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**Clarification of the Grid Code**

**Clarification of the clause CC.7.3.1.1(s) with respect to Waste to Energy Plant**

Grid Code Version 3.5 states:

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| CC.7.3.1.1(s) | Time to Synchronise (from instruction) | hot: not greater than 3 hours  warm: not greater than 8 hours  cold: not greater than 12 hours |

At the GCRP #29, 13 October 2011, Indaver requested a clarification of the Grid Code clause CC.7.3.1.1(s). Indaver consider that the time to synchronise only refers to the alternator of the plant and as such they could keep their thermodynamic part of their plant operational (as this is their main business).

EirGrid consider that the practice to date in the Grid Code is that the thermodynamic aspect of the plant also needs to be cold but accept that Waste to Energy plant is different in this respect.  EirGrid accept that the literal definition in the Grid Code is consistent with Indaver’s interpretation but EirGrid noted that this meant that the Waste to Energy unit could not declare themselves available to generate electricity until their thermodynamic process was fully operational and stabilised.  Also this literal interpretation may cause difficulties into the future which may require subsequent modifications to address.