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2 Introduction

The aim of this Qualification Information Pack is to provide information to prospective ORESS Tonn Nua Applicants to enable them to participate in the ORESS Tonn Nua qualification process. Prospective ORESS Tonn Nua Applicants should ensure that only the documents included (or linked to) here are used in any ORESS Tonn Nua Application for Qualification.

Submission of Applications for Qualification will be facilitated through the RESS Auction Platform. A guide on how to register and navigate through the system will be published in advance of the Qualification Application Opening Date in the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction Timetable.

In this Qualification Information Pack, prospective ORESS Tonn Nua Applicants will find the necessary forms (or links thereto) that will need to be provided in the Application for Qualification.

This pack includes the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction Timetable, which outlines key dates that will take place throughout the year for the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction.

The key documents included in this Qualification Information Pack required at Qualification include:

- ORESS Tonn Nua Auction Timetable ([ORTNAT](#))
- ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Applicant Submission Form ([ORTNBB1](#))
- ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Applicant Return Form ([ORTNBB2](#))
- ORESS Tonn Nua Application for Review Form ([ORTNAR](#))
- ORESS Tonn Nua Notice of Withdrawal Form ([ORTNNW](#))
- ORESS Tonn Nua Notice of Dissatisfaction ([ORTNND](#))
- ORESS Tonn Nua Templates for Director Declarations
- ORESS Tonn Nua Qualification Process ([ORTNQP](#))

This Qualification Information Pack also includes documents that must be submitted to the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE):

- Project Information Document ([ORTNPID](#))
- Declaration of Project Information ([ORTNDPI](#))
- Declaration of Updated Project Information ([ORTNDUPI](#))
- Updated Project Information Document ([ORTNUPID](#))
- Financial Questionnaire (ORESS Tonn Nua Terms & Conditions - Annex B)

All forms and declarations found within this pack are based on the [ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions](#). Where there is a difference between this Qualification Information Pack and the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions, the latter takes precedence. Prospective ORESS Tonn Nua Applicants should ensure they are fully aware of the obligations that arise in the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions.

This Qualification Information Pack will explain the background to each of the documents included herein.

It is preferable that all documents are typed and if this is not possible, they must be completed using block capitals. For the avoidance of doubt, documents should be completed, printed, signed by the relevant director, scanned to portable document format (pdf) and uploaded to the RESS Auction Platform.

It is important that all documents are uploaded to the RESS Auction Platform in pdf format.

3 Contact Details

Below you will find contact details for the RESS team in EirGrid. In order to contact the RESS team, please submit your query to the email address provided below and the RESS team will endeavour to respond to your query as soon as possible via email. As this is a formal process, all queries will be addressed via email.

ORESS Tonn Nua Qualification & Auction Processes

Postal:

FAO: RESS Auction Delivery

EirGrid, Block 3 The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 FW28, Ireland

Email:

RESS@eirgrid.com

4 ORESS Tonn Nua Qualification

The [ORESS Tonn Nua Qualification Process \(ORTNQP\)](#) contained in this document includes a detailed step-by-step guide to enable ORESS Tonn Nua Applicants to clearly understand exactly what is required of them to participate in qualification for the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction from the Qualification Application Opening Date to Final Qualification Decisions Date. Timings of key activities are also illustrated in the process in line with the dates identified in the [ORESS Tonn Nua Auction Timetable \(ORTNAT\)](#). The [ORESS Tonn Nua Qualification Process \(ORTNQP\)](#) consists of the steps associated with qualification submission, qualification assessment and qualification results.

5 RESS Auction Platform

Applications for Qualification will be submitted via the [RESS Auction Platform](#). To access the RESS Auction Platform, prospective ORESS Tonn Nua Applicants will be asked to register prior to the Qualification Application Date.

5.1 RESS Authorised User Form

As part of the registration process the prospective ORESS Tonn Nua Applicant must submit an ORESS Tonn Nua [RESS Authorised User Form \(RAU1\)](#) via the RESS Auction Platform in PDF format outlining who will be authorised to submit an Application for Qualification. This form must be signed by a director. Proof of directorship of the company must also be submitted with this form.

- If an ORESS Authorised User is **not** an existing user of the RESS Auction Platform, an ORESS Tonn Nua RAU1 form must be submitted via the [RESS Auction Platform](#).
- If an ORESS Authorised User is an existing user of the RESS Auction Platform, an ORESS Tonn Nua RAU1 form must be completed and issued to RESS@eirgrid.com.

6 Grid Connection Information

This document is prepared by the TSO and may be amended by the TSO from time to time, in accordance with applicable decision paper(s) issued by the CRU. This document will outline Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) decision on the grid access requirements for Phase 2 offshore wind projects following a review of stakeholder responses to the earlier proposed decision.

The Grid Connection Information Pack will contain:

- A description of the grid connection point and land fall location, connection methodology, operating parameters, indicative land and marine cable routes, offshore substation location(s), site investigations and geophysical survey data.
- A list of relevant Site-Related Connection Equipment (SRCE) including Operational and Maintenance (O&M) requirements.
- A scope and list of connection works required to deliver the SRCE for the successful project including timescales.
- A breakdown of the connection charges including any pass-through charges (where applicable) and charging arrangements.
- A list of the relevant general and functional specifications, including TSO/TAO technical interface requirements.
- A risk register identifying consenting, project and interface risks, and proposed mitigation actions.

- Details of relevant transmission works which are required for energisation to occur, including expected timelines for delivery. Where energisation is dependent on certain reinforcements, these reinforcements will be identified, and timelines provided.
- Firm access Quantity & Date from the latest TSO Firm Access allocation run.
- [Grid Connection Information Pack \(GCI\)](#)

7 ORESS Tonn Nua Auction Timetable

The latest [ORESS Tonn Nua Auction Timetable \(ORTNAT\)](#) is included in this Qualification Information Pack.

