N/A	Decision Date Wk Commencing 2nd Aug Wk Commencing 2nd Aug Wk Commencing 2nd Aug Wk Commencing 2nd Aug
SEM publications Market Operator Charges Imperfections Charges Capacity Charges	Consultation Date Beg June’10 Beg June’10 End May’10	Decision Date Wk Commencing 6th Sept Wk Commencing 2nd Aug Wk Commencing 2nd Aug
NIEES Submits Draft Tariffs for Approval	Wk Commencing 16 th Aug	
UR Approves NIEES Tariffs	Wk Commencing 30 th Aug	
NIEES Retail Tariffs Published	Wk Commencing 6 th Sept	
New Retail tariffs come into effect	Friday 1 st October	

PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION

The RAs consider that transparency represents a key founding principle for any effective competitive market and is essential in relation to the contracting process to foster retail competition to the benefit of all customers. Last year the RAs in an effort to increase transparency around the hedging activities of the regulated suppliers; NIE Energy Supply (NIEES) and ESB Customer Supply (ESBCS), published three contracting updates providing information on contracting levels.

The RAs are committed to maintaining transparency levels set last year and will publish five hedging updates in 2010. The dates for publication are set out below. These updates will be for both ESBCS and NIEES and will provide information on the hedging purchased and percentage hedge cover for regulated tariffs in each jurisdiction. In ROI this will cover domestic tariff categories as all business markets have been deregulated. In NI this will cover the regulated market sector.

Update Number	Date
1	End May 2010
2	End June 2010
3	End July 2010
4	End August 2010
5	End September 2010