

26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

# DS3 System Services Volume Uncapped Gate 13

## Bidders' Information Session

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[DS3@EirGrid.com](mailto:DS3@EirGrid.com)



# Agenda

Topic	Speaker
Introduction	David Howlett
Procurement Process Overview	Jamie Cosgrove Deirdre Fraser
Tender Pack and Technical Questionnaire	David Howlett
Testing and Signalling Requirements	Michael Beggs Jennifer Monaghan
Q&A	Attendees
Closing Comments	David Howlett
Webinar Ends	-



# Introduction

- Post webinar, queries can be emailed in the clarification template to [tenders@eirgrid.com](mailto:tenders@eirgrid.com) , [tenders.soni@soni.ltd.uk](mailto:tenders.soni@soni.ltd.uk)
  - Closing date for receipt of queries is **12 noon on 23rd July 2025.**
- The presentation slides will be made available on eTenders and on the EirGrid and SONI websites.



# Procurement Process Overview



# Qualification System

- **Qualification System** - refers to the system that is in place to enable interested parties to submit a Response and subsequently qualify for award of Contract for provision of DS3 System Services (under Volume Uncapped Arrangements). Qualification System will last until April 2026, unless extended by Regulating Authority Agreement.
- Various System Services are being procured as part of the Qualification System, over 24 lots (12 for EirGrid and 12 for SONI).



# Gate Process

- **Gate Process** - refers to the period after the initial procurement Phases 1 and 2 whereby Tenderers may apply for a place on the Qualification System at any time.
- New applicants may submit a completed Response for a place on the Qualification System at any time.
- It is intended that specific contracts will be awarded every six months - these periods are referred to as Gate Dates. EirGrid will issue periodic notices on the OJEU / EirGrid websites outlining the requirements and timeframes involved. Indicative dates are contained in the briefing document.





# DS3 System Services Agreement

- This procurement is being run jointly by EirGrid and SONI for their respective DS3 System Services Agreement.
- A separate DS3 System Services Agreement is in place for:
  - EirGrid (as contracting entity for the DS3 System Services Agreement applicable to Ireland) and
  - SONI (as contracting entity for the DS3 System Services Agreement applicable to Northern Ireland).
- Existing holders of an agreement will receive an amended Schedule 9; new parties to the Qualification System will receive an agreement dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.



# Gate 13

- E tenders: CFT 4861771 - ENQEIR929 - DS3 System Services - Volume Uncapped - Gate 13 published on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Mytenders: RFT reference: Ref No: 233478 - SONI051 - DS3 System Services - Volume Uncapped - Gate 13 published on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Two stages in this procurement process (submitted together):
  - Pre-Qualification; and
  - Tender
- Lots
  - Lots 1-12 IE
  - Lots 1-12 NI
- Documents available on eTenders [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie) and mytenders [www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)





# Gate 13

➤ Gate 13 applies to 3 scenarios:

- 1) Providing Unit that is not currently contracted for the provision of any System Service and wishes to tender for one, some or all services;
- 2) Providing Unit intends to amend its contracted values for a service that it currently provides (this may be enhancing or reducing its capability);
- 3) Providing Unit that is contracted for the provision of one or more services and wishes to tender for additional services.

Tenderer will receive a new agreement

Tenderer will receive an amended Schedule 9

➤ Providing Units that do not wish to amend their existing provision of a particular service must not submit a tender for the respective Lot.

# Gate 13 Lot Numbers - EirGrid

Existing Services			
POR <b>L1IE</b>	Primary Operating Reserve	SSRP <b>L7IE</b>	Steady State Reactive Power
SOR <b>L2IE</b>	Secondary Operating Reserve	SIR <b>L8IE</b>	Synchronous Inertial Response
TOR1 <b>L3IE</b>	Tertiary 1 Operating Reserve	RM1 <b>L9IE</b>	Ramping Margin 1 Hour
TOR2 <b>L4IE</b>	Tertiary 2 Operating Reserve	RM3 <b>L10IE</b>	Ramping Margin 3 Hour
RRD <b>L5IE</b>	Replacement Reserve (De-Synchronised)	RM8 <b>L11IE</b>	Ramping Margin 8 Hour
RRS <b>L6IE</b>	Replacement Reserve (Synchronised)	FFR <b>L12IE</b>	Fast Frequency Response



# Gate 13 Lot Numbers - SONI

Existing Services			
POR <b>L1NI</b>	Primary Operating Reserve	SSRP <b>L7NI</b>	Steady State Reactive Power
SOR <b>L2NI</b>	Secondary Operating Reserve	SIR <b>L8NI</b>	Synchronous Inertial Response
TOR1 <b>L3NI</b>	Tertiary 1 Operating Reserve	RM1 <b>L9NI</b>	Ramping Margin 1 Hour
TOR2 <b>L4NI</b>	Tertiary 2 Operating Reserve	RM3 <b>L10NI</b>	Ramping Margin 3 Hour
RRD <b>L5NI</b>	Replacement Reserve (De-Synchronised)	RM8 <b>L11NI</b>	Ramping Margin 8 Hour
RRS <b>L6NI</b>	Replacement Reserve (Synchronised)	FFR <b>L12NI</b>	Fast Frequency Response



# Tender Response

- Tenderers must submit a separate standalone tender for each and every Providing Unit.
- Note: A Tenderer may have more than one Providing Unit.
- Tenders should be split into two constituent parts (submitted at the same time):
  - A pre-qualification section; and
  - A tender section.
- Tenderers' response for each Providing Unit should consist of:
  - Part 2 of the **Qualification System Briefing Document**, including Forms 1, 2 and 3; and
  - A Completed **Technical Questionnaire** sheet for each Lot they are submitting for (must be completed in Excel).



