

SCHEDULE 10

**CONSTRUCTION, COMMISSIONING AND
CONNECTION**

Non-Contestable

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This schedule shall apply where Customers have elected that ESB executes the Contestable Components..

For the avoidance of doubt the Parties acknowledge and agree that:-

- *the Company shall undertake the Company's Connection Works and where appropriate the Deep Reinforcement Works as defined in the definitions section of the General Conditions to the Connection Agreement and as more particularly set out in the Offer Letter; and*
- *the Customer shall undertake the Customer's Connection Works as defined in the definitions of the General Conditions to the Connection Agreement and as more particularly set out in the Offer Letter.*

1 SITE SURVEY, CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

1.1 Site Survey and Investigation

The Customer shall within forty (40) Business Days or such other period as may be agreed by the Parties following execution of the Connection Agreement undertake a site survey and investigation for the site sufficient to provide all necessary data to the Company for the proper design of the Transmission Station Compound and provide three (3) copies of the site survey/site investigation report to the Company free of charge.

1.2 Site Conditions

The Customer acknowledges that it selected the Site at which the Facility is to be constructed and accordingly the Customer accepts full responsibility for the conditions of the Site and of any land required for the Company's Site-Related Connection Equipment (including but not limited to any toxic contamination) and agrees that the existence of any such condition which adversely affects the performance by:

- 1.2.1 the Customer of its obligations under the Connection Agreement shall not excuse any delay by the Customer in meeting its obligations under the Connection Agreement or give rise to any other right for the Customer under the Connection Agreement;
- 1.2.2 the Company of its obligations under the Connection Agreement shall excuse any delay by the Company in meeting its obligations under the Connection Agreement, and in the event that any such condition causes the Company to incur increased costs (as determined by the Company, acting reasonably) in meeting its obligations under the Connection Agreement in relation to the Company's Connection Works then the Connection Charge shall be increased by the amount of those increased costs (so determined).

1.3 Site Responsibility Schedule

- 1.3.1 As soon as reasonably practicable a Site Responsibility Schedule shall be prepared by the Company (reflecting the details agreed between the Company and the Customer) in respect of the Site pursuant to the Connection Agreement and signed by both Parties by way of confirmation of its accuracy, detailing the division of responsibilities at the interface site in respect of ownership, control, operation, maintenance and safety. The Customer shall provide to the Company upon request all such information as is required by the Company to enable it to prepare the Site Responsibility Schedule prior to the commencement of Works.
- 1.3.2 An ownership diagram shall be included in the Site Responsibility Schedule incorporating numbering, nomenclature and labelling. Apparatus to be shown and the preferred graphical symbols to be used shall be in accordance with the Company's standard practice.
- 1.3.3 A copy of the Site Responsibility Schedule and the ownership diagram shall be retained by the Company and by the Customer.
- 1.3.4 The Customer shall notify the Company of any changes at or relating to the Site which may affect the Site Responsibility Schedule or ownership diagram and the Company shall carry out any necessary updating and the principles set out in Paragraph 1.3 shall apply to such updating.
- 1.3.5 The Site Responsibility Schedule shall detail the demarcation of the responsibility for safety of persons carrying out work or testing at the Site on circuits which cross the Site at any point.
- 1.3.6 Safety procedures for all personnel working on or in close proximity of ESB Transmission System Plant and Apparatus are governed by the ESB Safety Rules.

2 CARRYING OUT OF THE WORKS

2.1 Company's Consents

- 2.1.1 The Company shall, immediately following satisfaction of the appropriate Conditions Precedent set out in the Connection Agreement, use prudent and commercial endeavours to obtain all such Consents (not being Operational Consents) as shall be required by the Company for the purposes of the Company's Connection Works no later than the CID Longstop Date (and shall thereafter maintain the same).
- 2.1.2 Where the Facility is a Power Station subject to the Firm/Non-Firm Direction or the Non-Firm Renewables Direction or the Non-Firm Peaking Plant Direction, although the obtaining and timing of Consents for the Deep Reinforcement Works are not required for the Operational Date they will be required for the Deep Operational Date.
- 2.1.3 The Company shall use prudent and commercial endeavours to obtain all such Operational Consents as shall be required by the Company for

the purposes of the Company's Connection Works during the Connection Works Completion Period. Where an Operational Consent is delayed the Company shall notify the Customer accordingly, advising it of any delays and/or costs that will arise by reason of the delay in the issue of an Operational Consent, and the Connection Works Completion Period shall be extended pro rata for the delay.

- 2.1.4 Where the Facility is a Power Station subject to the Firm/Non-Firm Direction or the Non-Firm Renewables Direction or the Non-Firm Peaking Plant Direction, the Company shall use reasonable endeavours to obtain all such Consents (including Operational Consents) as shall be required by the Company for the purposes of carrying out and completing the Deep Reinforcement Works.
- 2.1.5 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Paragraph 2.1 shall require the Company to obtain any Consent which the Customer is required to obtain pursuant to Paragraph 2.2.

2.2 Customer's Consents

The Company shall, if it has not already done so, within thirty (30) Business Days following satisfaction of the appropriate Conditions Precedent provide the Customer with the Outline Specification to include the functional specification and protection specification for the Connection to facilitate the Customer in applying for Consents. The Customer shall, immediately following satisfaction of the appropriate Conditions Precedent use its prudent and commercial endeavours to obtain all such Consents as shall be required for the purposes of the Customer's Connection Works and the Transmission Station (as shall be necessary to enable the Connection Works to be completed) no later than the CID Longstop Date and as otherwise required for the purposes of the Connection Agreement (and shall thereafter maintain the same). In making any application for Consents the Customer shall include in such applications a reference to any applications for planning permission consents which have been made by the Company and which have been notified to the Customer by the Company.

