

IWEA Response to the Consultation on SEMO Revenue and Tariffs for October 2010 – September 2013

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IWEA welcomes the opportunity from the Joint Regulatory Authority to respond to this consultation document. IWEA would like to note that it is essential that SEMO have sufficient resources to continue carrying out the good work that they have been doing. A reduction in SEMO resources may adversely impact market participants.

Ireland has a target of 40% electricity from renewables by 2020. It is widely acknowledged that wind energy will contribute the vast bulk of these targets. To that end it is vital that all mechanisms are in place to ensure adequate servicing of requirements for wind generators to access the market. While we have seen the level of activity required from SEMO in servicing the needs of the wind energy sector grow substantially in recent years, we would expect this to continue to grow as the sector develops and hence the number of market participants increases.

The industry has experienced improved service levels from SEMO, in particular in relation to the registration of market participants. This improved service level needs to be maintained as access to the market cannot be seen as a barrier to development of this sector. IWEA welcomes the recognition of the importance to continue to provide SEMO with the right incentives to maintain their current good performance.

IWEA would like to note the importance that appropriate investments are made to allow a robust market infrastructure to be developed. It is also important that a stable regulatory framework is provided that allows market development.

IWEA would request that SEMO be provided with sufficient resources to manage and develop the market to meet the additional obligations and the improved service levels which SEMO have delivered to participants to date.