

All interested parties,  
stakeholders in Northern Ireland,  
and other regulatory bodies.

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Date: 16 November 2018

To whom it may concern

**Approval of SONI TSO Proposal for Requirements for Generators Banding Thresholds in Northern Ireland in accordance with Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/631**

In accordance with Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/631, establishing a network code on the requirements of grid connection of generators (hereafter referred to as RfG code), on the 16 May 2018 the Utility Regulator (UR) received the TSO's (SONI – The System Operator in Northern Ireland) proposal for requirements for generators banding threshold in Northern Ireland (the RfG banding proposal.)

**Background**

This letter provides detail on the decision of the UR, on the RfG banding proposal put forward by SONI. The proposal was submitted in accordance with Article 5 of the RfG by the TSO which relate to Northern Ireland.

In accordance with Article 5 (3) of the RfG code, SONI conducted a public consultation on the banding thresholds for Northern Ireland from 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 until 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017<sup>1</sup>. The TSO received two responses during the consultation which were addressed in the TSO “Minded to” Position document of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017<sup>2</sup>.

The TSO and DSO thereafter consulted on non-exhaustive parameters from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018, as per the RfG<sup>3</sup>. The comments received from this consultation

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<http://www.soni.ltd.uk/media/documents/Consultations/NetworkCodeConsulation/RfG%20Banding%20Thresholds%20Consultation%20Northern%20Ireland.pdf>

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<http://www.soni.ltd.uk/media/documents/Consultations/NetworkCodeConsulation/RfG%20Banding%20Thresholds%20Consultation-Minded%20To%20Position-Northern%20Ireland.pdf>

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<http://www.soni.ltd.uk/media/documents/Consultations/NetworkCodeConsulation/RfG%20Parameter%20Consultation%20Northern%20Ireland.pdf>

indicated that the original banding thresholds from the TSO "Minded to" Position of 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 did not need to be changed.

## **Decision**

The UR has reviewed the RfG banding Proposal in line with the requirements of the RfG, the wider objectives of Regulation (EC) 2016/631 and the UR's statutory duties and obligations.

In line with the Regulatory Authorities' agreement, this letter approves SONI's proposal for the requirements for generators banding threshold in Northern Ireland.

## **Next Steps**

We request that SONI publish this decision on the RfG banding Proposal, on the internet.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Hedley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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