2.3 Advice and Assistance

Each Party, at its own expense, shall give advice and assistance to the other Party to the extent reasonably required by the other Party in the furtherance of their obligations under Paragraphs 2.1, 2.2 and 2.5. Each Party shall, as provided for in Paragraph 2.5, keep the other Party apprised (in reasonable detail) of its progress towards its satisfaction of its obligations under Paragraph 2.1 or 2.2 respectively. Further, each Party shall, without delay, notify the other Party on completion of their respective obligations under Paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 and the Customer shall provide to the Company such details as the Company may reasonably require of such Consents obtained by the Customer.

2.4 Transmission Station Compound

As soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event no later than twenty (20) Business Days after the Consents Issue Date, the Company shall advise the Customer of its requirements, the civil works specification, the electrical specification and the building services specification for the Transmission Station Compound Works in accordance with the detailed specifications which the Company shall use reasonable endeavours to make reasonably consistent with the Outline Specification and the preliminary drawings. In the event that, in obtaining Consents pursuant to Paragraph 2.1, conditions are imposed on the Company which mean that modifications will have to be made to the Transmission Station Compound, then the Company may advise the Customer of its revised requirements in accordance with Paragraph 2.7 following the Consents Issue Date. The Customer shall, in accordance with the Construction Programme, be obliged to carry out the Transmission Station Compound Works to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company. The Customer shall ensure that the construction contract permits changes of a non-substantive nature to be made by the Company during the carrying out of the Transmission Station Compound Works to improve the practical operations of the Transmission Station. Such changes shall be at the Customer's expense.

2.5 Project Monitoring, Programme and Progress Reports

The Parties shall, within twenty (20) Business Days of the date of the Connection Agreement and acting in good faith, meet to discuss what further project monitoring provisions shall apply to the Connection Agreement. The Parties shall use their best endeavours to agree in writing on such further project monitoring provisions and having so agreed shall comply with such provisions and in the event of a disagreement the matter will be determined by the Independent Engineer pursuant to Paragraph 2.12.

2.5.1 Advice and Assistance

In accordance with the terms of Paragraph 2.3 above the Parties shall continuously liaise during the carrying out of the Connection Works, Commissioning and the Project and (unless the Connection Agreement provides otherwise) provide each other with reasonable advice and assistance at any reasonable time and without charge with regard to their respective Connection Works and Commissioning and reasonable on-load Testing.

2.5.2 Meetings

Either Party may request the other Party to the Connection Agreement to engage in meetings more frequently than as provided for in Paragraph 2.5.8. The Parties agree they will engage in telephone meetings or discussions within a period of five (5) Business Days from the initial request in writing from either the Customer or the Company for such a meeting. Thereafter, unless the telephone meeting or discussion has resolved the issue of concern to the Party who initiated the contact, both Parties agree to attend at a meeting at a mutually

convenient location to discuss further and work towards a resolution of the issue of concern.

2.5.3 Provision of Information

Each Party shall, throughout the Term, promptly provide the other Party with such information as that Party, acting reasonably, may require from time to time with respect to their respective Connection Works, Commissioning and the Project or otherwise in connection with the Connection Agreement so as to enable the Party requiring the information to meet its obligations under the Connection Agreement.

2.5.4 Construction Programme

Within thirty (30) Business Days following the Consents Issue Date, or such later date as arises under the Connection Agreement, each Party shall provide to the other Party three (3) copies of the programme for the design, construction, commissioning and testing of that Party's Connection Works. The programme referred to in this Paragraph 2.5.4 shall be in a form agreed by the Parties (the "Construction Programme") and shall be consistent in all respects with the Connection Agreement but shall, where appropriate, contain less detail in relation to the Deep Reinforcement Works.

2.5.5 Progress Reports

From the date of execution of the Connection Agreement until the Connection Date, each Party shall provide to the other regular progress reports detailing the Party's progress towards constructing and providing that Party's Connection Works and meeting its obligations under the Connection Agreement at such intervals which shall be mutually agreed between the Parties.

2.5.6 Contents of Reports

The reports to be provided under Paragraph 2.5.5 shall cover in reasonable detail steps taken or to be taken to obtain Consents under Paragraph 2.2, the relevant aspects of the design, construction, commissioning and Testing of that Party's Connection Works and highlighting actual or potential departures from the Construction Programme. The progress reports shall state the proposed measures to be taken by the Party concerned to overcome such departures or to resolve any grounds for potential dispute or disagreement.

2.5.7 Form of Reports

The form of the quarterly progress reports referred to in Paragraph 2.5.5, and of any other reports as may be required under Paragraph 2.5.9 shall be such as to provide a comprehensible explanation to the other Party in reasonable detail.

2.5.8 Progress Meetings

In addition to the obligation to provide the reports required under Paragraph 2.5.5 the representatives (or their alternates) of the Company and the Customer appointed in accordance with the General Conditions, together with such other representatives of the Parties who may be appropriate in the circumstances shall meet at regular intervals mutually agreed between the Parties and at least once per quarter from the date of execution of the Connection Agreement until the Connection Date to discuss progress of their respective Connection Works and compliance with the Party's respective obligations under the Connection Agreement and, in particular, any interface issues between the Parties.

2.5.9 Delays

Should it appear to one Party (the "Reviewing Party") at any time that the actual progress of the design, construction, commissioning and Testing of the other's Connection Works does not conform with the Construction Programme then the Reviewing Party shall be entitled to require the other Party to submit to the Reviewing Party a report identifying the reasons for the delay and/or to produce and submit to the Reviewing Party for its review a revised programme showing the order of procedure and periods consistent with actual progress and necessary to ensure compliance with the Construction Programme and completion of:

- 2.5.9.1 the design and construction of the other Party's Connection Works to the extent necessary to allow all the Commissioning Tests to be performed by the Scheduled Works Completion Date; and
- 2.5.9.2 the other Party's Commissioning Tests by the Scheduled Commissioning Tests Completion Date.