# Tender Evaluation

- All Responses will be evaluated, on a lot-by-lot basis and Providing Unit by Providing Unit basis, against the qualification and award criteria outlined in the tender pack.
- Tender evaluation:
  - against the **Pass / Fail pre-qualification** minimum requirements for the lot concerned; and
  - against the **award criteria for compliance** in line with the **technical requirements** for the lot concerned.
- As the payment rate (tariff) for each System Service will be fixed, Responses will be assessed under the award criteria based upon quality (technical compliance) only.



# Tender Queries

## ➤ Queries Arising from this Webinar

- We will verbally answer some queries received via Q&A today.
- Formal response will issue to all Tenderers which may supersede information provided today.
- We request Tenderers to formally submit queries via email.

## ➤ General Queries

- Submit by email.
- In Clarification Template.
- Not later than **12:00 noon Irish Time on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**
- Addressed to: Jamie Cosgrove and email [tenders@eirgrid.com](mailto:tenders@eirgrid.com) (Ireland)
- Addressed to: Deirdre Fraser and email [tenders.soni@soni.ltd.uk](mailto:tenders.soni@soni.ltd.uk) (N. Ireland)
- EirGrid and SONI anticipate to respond to all queries by **11<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**



# SONI - DS3 System Service - Volume Uncapped - Gates

- Please note, all submissions intended for SONI – DS3 System Service – Volume Uncapped – Gates, should be submitted using the United Kingdom Tenders Platform only, [www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk).
- Please register your company on [www.myTenders.co.uk](http://www.myTenders.co.uk) to receive notice of any potential SONI contract notices for DS3 System Service Gates. SONI will not accept any tender submission which has not been uploaded to the [www.myTenders.co.uk](http://www.myTenders.co.uk) tender box prior to the SONI tender closing time. Please note, we will not accept any SONI tender submissions for DS3 System Service Gates through the [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie) platform, this platform should be used for EirGrid submissions only. SONI is not responsible for any impact on any tenderer who does not submit their SONI tender through the correct platform as outlined above.
- *If you require assistance with registering on [www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk) website or are having difficulty uploading your tender response to the website, please contact their helpdesk on 0800 2229006. SONI cannot provide technical assistance with this website.*
- Tenderers should email [tenders.soni@soni.ltd.uk](mailto:tenders.soni@soni.ltd.uk) for SONI queries or clarifications, thank you.





# Submission of Tenders

- Interested Tenderers must submit a tender response **through the eTenders portal** in respect of the relevant Lot for EirGrid and **myTenders portal** in respect of the relevant Lot for SONI.
- Tender box close time for EirGrid submissions **12 noon, Irish Time, on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 - eTenders will not allow upload after this time.**
- Tender box close time for SONI Submissions **12 noon, GBP Time, on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 - myTenders will not allow upload after this time.**
- The Tenderer is fully responsible for the timely delivery of the tender.
- Tenderer must log in early and ensure you are registered to submit your tender documents. Go to the website [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie) for EirGrid or [www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk) for SONI and follow their instruction relating to registration requirements.



# Tender Timetable

Event	Date
Deadline for Submission of Queries	No later than 12:00 hrs (Irish Time) on <b>4th of July 2025</b>
EirGrid and SONI to Respond to Queries	By close of business on (Irish Time) on <b>11th July 2025</b>
Deadline for Submission of Tenders	No later than 12:00 hrs (Irish Time) on <b>23rd July 2025</b>
Notification of Successful Tenderers	<b>25th September 2025</b> (Indicative)
Standstill Period	EirGrid: 14 days from Notification Date SONI: 8 Working days from Notification Date
Contract Commencement	<b>1<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b>



# Procurement Process Overview

- Q & A
- TSOs will provide a verbal response to queries received during the webinar.
- All queries will receive a written response following the webinar.



# Tender Pack and Technical Questionnaire



# Contractual Arrangements

Scenario 1 -  
agreement is  
dated 1 October  
2025

Scenario 2 & 3 -  
amended Schedule  
9 via Side Letter

## DS3 System Services Agreement

- Standard contractual provisions
- Term
- Schedules for 12 DS3 System Services
- Scaling Factor details
  - Product Scalars
  - Locational Scalar

Clause 15.1 -  
Changed from  
Counterparts to  
Electronic  
Signature clause

## Protocol Document

- Operational Requirements
- Performance Scalar Details
- Performance Monitoring Methods and infrastructure requirements
- Temporal Scarcity Scalar values
- Governance

Version 4.1 -  
Effective 1  
October 2024

## Statement of Payments

- DS3 System Service Payment rates



# Service Maximum Capability Volumes

Briefing Document Section 1.6.4 - maximum capability volumes to apply per service.

Service	Max Volume - Normal Operation	Max Volume - Requested by TSO
FFR	75 MW	100 MW
POR	75 MW	100 MW
SOR	75 MW	100 MW
TOR1	75 MW	100 MW
TOR2	75 MW	100 MW
RRD	300 MW	N/A
RRS	300 MW	N/A
RM1	450 MW	N/A
RM3	500 MW	N/A
RM8	500 MW	N/A
SSRP	400 Mvar	N/A
SIR	120,000 MWs <sup>2</sup>	N/A



# Technical Questionnaire

- Excel document that is used to determine a unit's technical capability to provide a service
- Technical Questionnaire contains:
  - General Guidance sheet
  - Reserve Characteristic and PQ Capability sheets
  - System Services Site Info sheet for aggregated Providing Units
  - Individual sheets for each Lot (24 in total)





