



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



- Feb '07: CER published G2 Offer Prog & Pricing Principles
- G2 connection offers issuing from SOs from April '07
- 47 offers - 378 MW- accepted, 1 rejected
- 32 offers live with 7 in dispute
- 36 offers in process



<b>Renewable Generation</b>	<b>Capacity MW</b>
Already Connected	1,068 - incl. 801 wind
Contracted to Connect	783 - incl. 774 wind
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,851</b>

**Plus 960 MW live/in process in G2**





- On course for Govt. target of 15% of cons from renewables by 2010
- Total 4,400 MW needed for Govt. target of 33% by 2020 to be met
- 7,300 MW deemed complete in queue

## Options for G3



- 3 possible options for G3 discussed in Consultation published in December
- 17<sup>th</sup> December '07 is application cut-off for eligibility for G3 under any option



## Options for G3



- Option 1: Include small/large volume by application queue order
- Simple, Easy to Understand, Transparent, Fair, Speedy
- But...less optimal network, possible longer lead time for firm connection?

## Options for G3



- Option 2: Include by application queue order and system optimisation
- Fair, more efficient network
- But...less transparent/simple, takes longer to identify projects, could be limited if same optimisation as G2?

## Options for G3



- Option 3: GDS - “build and they will come”
- GDS models development of efficient network to 2025 to meet gen/load
- G3 projects granted firm connection in order of network dev. at each node via ITC, by application date

# Planning Permission



- Planning not a criterion for G1, G2 & not proposed for G3
- Should it be a criterion for future Gates?



## Fees/Data Required



- 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



## Fees/Data Required



- Must provide SOs with requested data within 20 business days
- Proof of Land Access required by EirGrid for T applicants - already required by ESBN

# Offer Acceptance & Dispute



- 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 first



# Gens Outside GPA



- Conventional Gens outside GPA
- Renewables can also apply to CER to be exempt
- In deciding whether such projects may be issued an offer, CER considers system/public benefit and impacts on renewables in queue

## Key Comments



- Comments “wide & varied” (!)
- Most in favour of GDS
- Clear, predictable, speedy programme for offer issuance
- Queue element to GDS strongly backed

## Key Comments



- However, some advocated system optimisation/scale/off-shore prioritisation
- Request made to allow applicants avail of any spare firm capacity in a year, even if less than their MEC applied for

## Key Comments



- None in favour of planning as a criterion for Gate 3.
- Applicant data timelines too tight
- Conv gens should not negatively impact on rens and should be subject to full rigours of Grid Code

# Key Comments



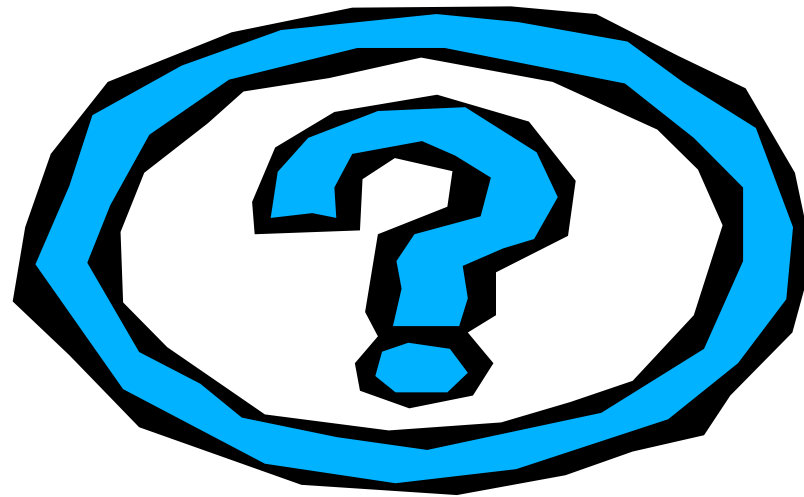
- Others comments:
  - Planning Criteria queried
  - Application Fees queried
  - Access Rights/constraints
  - Provide G3 plants with flexibility

# Proposed Direction



- Taking on board all comments
- CER will issue a detailed Gate 3 proposed direction for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of consultation
- Will include Workshop





*Questions and Answers*