2.6 Interface with Customer's Equipment

The Customer agrees that in addition to meeting its obligations in respect of the Transmission Station Compound Works under Paragraph 2.4, it will construct and install:

- 2.6.1 any equipment required to be provided by the Customer under the Connection Agreement (not included in the Transmission Station Compound Works); and
- 2.6.2 any other Customer's Equipment which interfaces with the Company's Equipment,

in accordance with

- (i) such design as the Company shall as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within twenty (20) Business Days of the Consents Issue Date (following consultation with the Customer) provide and to be reasonably consistent with the Offer Letter and Schedule 4 of the Connection Agreement (in

light of the Company's detailed design for the Connection Works) and consistent with the requirements of the Connection Agreement, as such design may be amended pursuant to Paragraph 2.7; and

- (ii) the Construction Programme to apply to the procurement, construction and installation of the Transmission Station Compound Works and that equipment referred to in Paragraphs 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 above is reasonably consistent with the Connection Agreement.

Any of the construction and installation works carried out by the Customer under this Paragraph 2.6 shall be at the Customer's own cost.

2.7 Variations to design and Construction Programme

The Company may, having advised the design under Paragraph 2.4 and Paragraph 2.5.4 and the agreed Construction Programme, further advise the Customer that in order to meet its obligations under the Connection Agreement it requires changes to that design and/or the Construction Programme. In this event the Parties will consult as to the changes required, and the design and the Construction Programme will be amended as determined by the Company (acting reasonably) and having regard to such consultation and in the event of a dispute as to whether the Company has so acted reasonably the matter shall be determined in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure of the General Conditions. The reasonable costs and expenses arising from such variation shall be for the account of the Customer unless arising from the negligence of the Company.

2.8 Customer's Technical Parameters

2.8.1 The Customer shall submit to the Company details of proposed changes in the technical parameters of major plant and the proposed layout of such plant and its related equipment from the details as outlined in the Application to the extent that this affects the Connection or compliance with the Grid Code as soon as it becomes aware, or ought reasonably to have become aware of them, and thereafter the Customer shall submit to the Company as soon as practicable details of any further proposed material changes thereto. Proposed material changes in the technical parameters under this Paragraph shall be within the range of no greater than five percent (5%) or no less than ten percent (10%) of the First Quoted Maximum Export Capacity if applicable. The Company may request additional information if necessary to enable the Company review such technical parameters or any proposed changes to them. Where the review by the Company leads the Company to consider that the changes affect the Connection Works or do not comply with the requirements of the Grid Code, the Company may raise objections to the proposed technical parameters or any proposed changes to them with the Customer within twenty (20) Business Days of receipt or such later time as may be

reasonable in the circumstances. The Company shall advise the Customer of the effect of the change for the purposes of the Connection Agreement, whether it be a variation of the Charges and/or costs under Clause 5.4 an amended offer under Clause 6.4, or otherwise.

- 2.8.2 Where the Company has notified the Customer that the change gives rise to a variation in the Charges and/or costs under Clause 5.4 or an amended offer under Clause 6.4, or other change of the terms of the Connection Agreement, the Customer shall have a period of twenty (20) Business Days from the date of receipt of such notification from the Company to advise the Company whether or not it wishes to proceed with the change. Where the Customer elects in writing to the Company to proceed with the change, the Company agrees to facilitate the Customer subject to payment by the Customer of all costs and expenses arising therefrom and adjustments to the Construction Programme for the impact of the change and the time taken in its resolution. Failure to elect shall be deemed to be a decision by the Customer not to proceed with the change.
- 2.8.3 Notwithstanding any review by the Company of any information submitted by the Customer under this Paragraph 2.8, the Customer's obligations under the Connection Agreement shall not be relieved, absolved or otherwise modified and the Company shall have no liability whatsoever in relation to its approval or otherwise of any designs or information submitted to it by the Customer.

2.9 Increased Costs

The Company shall be entitled to make adjustments to the Connection Charge so as to provide reasonable compensation to the Company for any increased or additional costs incurred by it (being costs of a nature ordinarily incurred by the Company, including employment costs) in carrying out the Company's Connection Works or the Company's Commissioning Tests caused by non-performance by the Customer of any obligations under the Connection Agreement.

2.10 Works to be in accordance with Construction Programme etc.

Both Parties shall be obliged to design, procure, construct, install, commission and test their respective Connection Works and, where appropriate, Deep Reinforcement Works in accordance with the terms of the Connection Agreement, the Construction Programme, and any design furnished under Paragraph 2.4, 2.5.4 and 2.7.

2.11 Connection Works Completion Date

The Company shall, as soon as it is satisfied that the Connection Works Completion Date is reached, notify the Customer to that effect specifying the date on which such completion occurred. If the Customer disputes that the Connection Works have been so completed, or the date on which such

completion occurred, the Customer may, within five (5) Business Days of receiving the Company's notification, refer the dispute to the Independent Engineer who shall determine whether the Connection Works have been so completed and/or the date on which such completion occurred, as the case requires. If the Independent Engineer determines that the Connection Works were so completed on a date other than the date specified in the Company's notification, then the date so determined by the Independent Engineer shall be the Connection Works Completion Date. If the Independent Engineer determines that the Connection Works have not been so completed then the provisions of this Paragraph 2.11 shall once again apply as if the Company had not given a notification hereunder.

