

# REVIEW OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM SECURITY AND PLANNING STANDARDS (TSSPS) - NIE NETWORKS CONSULTATION RESPONSE

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## **Consultation on Northern Ireland Transmission System Security and Planning Standards (TSSPS)**

### **NIE Networks' Comments on SONI's TSSPS**

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NIE Networks welcomes the opportunity to respond to SONI's Consultation on proposed changes to the Transmission System Security and Planning Standards (TSSPS).

#### **Introduction**

NIE Networks is the owner of the transmission system, and the owner and operator of the distribution system in Northern Ireland. We have a significant interest in SONI's Transmission System Security and Planning Standards and the potential impact on our own activities on both the transmission and distribution network. NIE Networks and SONI have a duty to co-ordinate their activities and work in partnership as detailed in the Transmission Interface Arrangements.

#### **General Comments**

We understand that this review and consultation is limited to updating the voltage step criteria with those specified in Engineering Recommendation (ER) P28/2. Having already updated our own Distribution System Security and Planning Standards to reflect the change from ER P28/1 to P28/2 in May 2020 we are very supportive of this change being carried out by SONI on the TSSPS to ensure consistency across the whole system.

We look forward to engaging with SONI during their full review of the TSSPS in due course and will continue to engage with them ahead of the consultation as we also carry out our own upcoming DSSPS review and consultation around ER G5 and P2. There are a number of issues to be considered in both reviews and documents including whether to treat 'storage' as a separate entity given the increasing demand for connection of this in NI.

We shall continue to support the development, maintaining and updating of ER P2/8 and other relevant Engineering Recommendations (EREC's) through our membership of the ENA to make sure they remain appropriate for the NI grid and welcome any engagement with SONI on this.



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