# Technical Q - Guidance Sheet

GENERAL INFORMATION	
<p>The following information is to assist Tenderers in completing the questionnaire appropriately.</p> <p>Tenderers must complete the relevant questionnaires for each lot being tendered for as outlined below.</p> <p>Where additional information is required please input a cross reference number from the tender submission document.</p> <p>SECTION A in each lot must be completed by a Tenderer that wishes to contract for that lot. This is a PASS/FAIL questionnaire. It will be at EirGrid's sole discretion to request clarification on any technical information provided and subsequently decide whether the technical response is sufficient to achieve a Pass for that requirement. A Tenderer that fails on any one question will be disqualified.</p> <p>SECTION B (Applicable for Distribution Connected Providing Units only) in each lot must be completed by a Tenderer that wishes to contract for that lot. This is a PASS/FAIL questionnaire. It will be at EirGrid's sole discretion to request clarification on any technical information provided and subsequently decide whether the technical response is sufficient to achieve a Pass for that requirement. A Tenderer who fails on any one question will be disqualified.</p> <p>SECTION C in each lot is for information purposes. However, unless otherwise stated in Section A, it must be completed in its totality. The Section C questionnaire is to facilitate the tenderer that wishes to contract should be supplied</p> <p>Where relevant, a Tenderer should provide details of the Providing Unit as it is registered in the SEM e.g. in the case of a three-shaft CCGT that is registered in the SEM as two units</p> <p>Tenderers should complete all orange cells. If not applicable please indicate N/A. In some instances this is part of a drop down menu.</p>	
FOR COMPLETION BY TENDERER	
Service Provider	
Providing Unit	
ID in SEM (if applicable)	
<p>If the Providing Unit is connected to the Ireland Northern Ireland Distribution System, or will be before October 2023, the TSO share all information to DSO/DNO approval the DSO/DNO (as applicable) unless the Tenderer does not wish the TSO to share information relevant to DSO/DNO approvals with the DSO/DNO, Tenderer must respond NO. If Tenderer agrees for relevant information to be shared with the DNO/DSO, Tenderer must respond YES.</p>	<p>If the Tenderer replies NO (i.e. does not give permission for the TSO Tenderer must complete Section(s) A of the Procurement Questionnaire DSO/DNO (as applicable) by 18th July 2023. This information may be (as applicable):</p> <p><b>EirGrid Contracts (DSO-connected Tenderers) submissions to:</b>            Killian Morgan            ESB Networks Leopardstown            Leopardstown Rd            Foxrock            Dublin D18 XN80</p> <p><b>Electronic submission:</b> Submission via email is also acceptable. A signed copy should be sent to David.Hill@nienetworks.co.uk no later than 18th July 2023.</p> <p><b>SONI Contracts (DNO-connected Tenderers) submissions to:</b>            David Hill            NIE Networks Ltd            Carn Industrial Estate            Portadown            Co. Armagh            BT63 5QJ</p> <p><b>Electronic submission:</b> Submission via email is also acceptable. A signed copy should be sent to David.Hill@nienetworks.co.uk no later than 18th July 2023.</p>

Section A is Pass/Fail for all Providing Units.

Section B is Pass/Fail for Distribution Connected Providing Units.

Section C is for information but must be completed as specified.

For Distribution Connected Providing Units, TSO will share relevant information with the DSO/DNO if tenderer permits.

All Providing Units must complete this sheet, including the Lots being tendered for.



# Technical Q - Reserve Characteristic

Can be submitted after testing

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS SHEET.**

: If the Providing Unit can operate on only one fuel, please complete TABLE 1.

: If the Providing Unit can operate on two fuels, please complete TABLE 1 and TABLE 2.

: If the Providing Unit can operate on three fuels, please complete TABLE 1, TABLE 2 and TABLE 3.

: If the Providing Unit is a CCGT and can operate in Open Cycle Mode, in addition please complete TABLE 4.

: If the Providing Unit is a CCGT and can operate on two fuels in Open Cycle Mode, in addition please complete TABLE 5.

: If the Providing Unit is a WFPS and can provide FFR through emulated inertia please complete TABLE 2.

	DS3 System Services Reserve Characteristic parameters					
	FFR	POR	SOR	TOR1	TOR2	RR
RMX						
GMN						
R0						
R1						
R2						
DELTA1						
DELTA2						
DELTA3						
BETA						
PRIMARY FUEL / FUEL 1						

	DS3 System Services Reserve Characteristic parameters					
	FFR	POR	SOR	TOR1	TOR2	RR
RMX						
GMN						
R0						
R1						
R2						
DELTA1						
DELTA2						
DELTA3						
BETA						
SECONDARY FUEL / FUEL 2						

	DS3 System Services Reserve Characteristic parameters					
	FFR	POR	SOR	TOR1	TOR2	RR
RMX						
GMN						
R0						
R1						
R2						
DELTA1						
DELTA2						
DELTA3						
BETA						
TERTIARY FUEL / FUEL 3						

FOR INFORMATION: RESERVE FUEL GENERATION MODEL

The graph illustrates the Reserve Capability Curve, plotting Reserve (MW) on the y-axis against MW OUTPUT (MW) on the x-axis. The curve is a piecewise linear function. It starts at a minimum reserve level R0 for output values from GMN to GMN +  $\beta$ . It then rises linearly to a maximum reserve level RMX at output GMX -  $\Delta 3$ . From there, it descends linearly through R2 at GMX -  $\Delta 2$  and R1 at GMX -  $\Delta 1$ , finally reaching R0 at the maximum output GMX. Vertical dashed lines mark these key output points, and horizontal dashed lines mark the corresponding reserve levels on the y-axis.