2.12 Independent Engineer

The Parties agree that the Independent Engineer shall act as an expert and not as an arbitrator and shall decide those matters referred or reserved to the Independent Engineer under the Connection Agreement by reference to Prudent Electricity Utility Practice using the Independent Engineer's skill, experience and knowledge and with regard to such other matters as the Independent Engineer in the Independent Engineer's sole discretion considers appropriate. The Parties shall supply the Independent Engineer with such documents and information as the Independent Engineer may request. When considering any matter referred or reserved to the Independent Engineer, such documents and information to be supplied within such time limit as the Independent Engineer may specify in the Independent Engineer's request (subject to any extension of time granted at the absolute discretion of the Independent Engineer). The Independent Engineer shall use the Independent Engineer's best endeavours to give the Independent Engineer's decision upon the question referred within fifteen (15) Business Days following its referral (subject to any extension of time determined by the Independent Engineer at the absolute discretion of the Independent Engineer). The Parties shall share equally the fees and expenses of the Independent Engineer.

In the event that the Independent Engineer ceases to perform the duties as required, then the Parties shall jointly appoint such firm of engineers as they may agree for the purposes of fulfilling the role of the Independent Engineer under the Connection Agreement. The Independent Engineer will be deemed to have ceased to perform his duties if he abandons his post or fails to use best endeavours or does not render a decision on a matter referred to him within a reasonable time. Failing such agreement within five (5) Business Days of either Party serving the other with written notice to concur with the appointment of a firm of engineers, a firm of engineers of international repute shall, on application by either Party in writing to the President, for the time being of the Institution of Engineers of Ireland, be appointed by the President for the purposes of fulfilling the role of the Independent Engineer under the Connection Agreement. The President shall be requested to appoint such a firm of engineers within ten (10) Business Days of such application.

3 CONSEQUENCES OF DELAYS

3.1 Delays

If prior to the Commissioning Tests Completion Date, an Affected Party shall be delayed in carrying out any of the Affected Party's works (including, for the purposes of this Paragraph 3 the Affected Party's Commissioning Tests and Grid Code Tests) by reason of:

- 3.1.1 any act, default or omission on the part of the Defaulting Party or the Defaulting Party's employees, agents, contractors or sub-contractors;
- 3.1.2 in the case of the Company being the Affected Party, any Consent required under Paragraph 2.1 or in the case of the Customer being the Affected Party, any Consent required under Paragraph 2.2, ceasing to be in force, or any condition of such a Consent preventing the Affected Party from performing its obligations save where such condition is the consequence of the negligent actions or omissions of the Affected Party;
- 3.1.3 in the case of the Company, a delay of the nature referred to in Paragraph 1.2; or
- 3.1.4 an event of Force Majeure (to the extent that the Affected Party is relieved of its obligations under the General Conditions),

the Affected Party shall be entitled to have such later date or dates fixed as the Scheduled Works Completion Date and/or (as the case may be) the Scheduled Commissioning Tests Completion Date as may be fair and reasonable in the circumstances provided that the Affected Party notifies the Defaulting Party in writing of such act, default or omission, or event of Force Majeure, within five (5) Business Days of the Affected Party becoming aware of the occurrence giving rise to the delay, together with an estimate of the proposed delay which it will cause the Affected Party. Either Party may refer a dispute between the Parties over what is a fair and reasonable new date to be fixed in the circumstances to an Expert for determination in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure set out in the General Conditions. Once the new date or dates are fixed (by agreement between the Parties or by determination of the Expert) the Construction Programme shall be deemed to be amended as appropriate.

3.2 Notification of Delay

If either Party shall have reason to believe that it is being delayed or will be delayed in carrying out that Party's Connection Works for any reason (whether it is one entitling it to the fixing of a new date under Paragraph 3.1 or not) it shall notify the other Party in writing within five (5) Business Days of its becoming aware of the occurrence giving rise to the delay and of the extent of the actual and/or anticipated delay.

3.3 Consequences of Delay for Parties

Each Party agrees to use all reasonable endeavours to complete the Connection Works by the Scheduled Works Completion Date.

- 3.3.1 Where the Customer has not used all reasonable endeavours to meet its obligations and such failure has resulted in the Connection Works not being completed by the Scheduled Works Completion Date and/or the Scheduled Commissioning Tests Completion Date and/or the Scheduled Transmission Station Compound Works Completion Date then the Customer shall be liable to pay to the Company the costs and/or expenses reasonably incurred by the Company arising from such delays.
- 3.3.2 Except in the circumstances detailed in Paragraph 3.1 or for reasons of Force Majeure, where it appears to the Customer at any time that the actual progress of the design, construction, Commissioning and Testing of the Company's Connection Works is not achieving a major milestone listed in the Construction Programme and provided both Parties have already referred the matter at issue to the Independent Engineer and the Company has failed to comply with the directions of the Independent Engineer the Customer shall be entitled to require the Company to submit to the Customer a report identifying the reasons for the delay and/or to produce and submit to the Customer for its review (where practicable to do so) a revised programme showing the order of procedure and periods consistent with actual progress and necessary to ensure compliance with the programme submitted under Paragraph 2.5 ("Revised Programme").
- 3.3.3 If the Company shall fail to implement the Revised Programme so that it meets any of the major milestones listed therein for a period of thirty (30) Business Days (other than for circumstances outside its reasonable control or otherwise provided for in the Connection Agreement) then the Customer shall in respect of the Contestable Components obtain the prior written approval of the CER to serve a notice (the "Operations Notice"), if it is necessary to do so to enable the project meet the Commissioning Tests Completion Date, stating the time after service of the notice when the Customer shall step in and undertake the Company's Connection Works.

Such Operations Notices shall be expressed to continue for whatever period of time is estimated by the Customer at that time to be reasonably necessary for the Customer to ensure the achievement of the outstanding major milestone from the Revised Programme and in any event shall not be expressed to continue for more than three (3) months from the date of the Operations Notice. In the Operations Notice, the Customer shall give reasons which justify its estimate of the necessary time period for continuation of the notice.

