



Briefing Note – 20/02/2015:

Publication of Remaining 2015 DS3  
Workstream Plans

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## **BRIEFING NOTE:**

### **Remaining 2015 DS3 Workstream Plans**

The TSOs have drafted the Voltage Control, Enhanced Performance Monitoring & Testing, RoCoF, Frequency Control and Control Centre Tools workstream plans. The TSOs and DSOs in Ireland and Northern Ireland are currently working through agreement of appropriate timelines and once these have been agreed between EirGrid, SONI, ESBN and NIE, the TSOs will be in a position to publish these plans. It is expected that these plans will be published by Q1 2015.

Following the publication of the remaining workstream plans, the TSOs will then publish the 2015 DS3 Programme Overview document. This document provides an overview of the scope of the DS3 programme, its objectives, key workstreams, the main tasks within the DS3 programme and the various interactions between workstreams.

### **System Services**

Following publication of the System Services SEM Committee decision paper on 19/12/2014 (see [here](#)), work has now begun on the implementation (Phase 2) of this project. As an initial step, EirGrid have been directed to submit a TSO Procurement Strategy document to the SEM Committee by Q1 2015 which would outline the proposed implementation plan as well as timelines and roles and responsibilities for this project.

In line with this, the TSOs are working on the 2015 System Services workstream plan – this will be published at the same time as the TSO Procurement Strategy following a review by the SEM Committee. It is expected that the TSOs will be in a position to publish this plan by early Q2 2015.

### **Operational Capability Metrics Outlook**

The TSOs are currently drafting a paper that will inform industry of the EirGrid/SONI view of how operational capability metrics for the Irish and Northern Irish power system are expected to change out to 2020. In particular, it will highlight the likely changes to the System Non Synchronous Penetration (SNSP) metric. The TSOs aim to publish this document within 20 business days of the publication of the 2015 Voltage Control, Enhanced Performance Monitoring & Testing, RoCoF, Frequency Control and Control Centre Tools workstream plans.