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Withdrawal Notification

Mod_07_21 Dispatchable Demand Generator Unit 2021

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EirGrid delivered a [presentation](#) on the Flextech project which is linked to the development of Mod_07_21 and advised that this project was about technology enablement and removing barriers for new technology.

EirGrid went through the slides advising that this was a multi-year project which would change across multiple systems. However some projects could lend themselves to interim solutions which are what has been explored with Batteries, with a detailed document of the approach taken being published before Christmas. This type of approach could also potentially be used for the Dispatchable Demand project at the center of Mod_07_21.

The Proposer of Mod_07_21 agreed that the above was a sensible approach and although it will take years to have final enduring solutions it was good that an interim solution is being explored. It was queried if there was a risk that a solution would be found and then it gets rejected by the panel. EirGrid agreed that full approval could never be guaranteed in advance, however with the right level of industry involvement any potential issues should be highlighted and addressed in a timely manner.

A Flexible Participant advised that industry involvement in the process was very important and that would provide answers to all of the questions before there is a vote from the Committee. EirGrid agreed noting that various form of engagements are being considered as a way to get industry on board.

The Proposer of Mod_07_21 noted that this Modification was ambitious and aimed at providing support to existing technologies, wind in particular. It's viability in the next phases would depend on the removal of supplier charges or imperfection charges that may apply.

RA Member noted that this project was quite timely but advice was given to be mindful of the Regulator interaction as early as possible, as the RAs would need time to consider changes in the area of tariffs and licensing. The idea of focus groups had already been prompted by the RAs where these types of discussions could be raised and SEMO Capital Programme could be considered.

EirGrid took an action to contact the RAs regarding these focus groups and who are the people to contact. A DSU Member agreed that this was this was a good way forward and that any process needed full industry engagement including RAs from an early stage. A concern around scope and what is being looked for was raised and agreed that a Working Group could address these concerns.

A number of the Members queried the timelines for this Working Group. Secretariat noted that the remainder of the year would be too busy to schedule a Working Group and next year would be more feasible.

It was agreed by all that it would not be wise to vote now as they would be voting on principle only which is not the purpose of the Committee; also some requests from the Proposer with regards to tariffs are outside the remit of the Committee as they are regulatory matters. The Proposer of Mod_07_21 agreed and believed that it was best to withdraw this Modification with a view to submit a more specific Modification in the future.

Decision

- The Proposal was withdrawn.