For the avoidance of doubt such step in rights are only applicable to the Contestable Components of the Company's Connection Works. The Company acknowledges and agrees that the Customer's remedies

against the Company for non-performance of the ESB Essential Component Works are:-

3.3.3.1 refer the matter to the CER and the CER may direct the Company to forthwith execute the ESB Essential Component Works; and/or

3.3.3.2 seek an order for specific performance together with a mandatory injunction in the Courts against the Company for failure to perform the ESB Essential Component Works.

3.3.4 Where the Customer has obtained the prior written approval of the CER to step in and carry out the Contestable Components portion of the Company's Connection Works and the Customer has served an Operations Notice on the Company then unless the Company can demonstrate it is able and willing to achieve the outstanding major milestone within a period of time that is reasonably satisfactory to the Customer, and would have prevented the service of an Operations Notice, the Customer may procure another person including an Affiliate of the Customer to undertake the Company's Connection Works in accordance with the requirements of the Company for the period specified in the Operations Notice and in accordance with the procedure specified in this Paragraph 3.3.4.

3.3.4.1 Where the Connection Works are undertaken by the Customer under an Operations Notice the Company shall be obliged to refund to the Customer the Customer's costs properly incurred in respect of any Contestable Components of the Company's Connection Works carried out by the Customer under an Operations Notice. If these costs cannot be agreed between the parties the matter shall be referred to the Commission for Energy Regulation for determination. If the costs properly incurred by the Customer during the whole period of such operation shall exceed the amount of the Connection Charges paid in respect of such period to the Company, the Company shall have no obligation to pay such excess to the Customer.

3.3.4.2 Provided that the Customer or the other persons for whom it is responsible under the Company's Connection Works act in accordance with Prudent Electricity Utility Practice (including the purchase of insurance cover for its operations in accordance with Schedule 6A, which insurance the Customer shall have the right to take out) the Customer shall have no liability to the Company in respect of the undertaking of the Company's Connection Works except as a result of its negligence or the negligence of the other persons for whom it is responsible.

3.3.4.3 Where the Customer avails of the provisions of Paragraph 3.3.7, the Customer shall be responsible for meeting all the obligations (including payments) under the affected contracts during the period it exercises its rights to act in the Company's place under these contracts.

- 3.3.5 The Customer shall give not less than twenty (20) Business Days notice to the Company, prior to exercising its right to appoint another person on its behalf to undertake the Company's Connection Works under Paragraph 3.3.4. Such notice shall specify the date and time at which the Customer proposes that such third party will commence such substitute operation. From this date the Company shall grant the Customer, its employees, contractors and agents the right which is irrevocable during the term of the Operations Notice or three (3) months whichever is the shorter to enter lands or premises to which it is reasonable for the Customer to have access in order for it to undertake the Company's Connection Works. The Company shall use all reasonable endeavours to execute such documents and shall assist the Customer and use all reasonable endeavours and take such other action as may be necessary for the Customer to exercise its rights under Paragraph 3.3.2.

The Customer shall take out such insurances as should reasonably be put in place by an operator in similar circumstances acting in accordance with Prudent Electrical Utility Practice. To the extent that additional insurance is taken out under this paragraph, the Customer shall ensure that any such insurances shall extend for the benefit of the Company as a named insured.

- 3.3.6 The Customer's exercise of its rights to undertake the Company's Connection Works shall not cause it to assume any liability wholly attributable to the Company or a third party, other than persons for whom it is responsible under Paragraph 3.3. For the period during which the Customer or such other person for whom it is responsible is undertaking the Company's Connection Works, the Customer shall indemnify the Company from liabilities or losses arising to or incurred by Company save to the extent that such liabilities arise by reason of the negligence of the Company, in which circumstances the Company shall indemnify the Customer from all liabilities or losses arising or incurred by the Customer by reason of the negligence of the Company.
- 3.3.7 The Company shall use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that, in all contracts dealing with the Company's Connection Works, the Customer shall have the right, but not the obligation, to receive the benefit of the Company's contracts with third parties, (excluding under any insurance contracts) when it has exercised its rights under Paragraph 3.3.3. The Customer undertakes to use all contractors of the Company unless the reason for its exercise of the rights under Paragraph 3.3 is the failure of said contractor to perform its obligations under the Connection Agreement.
- 3.3.8 The Customer has no obligation to continue to undertake the Company's Connection Works under this Paragraph 3.3 and may during the time period specified in the Operations Notice give notice of its intention to discontinue undertaking the Company's Connection Works. Such early discontinuation shall have effect not earlier than ten (10) days after the date of service of the notice and shall be without prejudice to any obligation of the Customer to the Company which

arises during or is attributable to the period prior to the effective date of discontinuation. In any event, the Customer shall discontinue undertaking the Company's Connection Works within three (3) months of the date of the Operations Notice.

- 3.3.9 The Company may at any time, provided it is able to demonstrate that it has satisfactorily addressed the reasons giving rise to the earlier failure to meet a major milestone in the Revised Programme, serve a notice on the Customer requiring that the undertaking of the Company's Connection Works by the Customer or the Customer's nominated operator ceases upon not less than thirty (30) days' notice and at the end of that notice the Customer or its nominated operator, as the case may be, shall discontinue undertaking the Company's Connection Works. If the Customer does not agree that the Company has satisfactorily addressed such reasons, then the dispute shall be referred for resolution under the Dispute Resolution Procedure of the General Conditions.
- 3.3.10 The provisions of this Paragraph 3.3 are intended to be in full satisfaction of the rights of the Customer for delays by the Company in undertaking the Company's Connection Works.