# Technical Q - PQ Capability

Can be submitted after testing

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS SHEET.			
: If the Providing Unit is a Generation Unit, but is not a dual-shaft or three-shaft which is part of a CCGT installation, please complete TABLE1			
: If the Providing Unit is a dual-shaft or three-shaft which is part of a CCGT installation, please complete TABLE2, TABLE3			
: If the Providing Unit is non-synchronous and has a negative Active Power range, please complete TABLE4			

  

Generation Unit, but is not a dual-shaft or three-shaft which is part of a CCGT installation			
TABLE 1 - PQ Capability			
Registered Capacity			
% RCAP	P	Q Lead	Q Lag
0.00 of RCAP	0.0		
0.05 of RCAP	0.0		
0.10 of RCAP	0.0		
0.12 of RCAP	0.0		
0.15 of RCAP	0.0		
0.20 of RCAP	0.0		
0.25 of RCAP	0.0		
0.30 of RCAP	0.0		
0.35 of RCAP	0.0		
0.40 of RCAP	0.0		
0.45 of RCAP	0.0		
0.50 of RCAP	0.0		
0.55 of RCAP	0.0		
0.60 of RCAP	0.0		
0.65 of RCAP	0.0		
0.70 of RCAP	0.0		
0.75 of RCAP	0.0		
0.80 of RCAP	0.0		
0.85 of RCAP	0.0		
0.90 of RCAP	0.0		
0.95 of RCAP	0.0		
1.00 of RCAP	0.0		

  

PQ CAPABILITY CURVE

— Q Lag — Q Lead



# Sample Lot - Section A

Section A.1 is for Candidates that are applying to amend their existing contracted service values.

<p>1.1 Has the Providing Unit an existing DS3 System Services Agreement for Regulated Arrangements for POR for a non-zero value and is applying to change the Reserve Characteristic for POR relative to the values specified in its DS3 System Services Agreement or to change from Static to Dynamic service provision or vice versa?</p> <p><b>Note:</b> DSU application form is available here: <a href="https://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test/compliance-testing/dsu/">https://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test/compliance-testing/dsu/</a></p>	<p><b>Tenderer must respond YES.</b></p> <p><b>If the Providing Unit is not an Aggregator, please confirm the Connection Point. If the Providing Unit is an Aggregator, please see below.</b></p> <p><b>If not currently connected to the Power System but planning to be connected by 1 April 2025 please provide a detailed project programme (MS Project Format or similar) and proof of connection agreement or letter from relevant system operator (EirGrid, SONI, ESB Networks, NIE Networks) confirming connection by 1 April 2025. If the Providing Unit is an Aggregator, please see below.</b></p> <p><b>If the Providing Unit is an Aggregator please provide all associated MPRN meter numbers, and Individual Demand Sites or Generator Sites details, as outlined in the Grid Codes (EirGrid section PC.A4.13 for AGU, EirGrid section PC.A7 for DSU) by filling out the System Services Site Info tab. Aggregators must be able to provide all contracted capability by 1 April 2025 and that capability must be reflected on the Providing Unit's Operational Certificate on or before 1 April 2025. To ensure any changes to a Providing Unit's Operational Certificate can take effect from 1 April 2025, the DSU application form must be submitted to <a href="mailto:DSU@EirGrid.com">DSU@EirGrid.com</a> on or before 25 February 2025.</b></p> <p><b>Where an Individual Demand Site or Generator Site is not currently contracted with the Aggregator, the Providing Unit must provide satisfactory evidence, for example a letter of intent, that such contracts will be in place by 1 April 2025. Where an Individual Demand Site or Generator Site is currently contracted to another Aggregator, in order to complete the transfer of an Individual Demand Site or Generator Site into the Operational Certificate of the tendering Providing Unit effective 1 April 2025, the TSO will require written confirmation from the Individual Demand Site or Generator Site stating that it consents to the transfer taking place on or before 1 April 2025. The TSO will then notify the other Aggregator.</b></p>
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The revised technical questionnaire requests that DSUs submit the Application form associated with their Operational Certificate at least 6 weeks prior to Contract execution.

Aggregators take note of Q1.1 - specifically relating to individual sites that are not currently contracted with the Providing Unit.



# Sample Lot - Section A

<p>1.2B If the answer to question 1.2A above is NO, please confirm:          Has the Providing Unit conducted testing with the TSO to demonstrate capability to provide the POR service and has not yet had a test report approved by the TSO?          OR          Has the Providing Unit submitted a Testing Request to the TSO and the TSO has agreed to a date, which must not be after 7 February 2025, for testing to take place?          OR          Has the Providing Unit submitted test data (witnessed as required by the TSO), or performance data, to the TSO and the TSO has agreed to evaluate the Providing Unit's capability to provide the POR service based on the data?</p> <p>Note 1: Tenderer must have engaged with the TSO regarding the Providing Unit's testing requirements in advance of tender submission.          Note 2: If Tenderer opts to submit test data or performance data (witnessed as required by the TSO), data must have been gathered within the 12 months prior to the last testing date of the current tender period.          Note 3: If Tenderer is a DSU, Tenderer must submit a completed DSU application form when requesting a test date, which must include all Individual Demand Sites that are to be tested.          Note 4: If Tenderer is a DSU or AGU and is intending to test an Individual Demand Site or Generator Site that is currently contracted to another Aggregator, Tenderer must provide signed correspondence (or e-mail approval) from the Individual Demand Site or Generator Site confirming that the Individual Demand Site or Generator Site will ensure to declare down availability with the other Aggregator during any associated testing period.          Note 5: Tenderer must submit a System Services Testing Scope Document within 2 working days of confirmation of a test date.          Note 6: Following testing, Tenderer must submit a completed System Services Test Report and Checklist to the TSO within 10 working days of the testing date as per the Testing process. This deadline will be strictly enforced by the TSO. Where the Tenderer has outsourced testing to a third party, it is the Tenderer's responsibility to ensure that testing requirements and Test Report deadlines are met. Test Reports must be in the correct System Services Test Report template.          Note 7: The TSO's testing procedures and requirements apply to this procurement process. DS3 System Services Testing Scope Document, Test Report and Checklist templates are available here: <a href="http://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test/compliance-testing/system-services-testing/index.xml">http://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test/compliance-testing/system-services-testing/index.xml</a>          Note 8: If performance data is to be used in evaluating a units capability in provision of POR, the assessment criteria will be based on the Grid Code definition of POR          Note 9: If POR capability is to be reduced for a Providing Unit, a test report reflecting the revised capability must be submitted.</p>		<p><b>Tenderer must respond YES.</b>  <b>Tenderer must provide written confirmation from the relevant system operator confirming that:</b>  <b>Testing has taken place. Tenderer must state the test date.</b>  <b>OR</b>  <b>If a Testing Request has been submitted, that the TSO has agreed a date, which must not be after 7 February 2025 , for testing to take place. Tenderer must state the test date.</b>  <b>OR</b>  <b>If test / performance data has been submitted, that the TSO has agreed to evaluate the Providing Unit's capability to provide the service based on the data.</b></p>
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Also included a note for existing units stating that if capability is to be reduced a revised test report reflecting the reduced values must also be submitted.

