

Balancing Market Principles Statement

Consultation on Revisions

Opening: 23 July 2020

Closing: 5pm 31 August 2020



Introduction

The SEM Committee has highlighted the importance of transparency within the new market arrangements. SONI and EirGrid's Balancing Market Principles Statement (BMPS) is a comprehensive transparency resource. The purpose of the document is to increase awareness and visibility of the Transmission System Operators' scheduling and dispatch processes.

Our intention is that the BMPS is informative and comprehensive, striking a balance between detail on the technical complexity of the scheduling and dispatch process and accessibility for informed industry participants.

The format, style and content of the document were consulted before Version 1.0 of the document was published in 2017. Version 2.0 was published in April 2018 and [Version 3.0 was published in June 2019](#) following consultation on revisions.

The purpose of this consultation is to present a number of revisions to the BMPS and to seek feedback on those revisions.

It is worth noting that no changes have yet been made in the BMPS to reflect Regulation 2019/943 in relation to dispatch and redispatch. At this time the consultation on the implementation of Article 12 'Dispatching of generation and demand response' and Article 13 'Redispatching' under the new Electricity Regulation which forms part of the Clean Energy Package is still underway. Once a definitive decision has been delivered, the BMPS will be updated to reflect any changes.

Proposed Revisions

All proposed revisions are highlighted as tracked changes in the consultation version of the document, Version 3.1, 8 July 2020. There are numerous minor edits to the document to ensure it is contemporary. A summary of other proposed revisions in the document are shown in the following table.

Section	Update / Reason for Update
Important Information	New versions of SONI Transmission Licence, and SONI and EirGrid Grid Codes published. Introductory text updated.
Terms and Definitions	Clarification of definitions and terms used in the document, and addition of newly introduced terms such as SOGL, EGBL and NCER. References to these terms have been updated throughout the document.
2.3 Efficient Operation of the SEM	Rephrased text from 'Third Electricity Directive' to 'Electricity Directive of the Third Energy Package'. Added a reference to Regulation 2017/1485 (SOGL)

2.4 Provision of Transparency	Added reference to Regulation 2017/1485. Rephrased text around Electricity Directive of the Third Energy Package
3.1.1 Priority Dispatch	Text updated to reflect that sub categories apply to solar and tidal in addition to wind, and introducing Power Park Modules as a collective name for solar tidal and wind.
3.2.1 Scheduling and Dispatch Policy Parameters	Text updated to reflect SEMC decision SEM-19-065 of 14 November 2019, deciding LNAF and SIFF will remain zero until 2021. Text has been updated throughout the document to reflect this decision.
3.2.4 Availability and System Services Capability Declaration	Footnote regarding the approach for solar generation updated to reflect current methodology
3.4.1 Demand Forecast	Text updated to reflect that demand forecasting is now also based on solar in NI jurisdiction
3.4.3 Constraints	Figure updated as Moneypoint Must Run constraint been renamed to 400 kV Network
3.4.4 System Service Requirements	Operating reserve requirement definition updated to be in line with the definition in the Synchronous Area Operational Agreement Article 3
3.4.5 Interconnector Technical Data	Reference to LFCBOA added
3.4.6 Prices and Volumes for Cross-Zonal Actions	Clarification text on system security added
4.2 Input Data Processing	Clarification text added on priority dispatch up to PN
4.3.2 Ramping Margin Tool	Section added on the new Ramping Margin Tool
4.4.4 Priority Dispatch	Reference added with information note on wind dispatch tool constraint groups
4.6 Data to Pricing and Settlement Systems	Short Term Reserve Requirement renamed with Operating Reserve Requirement Quantity to be in line with the Trading & Settlement Code definition. Addition of new text and image explaining MOD_19_19
5.3 Audit	Text updated to reflect current timeline in the audit

6.2 Operational Data	Reference to Information Note on Wind Dispatch Tool Constraint Groups added
6.4 Methodologies	Text updated to include methodologies from SAOA and LFCBOA
Appendix 1.1	CRU and UR decision on SAOA and LFCBOA added
Appendix 1.5	Regulation 2017/1485 added

Participating in this Consultation

The proposed revisions are presented for consultation by EirGrid and SONI in accordance with our Transmission System Operator Licence obligations (Condition 22B of SONI's and Condition 10B of EirGrid's TSO licences) and SEM Committee decision SEM-16-058 'Balancing Market Principles Statement Terms of Reference'.

Respondents should focus their feedback on the proposed revisions only. The [consultation report from the previous consultation](#) will provide an indication of previous feedback and out of scope comments. **Responses to this consultation should be sent to BMPS@EirGrid.com or BMPS@SONI.ltd.uk before 5pm on Monday 31 August.**

Please note:

- Late submissions will not be accepted to ensure a consultation report is compiled and issued to the Regulatory Authorities within 7 days of the closing date as required by our Transmission System Operator Licences.
- We intend to publish all responses to the consultation. If you do not want your response to be published please state this clearly in your response.
- We will submit all responses, the consultation report and a proposed new version of the BMPS to the Regulatory Authorities with the intention of publishing an updated BMPS in October 2020.



Figure 1: Timeline to Publication of Version 4. *Unless directed otherwise by the Regulatory Authorities

Future Revisions

We will continue to monitor, review and update the BMPS on an enduring basis, in line with our licence obligations. Any revisions which may be required will be subject to further public consultation and engagement with the Utility Regulator in Northern Ireland and the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in Ireland.