4 COMMISSIONING AND CONNECTION

4.1 Discussions on Commissioning, Grid Code and Capacity Tests

- 4.1.1 As soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than sixty (60) Business Days before the Scheduled Works Completion Date, and in any event no later than the latest date for such meeting specified in the Construction Programme, the Parties shall meet to discuss, in good faith:
- 4.1.1.1 what Commissioning Tests and what Grid Code Tests are required;
 - 4.1.1.2 which Commissioning Tests are to be conducted by each Party, and which Grid Code Tests the Company reasonably requires to witness and/or requires notification as to the results;
 - 4.1.1.3 any requirements of the Parties which must be met before they can carry out their respective Commissioning Tests and, in the case of the Customer, the Grid Code Tests;
 - 4.1.1.4 whether there are any distinct parts of the Customer's Equipment which are capable of being separately Energised;
 - 4.1.1.5 which of one Party's Commissioning Tests must be conducted simultaneously with Commissioning Tests of the other Party; and
 - 4.1.1.6 the Capacity Test if applicable.
- 4.1.2 As soon as reasonably practicable following such meeting, and in any event within ten (10) Business Days of receiving a notice from the other Party (given after the meeting) requiring details of the Party's

Commissioning Tests and, in the case of the Company's notice, the Grid Code Tests and if applicable the Capacity Test, each Party shall notify to the other Party reasonable details of the Commissioning Tests and, in the case of the Customer's notification, the Grid Code Tests and if applicable the Capacity Test it proposes to carry out.

- 4.1.3 The Company (acting reasonably) may, within twenty (20) Business Days of receipt of such details from the Customer, notify to the Customer further Customer's Commissioning Tests and/or Grid Code Tests and/or if applicable the Capacity Tests which the Company requires the Customer to carry out on the Customer's Equipment, and the Customer shall be obliged to perform such tests as part of the Customer's Commissioning Tests and/or Grid Code Tests and/or if applicable the Capacity Tests (as the case may be).

4.2 Notice of Requirement to Witness

Each Party shall, within thirty (30) Business Days of the other Party's notice giving details as to the Commissioning Tests and, in the case of the Customer's notice, the Grid Code Tests and if applicable the Capacity Test it proposes to carry out, notify the other Party as to:

- 4.2.1 which of the other Party's Commissioning Tests and, in the case of the Company's notification, the Grid Code Tests and if applicable the Capacity Test it reasonably requires to witness whereupon the other Party shall allow the representatives of the Party giving notice access to its Premises to witness (and, in the case of the Customer's Commissioning Tests, the Grid Code Tests and if applicable the Capacity Test, verify) such Commissioning Tests, Grid Code Tests and if applicable the Capacity Test; and
- 4.2.2 which of the other Party's Commissioning Tests and, in the case of the Company's notification, the Grid Code Tests and if applicable the Capacity Test it requires the results of whereupon the other Party shall, following completion of the test and without delay, notify reasonable details of the test results to the Party giving notice.

4.3 Notice of Further Tests

In the event that, subsequent to a notice given under Paragraph 4.1.2, a Party proposes to carry out a Commissioning Test or, in the case of the Customer, a Grid Code Test and/or if applicable the Capacity Test for which reasonable details were not given in that notice the Party shall, without delay, give to the other Party reasonable details of that Commissioning Test or, in the case of the Customer, the Grid Code Test (as the case may be) it proposes to carry out. The other Party may, within five (5) Business Days of such a notice, notify the proposing Party that it reasonably requires to witness that test or that it requires the results of the test whereupon Paragraph 4.2 shall apply in respect of that test as if it had been so included in the other Party's notice given under Paragraph 4.2.

4.4 Joint Testing

The Company shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, notify (acting reasonably and having regard to the Parties discussions under Paragraph 4.1.1.5) the Customer as to which Joint Commissioning Tests must be conducted. In addition the Company shall (acting reasonably and without delay) once the Company is satisfied that all the Company's Commissioning Tests (other than Joint Commissioning Tests) and that all the Customer's Commissioning Tests (other than Joint Commissioning Tests) in respect of any distinct (as determined by the Company, acting reasonably and having regard to the Party's discussions under Paragraph 4.1.1.4) part of the Customer's Equipment which is capable of being separately Energised, have been properly and satisfactorily completed (or that none are required in respect of that part) notify to the Customer the date of commencement of each Joint Commissioning Test Date relevant to that part, which date shall be as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter. Each Joint Commissioning Test shall commence on the relevant Joint Commissioning Test Date.

4.5 Notice of Customer's Commissioning Tests

In setting the timing of the Customer's Commissioning Tests, the Grid Code Tests and if applicable the Capacity Test, the Customer shall comply with the requirements of the Grid Code and if applicable the Capacity Test as to testing prior to the Operational Date. Where a Customer's Commissioning Test or a Grid Code Test or if applicable the Capacity Test involves a requirement for Dispatch, the Customer shall not carry out such Commissioning Test or Grid Code Test or if applicable the Capacity Test except as Dispatched in accordance with the Grid Code. Where a Customer's Commissioning Test or a Grid Code Test and if applicable the Capacity Test does not involve a requirement for Dispatch the Customer shall, without limitation to the general obligation set out in this Paragraph 4.5, separately give the Company reasonable advance notice (being not less than fifteen (15) Business Days) of the time and date of carrying out the Customer's Commissioning Tests (other than Joint Commissioning Tests) and the Grid Code Tests. The date and time of such tests shall be re-confirmed not less than three (3) Business Days before the time of carrying out such tests. In the event that, having given such confirmation, the Customer (acting reasonably) determines that such tests must be carried out prior to the time and date previously confirmed because of exceptional circumstances outside his control, then provided the Customer gives the Company reasonable notice of the re-scheduled tests, it shall not be deemed to have failed to give the Company the notices required. In the event of failure by the Customer to give either of the notices required, the Company may notify the Customer that it requires the Customer to repeat or re-schedule any Commissioning Test or Grid Code Test or if applicable the Capacity Test not so notified, whereupon the Customer shall repeat or re-schedule such test having first (in the case of repetition) given the advance notices required by this Paragraph 4.5.

