



SEM Committee,
c/o Commission for Energy Regulation,
The Exchange,
Belgard Square North,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

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By email to: jburke@cer.ie

Re: Response to the "Treatment of Curtailment in Tie-Break situations ", SEM-12-028

Dear SEM Committee members,

I am an Environmental Consultant for WYG Planning & Environment (Ireland) Ltd. and I have worked on the preparation of Planning Applications and Environmental Statements for a range of Energy Project types including Wind Farm Developments throughout the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

I welcome the opportunity to respond to the SEM Committee consultation on the *Treatment of Curtailment in Tie-Break situations*.

I support the NIRIG response to this consultation and would like to reiterate that curtailment is a critical matter to be addressed to provide a stable policy framework to allow the industry on the island to move forward. I do believe linking curtailment to firm access will result in the required level of new renewable energy not materialising, which will negatively impact the consumer and prevent Northern Ireland from reaching their 2020 renewable targets.

I support the position taken by NIRIG on the options put forward and also support the proposal to vary Option 3. I believe this is a solution that represents an industry compromise position which importantly meets all of what I understand as the SEM Committee key objectives and strikes the right balance between addressing the curtailment issue and enabling the renewables industry advance in line with Government and EU policy and targets. I believe the NIRIG position can be supported by the SEM Committee and the industry as well as importantly providing the least impact on the consumer.

In conclusion I would like to thank the SEM Committee for the opportunity to engage on this issue and to highlight the particular importance of this consultation given the significant implications it has for the viability of the wind sector in Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely

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