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Jamie Burke Commission for Energy Regulation The Exchange Belgard Square Tallaght Dublin 24

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## RE: Proposed RAs option for all-island harmonised Transmission Loss Adjustment Factors (TLAFs)

Dear Committee,

NOW Ireland, the National Offshore Wind Association of Ireland, is the representative body for enterprises developing offshore wind energy projects in Irish coastal waters, including SSE Renewables, Codling Wind Park, Saorgus Energy, Oriel Windfarm and Fuinneamh Sceirde Teo. The founding member companies of NOW Ireland are poised to make an investment in excess of €6 billion to develop over 2000 MW of offshore wind energy capacity in Ireland.

The members of NOW Ireland welcome the review of the All Island Transmission Use of System Charging and Loss Factors. NOW Ireland welcomes the move to a uniform TLAF as this will provide more stability and predictability. We agree with the view of our industry colleagues that a uniform TLAF of 1.0 would be preferable as it would add simplicity to a large number of other processes in the Market. This is essential for project developers to make investment decision and secure finance for projects.

We have consulted with our colleagues in the Irish Wind Energy Association and Meitheal Na Gaoithe on this issue and are fully supportive of the detailed submission the IWEA will be making in response to this consultation.

Yours Sincerely, NOW Ireland

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Policy Committee Chairman