4.6 Repetition of Tests

The Customer shall also (at the Customer's expense, and having first carried out such modifications to the Customer's Equipment as are necessary for the Customer's Commissioning Tests and/or the Grid Code Tests and/or if applicable the Capacity Tests (as the case may be) to be properly and satisfactorily completed and having given in respect of such repetitions or further tests the notice required by Paragraph 4.5 to be given to the Company) undertake such repetitions of, or further, Customer's Commissioning Tests and/or Grid Code Tests and/or if applicable the Capacity Tests (as the case may be) as are required by the Company (acting reasonably) so that the Company may satisfy itself that the Customer's Commissioning Tests and/or Grid Code Tests and/or if applicable the Capacity Test (as the case may be) have been properly and satisfactorily completed.

4.7 Notice of Company's Commissioning Tests

The Company shall give the Customer reasonable advance notice (being not less than fifteen (15) Business Days) of the time and date of carrying out the Company's Commissioning Tests (other than Joint Commissioning Tests). The time and date of the Company's Commissioning Tests will be confirmed not less than three (3) Business Days before the time of carrying out such tests. In the event that, having given such confirmation, the Company (acting reasonably) determines that such tests must be carried out prior to or after the time and date previously confirmed, then provided the Company gives the Customer reasonable notice of the re-scheduled tests, it shall not be deemed to have failed to give the Customer the notice required. In the event of failure by the Company to give such notice, the Customer may notify the Company that it requires the Company to repeat or re-schedule any Commissioning Test not so notified, whereupon the Company shall repeat or re-schedule such test having first given the advance notice required by this Paragraph 4.7.

4.8 Commencement of Commissioning Tests

Without limiting the other provisions of this Paragraph 4, to the extent that each Party has not done so already, each Party shall commence its Commissioning Tests and proceed to carry them out in accordance with the Connection Agreement forthwith after the Connection Works Completion Date.

4.9 Declaration of Fitness

The Company will issue the Customer with a Declaration of Fitness within ten (10) Business Days in respect of any distinct (as determined by the Company, acting reasonably and having regard to the Parties discussions under Paragraph 4.1.1.4) part of the Customer's Equipment which is capable of being separately Energised, that the Commissioning Tests have been properly and satisfactorily completed or that none is required in respect of that part.

4.10 Notification of Commissioning Instructions

The Company shall in respect of each part of the Customer's Equipment for which a Declaration of Fitness is to be issued under Paragraph 4.9 and in consultation with the Customer, develop and notify to the Customer the Commissioning Instructions. The Commissioning Instructions shall be completed and notified to the Customer (subject to the Customer having co-operated fully with the Company in developing and implementing the Commissioning Instructions (which the Customer agrees to do)) not later than the date on which the Company issues its Declaration of Fitness in respect of that part. Both Parties shall be bound to comply with the Commissioning Instructions and for the avoidance of doubt no part of the Customer's Equipment shall be Energised other than by implementation of the Commissioning Instructions.

4.11 Notification of Operating Instructions

The Company shall in consultation with the Customer, develop, and notify to the Customer the Operating Instructions. The Operating Instructions shall be completed and notified to the Customer (subject to the Customer having co-operated fully with the Company in developing the Operating Instructions (which the Customer agrees to do)) not later than the date on which the Company has issued a Declaration of Fitness in respect of every part of the Customer's Equipment and the Company's Site-Related Connection Equipment. Both Parties shall be bound to comply with the Operating Instructions, which shall come into force on the Connection Date.

4.12 Commissioning Tests Completion Date

The Company shall notify the Customer when, in its opinion, the Commissioning Tests Completion Date has been reached provided that the Commissioning Tests Completion Date shall not occur prior to the date on which the Company is satisfied that all Commissioning Tests to be carried out pursuant to this Paragraph 4 (other than Joint Commissioning Tests) have been properly and satisfactorily completed.

4.13 Implementation of Commissioning Instructions

Subject to the Clause 2.4 of the Connection Agreement, the Parties shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, following (but not before) the later of:

- (a) the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the Company's Commissioning Tests (other than the Joint Commissioning Tests) have been properly and satisfactorily completed (which the Company shall do without delay once it is satisfied as to such completion); and
- (b) the making of a Declaration of Fitness under Paragraph 4.9; and

- (c) the notification of the Commissioning Instructions under Paragraph 4.10,

implement the Commissioning Instructions in respect of the relevant part of the Customer's Equipment (as the case may be).

4.14 Connection Date

The Company shall, as soon as reasonably practicable notify the Customer specifying the Connection Date following the date of completion on which the Commissioning Instructions have to the Company's satisfaction been properly implemented in respect of every part of the Customer's Equipment.

4.15 Capacity Testing / Maximum Export Capacity

This Paragraph 4.15 is only applicable to Customers generating electricity and exporting it to the Transmission System.

4.15.1 The Customer warrants that it has declared a true and correct Maximum Export Capacity or First Quoted Maximum Export Capacity as detailed in Schedule 2 of the Connection Agreement and represents to the Company that it intends to use all reasonable endeavours to complete the Facility by the Scheduled Operational Date.

4.15.2 The Customer understands and agrees that the Company will require the Customer to undertake the Capacity Tests in respect of the larger of either the First Quoted Maximum Export Capacity or the Maximum Export Capacity to verify the export capacity of the Facility. These tests shall be undertaken by the Customer and witnessed by the Company. The Customer undertakes to carry out such tests as may be required by the Company to meet this requirement. It is understood and agreed by the Company that the Customer shall not be deemed to have failed the Capacity Test if the export capacity of the Facility in the test exceeds ninety percent (90%) of the larger of either the Maximum Export Capacity or the First Quoted Maximum Export Capacity.

4.15.3 Where, however, the Facility fails the Capacity Test according to Paragraph 4.15.2, the Customer shall be liable to the Company to pay the Specified Amount and the Company shall be entitled to draw down under the MEC Capacity Bond.

