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SEMOpx Decision in relation to SEMOpx SPX_05_23 Greenlink Interconnector Implementation

Dear Exchange Members,

On 11th October 2023, SEMOpx submitted its Modification Proposal Form with regard to the SEMOpx Operating Committee Procedures in accordance with Paragraph J.2.1.1 of the SEMOpx Rules.

The Modification Proposal was discussed at the Exchange Committee Meeting 12 on 21 November 2023. The aim of the Modification is to update the SEMOpx Operating Procedures to accommodate all existing and future SEM-GB interconnectors, including the forthcoming Greenlink Interconnector, where references to interconnectors are made. The intended changes are scheduled to take effect in July 2024 to coincide with the planned Greenlink go-live date.

The updates are confined to the SEMOpx Operating Procedures, and it is assessed that no modifications to the primary SEMOpx Operating Procedures Glossary, SEMOpx Rules document, or SEMOpx Rules Glossary are necessary at this time.

A brief summary of the SEMOpx Operating Procedure change is provided below:

SEMOpx Operating Procedures:

The modification includes updates to text previously specifying a numerical count of interconnectors and removes references to specific interconnectors where relevant to enable the document to remain applicable with the addition of further SEM-GB interconnectors in the future.

- Appendix A: Schedule A.3: Intraday Auction Specifications; Contracts for Electricity: Coupling
- Appendix A: Schedule A.4: Intraday Auction Market Coupling Contract Specifications; Market Coupling Contracts: Coupling

By way of reference the term “Interconnector” is already defined in the SEMOpx Rules Glossary

Interconnector	means electric lines and electric plant used solely for conveying electricity from outside both Ireland and Northern Ireland directly to or from a substation located in either Ireland or Northern Ireland. ²
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The Proposer justified the Modification on the basis that it seeks to amend the SEMOpx Operating Procedures to ensure its continual relevance and applicability amidst the addition of new SEM-GB interconnectors, beginning with the Greenlink Interconnector in July 2024. The proposed changes aim to replace specific interconnector references with a generalised term “Interconnectors,” to avoid frequent updates with each subsequent interconnector addition. The intent is to simplify and make the SEMOpx Operating Procedures adaptable to future developments without necessitating iterative adjustments.

This modification proposal furthers the SEMOpx Principles (c) and (e) by ensuring:

- The SEMOpx Operating Procedure aligns with the market coupling arrangements that will exist between SEM-GB, not only with the introduction of the Greenlink Interconnector but also accommodating any future SEM-GB interconnectors.
- The SEMOpx Operating Procedures accurately reflect the system setup and capabilities without being tied to specific interconnectors, providing a flexible framework that stays relevant with the addition of new interconnectors like Greenlink and any subsequent additions in the future.

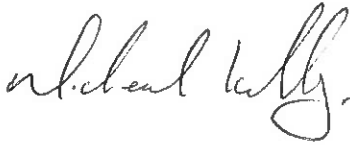
The below impacts were highlighted:

- The SEMOpx Operating Procedures require an update (this modification). There is no foreseen update to the associated SEMOpx Operating Procedures Glossary, SEMOpx Rules or SEMOpx Rules Glossary as the changes are limited to the Operating Procedures.
- SEMOpx will need to update and test market systems and service provider systems and interfaces that relate to interconnector capacities and settlement. These include ICMP and the SEMOpx website.
- SEM-GB regional procedures will need to be updated to include references to ‘Interconnectors’.
- SEMOpx will need to update internal training materials and internal procedural documents.

SEMOpx will need to update member training materials and SEMOpx website content.

Considering Modification Proposal SEMOpx SPX_05_23 and in accordance with Paragraph J.4.2.1 of the SEMOpx Rules, SEMOpx approves Modification Proposal SEMOpx SPX_05_23. As the changes proposed does not mention Greenlink specifically but refers to all SEM-GB interconnectors, it can be applied immediately to the SEMOpx Operating Procedure.

Yours sincerely,



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