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RE: SONI Consultation on Outturn Availability Grid Code Modification

Dear Industry and Stakeholders,

On 29 September 2015, the SEMC published Decision Paper SEM-15-071 "Process for the Calculation of Outturn Availability". In this decision paper, the SEMC note that Outturn Availability is not defined in the Grid Code and requires that the TSOs, SONI and EirGrid bring forward a modification commensurate with this decision paper.

Outturn Availability is the name assigned in SEM to the set of availability data for the relevant day received by the SEM systems from the TSO systems following the end of that day. This set of data is subsequently used to develop the availability profile of each generator in the SEM.

The Grid Code does not currently refer to the term Outturn Availability, as the submission of data from the TSO systems to the SEM systems after the relevant day is not within scope of the Grid Code.

The Grid Code specifies in SDC1.4.3.2 that each generator should use reasonable endeavors to ensure that it does not at any time declare the availability at levels or values different to those that the generator could achieve at the relevant time, with a number of exceptions, which are listed in SDC1.4.3.3.

This modification proposes to add:

- the conditions set out in the SEMC decision paper as a further exception to clause SDC1.4.3.2,
- an additional clause, SDC1.4.3.9 under a heading Outturn Availability, and
- four definitions to the Glossary and Definitions for Annual Maintenance, Meshed Transmission Station, Outturn Availability and Outturn Availability Connection Asset.

The proposed amended texts of the Grid Code, with both clean and redlined versions showing all changes made to the existing version can be found on the SONI website. SONI would welcome comments from Users on any aspect of these amendments.

It should be noted that there is an ongoing consultation on Power Park Modules (PPM) that should be read in conjunction with this modification. The PPM modification has the potential to change the text 'WFPS' to 'PPM' in this Outturn Availability modification.

The consultation period will run for 6 weeks and all responses must be received by close of business on **28 March 2016**. Please send responses to john.ohiggins@soni.ltd.uk copying gridcode@soni.ltd.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sam Matthews – Chair SONI Grid Code

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