All interested parties,
Stakeholders in Ireland and beyond,
and other regulatory bodies

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To whom it may concern

**Request for Amendment to the all TSOs’ Proposal for classification methodology for the activation purposes of balancing energy bids**

On 17 December 2018, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) received the all TSOs’ proposal for classification methodology for the activation purposes of balancing energy bids in accordance with Article 29(3) of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 of 23 November 2017 establishing a guideline on electricity balancing (EBGL).

This letter sets out the CRU’s decision to request amendment to this proposal pursuant to Article 6(1) of Regulation 2017/2195 and outlines the necessary steps that must be taken.

**Background**

This proposal focuses on the classification of activation purposes of bids from the platform as required by Article 29(4). The proposal defines the approach how to differentiate the different activation purposes. Article 29(4) states that “For each balancing energy bid activated from the common merit order list, the TSO activating the bid shall define the activation purpose based on the methodology pursuant to paragraph 3.”

Article 5(6) of Regulation 2017/2195 requires the competent regulatory authorities to consult and closely cooperate and coordinate with each other in order to reach an agreement, and subsequently take national decisions within six months following receipt of the proposal by the last concerned regulatory authority. In this case, a national request for amendment, based on the agreement reached between the concerned regulatory authorities, is formally required by each regulatory authority by the 11 August 2019.

**Decision**

The CRU has reviewed the proposal in line with the requirements of the EBGL Regulation and the CRU’s principle objectives and duties. As required by Article 5(6) of Regulation 2017/2195, the CRU has closely cooperated with all Regulatory Authorities to reach an agreement on the proposal.
The all Regulatory Authorities’ agreement reached on 23 July 2019, attached as an annex to this decision letter, constitutes the reasons for the CRU’s decision and, in line with this agreement, the CRU hereby requests amendment to the TSOs’ proposal for classification methodology for the activation purposes of balancing energy bids.

Next Steps

In accordance with Article 6(1) of Regulation 2017/2195, the TSOs must make the amendments necessary to address the points set out in the all Regulatory Authorities’ agreement with the amended proposal required to be re-submitted to the CRU and the Agency within two months of this decision. If you have any queries regarding the information contained within this letter, please contact Thomas Quinn at tquinn@crui.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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