Additional note for tenderers who opt to submit test data or performance data.



# Aggregator Site Switching

- A service provider managing an aggregated DSU / AGU may submit a tender in respect of a Providing Unit comprising a list of constituent sites where for such sites there is either:
  - an active contract in place between the service provider and the site; or where a site is not currently contracted with the Aggregator, satisfactory evidence, for example a letter of intent, that such contracts will be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.
- All necessary testing as specified under the procurement rules must be completed by the deadlines specified within the procurement.



# System Services Site Info

	Site No.	Tenderer should align the site no. with site numbers listed in the DSU Application form / AGU Application form / DSU Ops Cert / GASOA Schedule	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Is this site providing DS3 System Services?	Yes / No	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List
2	Name of Individual Demand Site		<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>
3	MPRN		<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>
4	Irish Grid Co-ordinates of the Connection Point		<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>
5	Maximum Export Capacity	(MW)	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>
6	Maximum Import Capacity	(MW)	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>
7	Performance Measurement Device Standards for Fast Acting Services installed in agreement with TSO.	Yes / No	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List	Please Select from Drop Down List
8	The Trigger Point that the IDS is expected to start responding at (F Trigger On).	(Hz)	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>
9	The frequency range over which the IDS will go from minimum to maximum declared response (F Trigger Range).	(Min Hz - Max Hz)	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>
	IDS will begin to cease	(Hz)	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>
	Off characteristic that	(sec)	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>
	Following a response	(sec)	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>
	again (1 min interval).		<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>	<Insert Here>

This must be completed for all aggregators sites and not just additional volumes being tendered for





# Sample Lot - Section A - Testing

1.2A	Has the Providing Unit a TSO-approved System Services Test Report demonstrating the Providing Unit's capability to provide the POR service according to the applied for changes (i.e. changed Reserve Characteristic and/or Static/Dynamic classification)? (This question is only pass / fail in combination with 1.2B & 1.2C.)  Note: Test Reports must be in the correct System Services Test Report format (see <a href="http://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test-reports">http://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test-reports</a> )				Tenderer must respond either YES or NO. If Tenderer responds YES, Tenderer must provide the TSO-approved System Services Test Report demonstrating the Providing Unit's capability. If Tenderer responds NO, Tenderer must respond to questions 1.2B - 1.2C and provide the associated evidence.
1.2B	If the answer to question 1.2A above is NO, please confirm: Has the Providing Unit conducted testing with the TSO to demonstrate capability to provide the POR service and has not yet had a test report approved by the TSO? OR Has the Providing Unit submitted a Testing Request to the TSO and the TSO has agreed to a date, which must not be after 7 February 2025, for testing to take place? OR Has the Providing Unit submitted test data (witnessed as required by the TSO), or performance data, to the TSO and the TSO has agreed to evaluate the Providing Unit's capability to provide the POR service based on the data?  Note 1: Tenderer must have engaged with the TSO regarding the Providing Unit's testing requirements in advance of tender submission. Note 2: If Tenderer opts to submit test data or performance data, it must be submitted by the deadline for the current tender period. Note 3: If Tenderer is a DSU, Tenderer must submit a complete System Services Test Report. Note 4: If Tenderer is a DSU or AGU and is intending to test an individual unit, Tenderer must obtain written correspondence (or e-mail approval) from the Individual Demand Unit's availability with the other Aggregator during any associated testing. Note 5: Tenderer must submit a System Services Testing Schedule to the TSO. Note 6: Following testing, Tenderer must submit a completed System Services Test Report. This deadline will be strictly enforced by the TSO. Where the deadline for the System Services Test Report is not met, the TSO will not accept the report and the test results will be disregarded. Note 7: The TSO's testing procedures and requirements apply to all units. The TSO's testing procedures and requirements are available here: <a href="http://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test-reports">http://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test-reports</a> Note 8: If performance data is to be used in evaluating a unit's capability to provide the POR service, the data must be gathered within the 12 months prior to the testing date. Note 9: If POR capability is to be reduced for a Providing Unit, the TSO must be notified in advance of the testing date.				Tenderer must respond YES. Tenderer must provide written confirmation from the relevant system operator confirming that: Testing has taken place. Tenderer must state the test date. OR If a Testing Request has been submitted, that the TSO has agreed a date, which must not be after 7 February 2025, for testing to take place. Tenderer must state the test date. OR If test data has been submitted, that the TSO has agreed to evaluate the Providing Unit's capability to provide the POR service based on the data.
1.2C	If the answer to question 1.2A above is NO, do you understand and agree to provide the TSO with a System Services Test Report demonstrating the Providing Unit's capability to provide the POR service by 21 February 2025, unless otherwise agreed with the TSO?				Tenderer must respond YES. Testing deadlines will be enforced for the Gate.

Does the tenderer have an approved test report?

