

**IESA Response to**

**EirGrid PR5 RES-E Multi-Year Plan 2022-2026 Consultation**

The Irish Energy Storage Association welcomes the opportunity to respond to the EirGrid consultation on its PR5 RES-E Multi-Year Plan 2022-2026.

We commend EirGrid on its progress to date in decarbonising the electricity system and its plans for the future.

We offer a few comments as outlined below.

**Summary of RES-E Incentive Workstreams**

1. Operational Policy Roadmap to 2030

It would be helpful to understand EirGrid’s thinking on operational policies for energy storage plants, both short duration for fast response reserve and longer duration for energy balancing and ramping.

**Incentive Deliverables/Actions**

1. SNSP Increase

We are surprised that there is not an interim SNSP trial of 80% in 2024 rather than just further studies

1. Reduce minimum number of large synchronous units

The plan is described further under item 5 of the Incentive Deliverables/Actions section. We are surprised that the reduction is only from 8 units to 7 units. We would have expected that greater reductions could be achieved with a mix of synchronous condensers to provide inertia, fault current and electromagnetism together with energy storage for ramping. We would be interested in EirGrid’s plan for future years. An initiative to incentivise the installation of synchronous condensers is urgently needed to facilitate a further reduction in running fossil fuel plants.