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Dear Sam

**Grid Code Modification Proposal : Notice of intention to disconnect due to retirement of plant.**

I refer to your correspondence to the Utility Regulator of 9 December 2015, seeking approval of a Grid Code modification resulting from :

- 22 October to 27 November 2015 consultation – Notice of intention to disconnect due to retirement of plant.

The Utility Regulator, having requested SONI to undertake a consultation seeking alignment on the clarity of plant retirement within the NI and ROI grid codes, has reviewed the SONI submission, the industry responses, and all additional information.

The Utility Regulator is satisfied that SONI has recommended these modifications for approval in accordance with the relevant provisions set out in the Grid Code and that the views of stakeholders have been adequately considered.

The proposed modification to the NI Grid Code is to reflect the timescales in the Ireland Grid Code for notice periods required.

These are :

- Registered Capacity greater than 50 MW require 36 months notice.
- Registered Capacity less than 50 MW require 24 months notice.

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The Utility Regulator approves the new section in the SONI Grid Code as described below

PC6.1.6

Any **User** proposing to de-rate, close, retire, withdraw from service or otherwise cease to maintain and keep available for **Dispatch** in accordance with good industry practice any **Generating Unit(s)** or **Controllable WFPS(s)** with **Registered Capacity** greater than 50 MW in aggregate shall give the **Transmission System Operator (TSO)** at least 36 calendar months' notice of such action and any **Generating Unit(s)** or **Controllable WFPS(s)** with **Registered Capacity** less than or equal to 50 MW in aggregate shall give the **Transmission System Operator (TSO)** at least 24 calendar months' notice of such action.

This clause shall be deemed effective from the date of this approval letter and incorporated into the next revised version of the NI Grid Code.

Yours sincerely



**Jo Aston**  
**Director of Wholesale Markets**

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Cc Paul Bell – Manager, Wholesale Operations