If not, tenderer must satisfy one of 3 conditions:

- Have already tested, or
- Have an agreed test date before 15/08/2025, or
- Have agreed with the TSO to use test data. Data must have been gathered within the 12 months.

Approved test report is required by 22/08/2025. Make sure Generator Testing receive the reports

It is the tenderer's responsibility to ensure that testing activities are conducted within the required timeframes.

3 questions relate to Testing - apply to all Providing Units and taken together are Pass / Fail

All units must have engaged with the TSO in advance of tender submission and agreed a testing plan.

We encourage units to test early!



# Sample Lot - Section A - Signals

1.12B	<p>If the answer to question 1.12A above is NO, please confirm:</p> <p>Has the Providing Unit conducted testing with the TSO to demonstrate capability to provide the PDR service and has not yet had a test report approved by the TSO?</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Has the Providing Unit submitted a Testing Request to the TSO and the TSO has agreed to a date, which must not be after 7 February 2025, for testing to take place?</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Has the Providing Unit submitted test data (witnessed as required by the TSO), or performance data, to the TSO and the TSO has agreed to evaluate the Providing Unit's capability to provide the PDR service based on the data?</p> <p>Note 1: Tenderer must have engaged with the TSO regarding the Providing Unit's testing requirements in advance of tender submission.</p> <p>Note 2: If Tenderer opts to submit test data or performance data (witnessed as required by the TSO), data must have been gathered within the 12 months prior to the last testing date of the current tender period.</p> <p>Note 3: If Tenderer is a DSU, Tenderer must submit a completed DSU application form when requesting a test date, which must include all Individual Demand Sites that are to be tested.</p> <p>Note 4: If Tenderer is a DSU or AGU and is intending to test an Individual Demand Site or Generator Site that is currently contracted to another Aggregator, Tenderer must provide signed correspondence (or e-mail approval) from the Individual Demand Site or Generator Site confirming that the Individual Demand Site or Generator Site will ensure to declare down availability with the other Aggregator during any associated testing period.</p> <p>Note 5: Tenderer must submit a System Services Testing Scope Document within 2 working days of confirmation of a test date.</p> <p>Note 6: Following testing, Tenderer must submit a completed System Services Test Report and Checklist to the TSO within 10 working days of the testing date as per the Testing process. This deadline will be strictly enforced by the TSO. Where the Tenderer has outsourced testing to a third party, it is the Tenderer's responsibility to ensure that testing requirements and Test Report deadlines are met. Test Reports must be in the following format: <a href="http://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test/compliance-testing/system-services-testing/index.xml">http://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test/compliance-testing/system-services-testing/index.xml</a></p> <p>Note 7: The TSO's testing procedures and requirements apply to all units.</p> <p>Note 8: If performance data is to be used in evaluating a unit's capability to provide the PDR service, the data must be gathered within the 12 months prior to the last testing date of the current tender period.</p>		<p><b>Tenderer must respond YES.</b></p> <p><b>Tenderer must provide written confirmation from the relevant system operator confirming that:</b></p> <p><b>Testing has taken place. Tenderer must state the test date.</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>If a Testing Request has been submitted, that the TSO has agreed a date, which must not be after 7 February 2025, for testing to take place. Tenderer must state the test date.</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>If test / performance data has been submitted, that the TSO has agreed to evaluate the Providing Unit's capability to provide the service based on the data.</b></p>
1.12C	<p>If the answer to question 1.12A above is NO, do you understand and agree to provide the PDR service to the TSO by 21 February 2025, unless otherwise agreed with the TSO?</p>		<p><b>Tenderer must respond YES.</b></p>
1.13A	<p>Does the Providing Unit comply with the signalling requirements for the provision of the PDR service, as applicable to the Providing Unit's technology?</p> <p>Note 1: There are specific signalling requirements for the provision of the PDR service from Aggregated Generator Units, Demand Side Units, Energy Storage Providing Units (including batteries), and Wind Farms providing the service through emulated inertia.</p> <p>Note 2: Signals lists that specify the signalling requirements for the provision of the PDR service, applicable to the Providing Unit's technology, are available here: <a href="http://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test/compliance-testing/system-services-testing/index.xml">http://www.eirgridgroup.com/customer-and-industry/general-customer-information/grid-code-compliance-test/compliance-testing/system-services-testing/index.xml</a></p> <p>In addition, signalling requirements for the provision of the PDR service are set out in the DS3 System Services New Signals Requirements for the Regulated Arrangements Version 2.0 document that is included in the tender pack (or available here: <a href="http://www.eirgridgroup.com/site-files/library/EirGrid/DS3-System-Services-Volume-Uncapped-New-Signals-Requirements-v2.0.pdf">http://www.eirgridgroup.com/site-files/library/EirGrid/DS3-System-Services-Volume-Uncapped-New-Signals-Requirements-v2.0.pdf</a>).</p>		<p><b>Tenderer must respond either YES or NO.</b></p> <p><b>If Tenderer responds YES, Tenderer must provide a site-specific Wiring Certificate confirming compliance with the signalling requirements for the PDR service.</b></p> <p><b>If Tenderer responds NO, Tenderer must respond to question 1.13B.</b></p>
1.13B	<p>If the answer to question 1.13A above is NO, do you understand and agree to provide a site-specific Wiring Certificate to the TSO by 21 February 2025?</p>		<p><b>Tenderer must respond YES.</b></p>

Does the unit comply with the Signalling requirements for the service? Specific Signalling requirements are noted per Lot.

Site specific wiring cert is required by 22/08/2025 for new units (aspiring entrants).

Questions relate to Signalling - apply to Providing Units depending on the technology and the service being tendered for.



