

# **Single Electricity Market**

**Constraint Groups consultation**

**SEM Committee Cover Note**

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**SEM-12-076(a)**

## **Background**

On 21 December 2011 the SEM Committee published a decision paper on the treatment of constraints in tie-break situations. Section 4.2 of SEM 11-105 tasked the TSOs with the identification of up to three constraint groups, within which the tie-break dispatch rule-set for constraints would apply. This report was submitted to the SEM Committee and is now published as SEM-12-076.

SEM-12-076 sets out the TSOs' assessment of the constraint groups under the rule-set as set out by the SEM Committee in SEM-11-105. The report details that there is currently only one constraint group currently (located in Donegal) but, given the assumptions, that a second constraint group is expected to emerge in the South-West in 2015/2016 of the island following the completion of the 220kV station works in the area.

The TSOs are not proposing that a constraint group is created for Northern Ireland at the moment. The reason advanced is that although certain areas are susceptible to localised transmission congestion they do not appear to be sufficient to warrant the creation of a constraint group presently in the region.

The SEM Committee ask for stakeholders to content and proposals contained within SEM-12-076.

## **Next steps**

- The closing date for responses to SEM-12-076 is Friday 28 September 2012. Responses should be submitted to Jamie Burke in the CER ([jburke@cer.ie](mailto:jburke@cer.ie)) and Andrew McCorrison in the UR ([Andrew.McCorrison@uregni.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.McCorrison@uregni.gov.uk)).
- A final SEM Committee decision on the creation of constraint groups on the island is expected by Q4 2012.