In the event of failure of the Capacity Test according to Paragraph 4.15.2 the Company shall also be entitled to revise the Maximum Export Capacity or the First Quoted Maximum Export Capacity to the export capacity obtained in the Capacity Test.

4.16 Capacity Certificate

This Paragraph 4.16 is only applicable to Customers generating electricity and exporting it to the Transmission System.

4.16.1 Subject to Paragraph 4.16.2 below, as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event before the later of (i) twenty four (24) months before the Scheduled Operational Date or (ii) the Consents Issue Date, the Customer shall submit to the Company a completed Capacity Certificate in the form set out in Schedule 9 of the Connection Agreement. If the Customer fails to submit the Capacity Certificate in accordance with this Paragraph, and does not remedy such failure within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of notice from the Company requiring remedy, the Company shall be entitled to draw down the Specified Amount under the MEC Capacity Bond. If the Capacity Certificate is provided but certifies capacity of a lesser amount than the First Quoted Maximum Export Capacity or the Maximum Export Capacity, the Company shall be entitled to draw down the Specified Amount under the MEC Capacity Bond and shall also be entitled to revise the export capacity to the capacity specified in the Capacity Certificate.

4.16.2 If the Customer requests, in accordance with either Paragraph 2.8 or a modification request by the Customer in accordance with Clause 21 of the General Conditions, an increase in the Maximum Export Capacity, then following approval by the Company of such increase in the Maximum Export Capacity the Customer shall obtain an additional completed Capacity Certificate in the form set out in Schedule 9 to confirm that the Generation Unit(s) ordered can achieve the increased Maximum Export Capacity. This Paragraph 4.16 shall not apply where the Customer requests a decrease in the Maximum Export Capacity in accordance with Paragraph 2.8.

4.17 Operational Certificate

The Operational Certificate indicates that the Capacity Tests if applicable have been completed and that the Facility has complied with the Grid Code Tests at commissioning. It does not indicate compliance by the Facility including the Customer's Equipment with the Grid Code on a continuous basis thereafter. The Company will issue the Operational Certificate as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event no longer than ten (10) Business Days following the Operational Date.

4.18 Effect of Operational Certificate

The Customer shall not at any time prior to the Operational Date operate the Facility so as to pass electricity on to the ESB Transmission System through the Connection Point or take electricity from the ESB Transmission System through the Connection Point, except as required for the implementation of the Commissioning Instructions, for the purposes of carrying out the Grid Code Tests or for the purpose of carrying out tests on the Generation Unit(s) or as otherwise agreed with the Company. Upon receipt of the Operational Certificate, the Customer may operate the Facility so as to pass electricity on to the ESB Transmission System through the Connection Point or take electricity from the ESB Transmission System through the Connection Point

in accordance with the terms of the Connection Agreement, the Grid Code, the Trading and Settlement Code and, if applicable, subject to the provisions governing Shallow Connection Capacity set out in the Connection Agreement, the Grid Code and the Trading and Settlement Code.

4.19 Deemed Firm Date

This Paragraph 4.19 is only applicable to Customers whose Facility is a Power Station which is subject to the Firm/Non-Firm Direction.

4.19.1 On the Deemed Firm Date the value of the Shallow Connection Capacity will be increased to the Maximum Export Capacity. The Deemed Firm Date may be amended by the Company, following consultation between the Parties but only where the Company can clearly demonstrate that:

- (i) the Customer (or its servants or agents) has caused the Company to be delayed in meeting one or more of the dates (but only to the extent of the delay) which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes any delay arising from either Party's failure to achieve the Consents Issue Date by the Scheduled Consents Issues Date; and/or
- (ii) the Customer (or its servants or agents) has delayed in completing the construction or commissioning of the Facility or the Connection Works, or both as appropriate, by the relevant date(s);

provided that the Parties may only amend the Deemed Firm Date by a period of time which is proportionate to the delays caused by the Customer, its servants or agents.

4.19.2 The Deemed Firm Date will be deemed to be automatically amended:

- (i) in the event that the Operational Date falls on a date later than the Deemed Firm Date, the Deemed Firm Date shall be the Operational Date; or
- (ii) in the event that the Deemed Firm Date falls on a date later than the Deep Operational Date, the Deemed Firm Date shall be taken to fall on the Deep Operational Date.

4.19.3 In the event that the Customer fails to achieve the Operational Date by the originally notified Deemed Firm Date, the Company will be entitled, subject to obtaining the approval of the Commission, to draw down on the MEC Capacity Bond.

4.20 Deep Operational Date

This Paragraph 4.20 is only applicable to Customers whose Facility is a Power Station which is subject to the Firm/Non-Firm Direction or the Non-Firm Renewables Direction or the Non-Firm Peaking Plant Direction.

When the Company is satisfied that the Deep Operational Date has been achieved the Company will as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event no longer than ten (10) Business Days thereafter notify the Customer such notification being called an "Deep Operational Certificate", specifying the time and date the Deep Operational Date was achieved.

5 TRANSFER OF ASSETS

5.1 Transfer of Ownership

The Customer agrees to convey to ESB for a nominal sum of €1 a freehold interest (if the Customer does not own the freehold, a leasehold interest for a period of not less than 100 years) in those components of the Connection Works as identified in the Offer Letter on or before the Connection Works Completion Date.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Company shall, on behalf of ESB, ensure that the Customer executes such conveyance as indicated above.

5.2 Warranties to the Company

The Customer warrants to the Company and ESB that all assets constructed by the Customer and subsequently transferred by the Customer to the Company under the terms of Paragraph 5.1 shall be fit for the intended purposes (which said purposes are hereby acknowledged) and shall be of merchantable quality for a period of twenty four (24) months from the date of any transfer to the Company.