# Sample Lot - Section A

1.5	Is the Providing Unit's technology designated as "Proven" for the POR service on the DS3 System Services Proven Technologies List?					Tenderer must respond YES or NO. If Tenderer responds YES, Tenderer must answer question 1.6B. If Tenderer responds NO, Tenderer does not need to answer question 1.6B but must complete remaining questions in this section.	Section A.2 is for Tenderers that do not currently provide the service in the Lot. (1000 words maximum) on (1000 words maximum) that the
1.6A	Is the Providing Unit a Demand Side Unit (DSU)? Note: Individual Demand Sites must be part of a DSU in order to qualify to provide this service.	Is the unit's technology on the proven list?				Tenderer must respond YES or NO. If Tenderer responds YES, Tenderer must answer question 1.6B. If Tenderer responds NO, Tenderer does not need to answer question 1.6B but must complete remaining questions in this section.	
1.6B	Is the Providing Unit registered in SEM or will it be registered by 1 April 2025? Note: If the Providing Unit is a Demand Side Unit, it must be registered in SEM by 1 April 2025 in order to qualify to provide this service.					Tenderer must respond YES.	
1.7	Can the Providing Unit provide a Dynamic Response or a Static/Dynamic given below for clarity?	Can the unit provide the minimum service vol?	Both. (Explanatory note on			Tenderer must respond YES or NO. If Tenderer responds YES, Tenderer must answer question 1.8. If Tenderer responds NO, Tenderer does not need to answer question 1.8 but must complete remaining questions in this section.	Additional Pass / Fail questions apply to aspiring entrants, including:
1.8	Is the Reserve Trigger Capability greater than or equal to 49?					Tenderer must respond YES or NO.	
1.9	Can the Providing Unit provide a minimum of 1MW of POR?					Tenderer must respond YES or NO.	
1.10	Is the Providing Unit connected to the Ireland/ Northern Ireland transmission system or distribution system or will the Providing Unit be connected by 1 April 2025?	Is the unit connected to the transmission or distribution system?				Tenderer must respond YES or NO. If the Providing Unit is not an Aggregator, please confirm the Connection Point. If the Providing Unit is an Aggregator, please see below. If not currently connected to the Power System but planning to be connected by 1 April 2025 please provide a detailed project programme (MS Project Format or similar) and proof of connection agreement or letter from relevant system operator (EirGrid, SONI, ESB Networks, NIE Networks) confirming connection by 1 April 2025. If the Providing Unit is an Aggregator, please see below.  If the Providing Unit is an Aggregator please provide all associated MPRN meter numbers, and Individual Demand Sites or Generator Sites details, as outlined in the Grid Codes (EirGrid section PC.A4.13 for AGU, EirGrid section PC.A7 for DSU) by filling out the System Services Site Info tab. Aggregators must be able to provide all contracted capability by 1 April 2025 and that capability must be reflected on the Providing Unit's Operational Certificate on or before 1 April 2025. To ensure the Providing Unit's Operational Certificate can take effect from 1 April 2025, the DSU application form must be submitted by 31 March 2025. Where the Providing Unit is an Aggregator, the DSU application form must be submitted by 31 March 2025. Where the Providing Unit is an Individual Demand Site or Generator, the DSU application form must be submitted by 31 March 2025.	Pass / Fail Questions relating to Testing and Signalling (where applicable to the technology and service) are the same as Section A.1.
Note: DSU application form is available here:							
1.11	Can the Providing Unit provide POR by 1 April 2025 as per the technical description in the DS3 System Services Agreement?					Tenderer must respond YES or NO.	



# Sample Lot - Section B

Section B is for  
Distribution- Connected  
Candidates only.



Q No	Description	Response	Minimum Evidence Required to demonstrate compliance
1.15	If the Providing Unit is connected to the Ireland Distribution System or will be before 1 April 2025, do you understand that formal notification must be provided from the DSO confirming consent for the service to be provided by 21 February 2025?	<div></div>	<b>Tenderer must respond YES. Formal notification from the DSO confirming consent for the Providing Unit to provide the service must be provided by 21 February 2025.</b>



# Sample Lot - Section C



Section C is for information purposes but must be completed as specified.

PRIMARY OPERATING RESERVE (POR) SECTION C - TECHNICAL (FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY) QUESTIONNAIRE				
Q No	Description	Response	Parameter (All orange fields must be completed, if not)	Notes
<b>Operating Reserve Questions Relating to POR (DYNAMIC RESPONSE)</b>				
2	If the Providing Unit can provide a Dynamic Response please confirm and complete questions 2.1 - 2.10.			
2.1	What is the Reserve Trigger Capability of the Providing Unit? (Definition of Reserve Trigger Capability given below).			The Reserve Trigger must be the same across FFR, POR, SOR and TOR1 if contracted for the provision of any or all of these services.
2.2	Is the Reserve Trigger adjustable? (Definition of Reserve Trigger given below).			
2.3	If the Reserve Trigger is adjustable what is the adjustable range? Please note that the lower limit of the range cannot be lower than 49.3 Hz and the upper limit of the range cannot be above 49.985 Hz.			
2.4	Is the Governor Droop adjustable?			
2.5	What is the Governor Droop adjustable range?			
2.6	What is the Governor Droop currently set at whether fixed or adjustable?			
2.7	At what capacity is the droop referenced? NOTE: Droop is normally referenced against Registered Capacity.			
2.8	If the Providing Unit is a part or whole of a CCGT Installation and can operate in Open Cycle Mode, what is the Governor Droop adjustable range when operating in Open Cycle Mode?			
2.9	If the Providing Unit is a part or whole of a CCGT Installation and can operate in Open Cycle Mode, what is the Governor Droop currently set at whether fixed or adjustable when operating in Open Cycle Mode?			
2.10	If the Providing Unit is a part or whole of a CCGT Installation and can operate in Open Cycle Mode, at what capacity is the droop referenced if not referenced against Registered Capacity when operating in Open Cycle Mode?			

