



CER Presentation to
Meitheal na Gaoithe

Gate 3 & Connection Policy

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Background to G1



- Gate 1 launched by CER end '04
- Offers to c. 33 wind farms, 390 MW issued in '05
- All offers accepted and being connected

Background to G2



- Nov. '05: CER launched G2 Consultation
- March '06: CER directed that 1st 500 MW in G2, with a commitment of more to come
- June '06: CER directed that applications which meet system optimisation criteria also in G2

= > 120 projects - 1,300 MW - in G2

Background to G2



- G2 connection offers issued from SOs from April '07
- 95 offers , 1,200 MW, accepted, only 4 rejected/withdrawn
- 19 offers still live, 122 MW



Statistics



Renewable Generation	Capacity MW
Already Connected	1,269 - incl. 1,002 wind
Contracted to Connect	1,447 - incl. 442 wind
Total	2,716

Plus 122 MW still live in G2





- On course for Govt. target of 15% of cons from renewables by 2010
- Total 5,800 MW of renewables needed for NEW Govt. target of 40% by 2020
- 9,200 MW deemed complete in queue

Options for G3



- 3 possible options for G3 discussed in Consultation published in December '07
- Proposed Direction in July '08 advocated 3,000 MW in G3 through GDS approach, to more than meet Govt. 33% target

Key Features for G3



- 2nd Proposed direction on Gate 3 published on 13th Nov.
- Provides for new Govt. 40% target and increases size of Gate to c. 3,900 MW
- Comments due by 21st Nov.
- Final Direction due end Nov.

Key Features for G3



- GDS - “build and they will come”
- GDS plans/builds efficient grid to 2025 to meet generation & load
- GDS on EirGrid website
- Plan/ build grid to 40% renewable target
- Include 3,900 MW of renewables in G3

Key Features for G3



- Select applicants by application date order - up to 15/11/07
- Allocate scheduled firm capacity for each G3 generator by date order
- Nodes to be set by system operators & published after final direction

Key Features for G3



- Transmission sub-group: generators can submit connection method suggestion within 30 business days
- System operators will meet G3 generators prior to offer to allow for undergrounding option of certain assets in offer



Key Features for G3



- Processing Fee only applies to projects in G3 - tiered from c. €9K to €86K
- If > 1 year before offer received, only pay €7K upfront and balance at start of year of offer issuance
- Statement of Land Access required

Key Features for G3



- Offer to issue from Nov. '09 to May '11
- All G3 projects must accept their offer within 50 business days
- Disputes must be lodged to CER within 25 business days - party must have made attempt to engage with SO

Key Features for G3

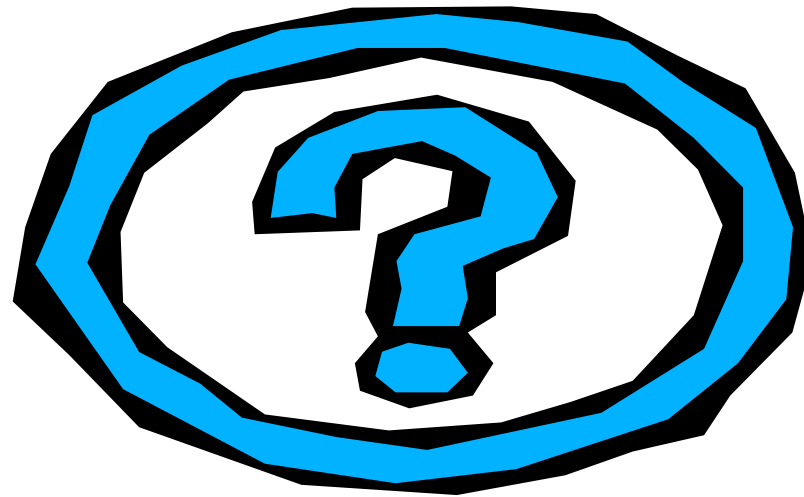


- Circa 6,000 MW of conventional gens to be included in ITC Programme
- Not all will receive an offer
- CER to consult separately on size and criteria for issuance of offers to conventional gens

Key Features for G3



- To recap:
 - ...G3 proposed direction allows for increase to Gate size to 3,900 MW using GDS approach...
 - ...21st Nov. is comment deadline...
 - ...Final direction at end Nov...



Questions and Answers