Tenderers must specify the total contracted volume that is being applied for.



# Tender Pack and Technical Questionnaire

## Q & A

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# Testing and Signalling





# DS3 System Services Compliance Webpage

- EirGrid website has a DS3 System Services compliance webpage at [System Service Testing | Grid Codes and Compliance | EirGrid](#)
- System Services test reports and procedures per technology type
- System Services signalling requirements / lists per technology type
- Any questions on testing / signals can be directed to the relevant testing team:
  - [Generator\\_Testing@SONI.ltd.uk](mailto:Generator_Testing@SONI.ltd.uk)
  - [Generator\\_Testing@EirGrid.com](mailto:Generator_Testing@EirGrid.com)
  - [DSU@eirgrid.com](mailto:DSU@eirgrid.com) (*for DSU related queries in IE*)



# Tender Testing Requirements

- Tenderers **must** engage with our testing teams prior to tender submission
- Tender submissions **must** be accompanied by:
  - Approved recent DS3 System Services Test Report  
Or
  - Evidence of recent testing, where a Test Report has not yet been approved  
Or
  - Confirmed Testing Date  
Or
  - Confirmation from TSOs that alternate test data can be used for the purpose of demonstrating capability. If Tenderer opts to submit test data, data must have been gathered within the 12 months prior to the last testing date of the current tender period. In the case of Gate 13, data must have been gathered between the 15th of August 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2025.



# Testing Dates

- Early engagement please.
- Please contact us **now** to book testing slots if you intend to tender for services.
- Testing Dates (subject to availability) - Gate 13
  - Last date: **15th August 2025**
  - Test dates must be agreed: **Before the tender submission.**
    - This applies to all testing whether witnessed or unwitnessed by TSOs
- Testing deadlines will be enforced e.g. all reports must be submitted within 10 business days post-test date (note - TSOs may return reports that are incomplete)



# Testing Documentation

- **Scope** - Document to be submitted 2 BD following confirmation of test date *outlining the services* the unit wishes to contract for including a detailed *plan and timeline* of how they will achieve these goals.
- **Checklist** - A checklist is to be completed with each report to ensure all required aspects of a complete report are met. This is to help mitigate delays at the report reviewing stage. Must be fully completed.
- **Test procedure** - Must be submitted at least 10 BD in advance of testing.
- **Load Profile** - Must be submitted at least 2 BD in advance of testing to [neartime@eirgrid.com](mailto:neartime@eirgrid.com) copying [Generator\\_Testing@EirGrid.com](mailto:Generator_Testing@EirGrid.com) or [DSU@eirgrid.com](mailto:DSU@eirgrid.com) for DSU related test.
- *Templates for the documents are available on the EirGrid website.*



# Testing Documentation

Good practices:

- File name ie. Reports, to be named contained the name of the unit, testing type and version. (*UnitName OR Test Report v2*)
- It is the tenderer responsibility to make sure Generator Testing receive the reports.
- Version history on both file name and section history inside the document, any header and footer must match.
- Operating Reserve reports: Pre-event output as per tender document.
- Highlight proposed changes vs existing contracts e.g., proposed values in **RED** text.



# Updated Testing Documentation

- Testing to reset performance scalar.
  - The existing report template was designed for contracting. It uses 'minimum sustained MW' to determine achieved volumes.
  - New report template will be published for units who carry out testing to reset performance scalar. The assessment methodology (and pass criteria) will be as per performance monitoring.

Technology	Report	Test Procedure
WFPS/SFPS	Published	N/A
Conventional	Published	Drafted
Batteries	Drafted	Drafted
Interconnector	Drafted	Drafted
Aggregator	To be drafted	TBC

# Testing of DSUs

- Early engagement please
- When requesting a Testing Date:
  - DSUs must submit a DSU application at the same time
  - Ramping or Capacity tests only witnessed as needed - new DSU or testing above 5 MW
  - Tests will still be scheduled via existing calendar process
- Individual Demand Site switching:
  - Please ensure that applications are supported by satisfactory evidence, for example a letter of transfer for IDS switching aggregators and that contracts with the site will be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.



# Reserve Testing Standards

- No change to the testing standards from Gate 12
- For reserve services, the following standards apply:
  - Conventional units - a frequency injection of 200mHz to 500mHz
  - Wind farms - a frequency injection of 200mHz
  - Aggregators - based on the unit's reserve trigger(s)
  - Interconnectors - based on the unit's reserve trigger(s)
  - Batteries - based on the unit's reserve trigger(s)
- TOR2 assessment:
  - TOR2 may be assessed from a frequency injection
  - TOR2 may be assessed based on approved TOD and verify through real dispatch.





# Signalling Requirements

- Certain DS3 System Services have specific signalling requirements:
  - Dependent on the Providing Unit's technology
  - Noted in the relevant Lot of the Technical Questionnaire
  - Published on the DS3 System Services Compliance webpage
  - Refer to 'DS3 System Services New Signaling Requirements for the Regulated Arrangements' document dated November 2019 (in tender pack)
  
- Signalling requirements obligations must be met by **22nd August 2025**:
  - Providing Unit must request a site-specific Signal List
  - TSO issues site-specific signal list (based on TSO templates & site-specific info)
  - Providing Unit must make the signals available to the TSO (at interface)
  - Providing Unit must complete, sign and submit the site-specific Wiring Certificate



# Questions

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# Webinar Concluded

Queries on Volume Uncapped Gate 13:

- Send no later than 12:00 hrs Irish Time on 4th July 2025 To: [tenders@eirgrid.com](mailto:tenders@eirgrid.com) and [tenders.soni@soni.ltd.uk](mailto:tenders.soni@soni.ltd.uk)

EirGrid & SONI will respond to all queries by 11th July 2025.

Webinar slide deck will be published shortly.