8 ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Submission and Return Forms

A Bid Bond means a cash security lodged by an Applicant in respect of an Application for Qualification in accordance with the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions.

Each Applicant must provide a Bid Bond to the TSO by the Bid Bond Posting Date in accordance with Section 7.5 of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions. The Bid Bond value in ORESS Tonn Nua is €20,000,000.

In accordance with section 7.5.1 (b) of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions, where an Applicant does not post the required level of Bid Bond by the Bid Bond Posting Date the **TSO shall reject the relevant Application for Qualification for the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction.**

In this section there are two forms relating to Bid Bonds which **must** be fully completed and submitted as part of the Application for Qualification by all Applicants. The two forms are: [ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Submission Form \(ORTNBB1\)](#) and [ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Return Form \(OFRTNBB2\)](#), these forms must be uploaded to the RESS Auction Platform.

8.1 ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Applicant Submission Form

When an Applicant is submitting an Application for Qualification in respect of the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction, they must post a Bid Bond in a **single payment** paid to the TSO RESS Account no later than the Bid Bond Posting Date. As part of this process, all sections of this form ([ORTNBB1](#)) must be completed. This form must be signed by a director.

It is vital that this form is completed correctly; in particular, it is important that the ORESS Tonn Nua Application Reference (**as assigned in Application for Qualification: ORESSTN-4 Digits**) is included within the payment reference when a payment is being made in order for the TSO to safely and securely link a submitted Bid Bond to a ORESS Tonn Nua Project. Application Reference Numbers will be assigned once the Application Submission window has opened, and the application has been saved in draft.

- [ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Submission Form \(ORTNBB1\)](#)

8.2 ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Applicant Return Form

When an Applicant is submitting an Application for Qualification in respect of the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction, they must also submit an ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Applicant Return Form ([ORTNBB2](#)). This form will be used by the TSO where a Bid Bond is to be returned to an Applicant. This form must be signed by a director.

- [ORESS Tonn Nua Bid Bond Return Form \(OFRTNBB2\)](#)

9 ORESS Tonn Nua Application for Review Form

In accordance with the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions, Section 7.2.3 (b), an Applicant who considers that the TSO has not applied the Terms and Conditions correctly in the Provisional Qualification Decision, can submit an [Application for Review \(ORTNAR\)](#) to the TSO. **The Application for Review must be received by the TSO no later than two working days after receipt by the Applicant of the Provisional Qualification Decision.** This form can be signed by an authorised user.

- [ORESS Tonn Nua Application For Review Form \(ORTNAR\)](#)

10 ORESS Tonn Nua Notice of Application Withdrawal

According to section 7.2.1(c) an Applicant, who has submitted an Application for Qualification in respect of the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction and who no longer wishes to participate in the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction, can issue a [Notice of Withdrawal \(ORTNNW\)](#) to the TSO.

The Notice of Application Withdrawal must be received by the TSO no later than the Final Application Withdrawal Date in the [ORESS Tonn Nua Auction Timetable \(ORNAT\)](#). This notice can be signed by an authorised user. The Notice of Withdrawal is irrevocable, and the Application for Qualification will not be considered further for the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction.

- [ORESS Tonn Nua Notice of Application Withdrawal Form \(ORTNNW\)](#)

11 ORESS Tonn Nua Notice of Dissatisfaction

An Applicant who, following a TSO decision with respect to an Application for Review, considers that the TSO has not applied the Terms and Conditions correctly in their decision for Application for Qualification or the [Application for Review \(ORTNAR\)](#), can submit a [Notice of Dissatisfaction \(ORTNND\)](#) to the Minister. The Applicant should detail the relevant provisions of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions that they consider have not been applied correctly by the TSO.

The Notice of Dissatisfaction must be received by the Minister no later than two working days after receipt of the TSO decision. The notice should be accompanied by the TSO decision in respect of the Application for Review. This form can be signed by an authorised user.

- [ORESS Tonn Nua Notice of Dissatisfaction Form \(ORTNND\)](#)

12 ORESS Tonn Nua Director Declarations

There are six director declarations to be included in the Application for Qualification as per the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions. **All six director declarations must be made by way of an individual sworn affidavit.**

Templates for each of the six director declarations are included in this Pack.

- [Declaration of Financeability \(ORTNDF\)](#)
- [Declaration of New Project \(ORTNDNP\)](#)

- [Declaration of Bidding Independence \(ORTNDBI\)](#)
- [Declaration of Prior PSO funding \(ORTNDPPSOF\)](#)
- [Declaration of MAC Application Eligibility \(ORTNDMACAE\)](#)
- [Declaration of Applicant Project Experience \(ORTNDAPE\)](#)

12.1 Related Company Undertaking

Where the Applicant intends to rely on the experience of one or more of its Related Companies to satisfy the requirements in Section 7.3.10 of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions, the [Declaration of Applicant Project Experience](#) must be accompanied by a written undertaking from the Related Company (or Related Companies) to make readily and freely available to the Applicant such experience without any impediments or restrictions. **This document is to be appended in Exhibit A of the Declaration of Applicant Project Experience. It is not treated as a separate declaration.**

- [Template for Related Company Undertaking letter.](#)

13 Documents to be submitted to the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE)

Following Final Qualification Decisions, Qualified Applicants must submit three documents to the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment. These documents must be submitted by the Financial Questionnaire closing date as per the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction Timetable. Further details of these documents are provided below.

13.1 Project Information Document Form

Following Final Qualification Decisions, each Qualified Applicant must complete and submit a Project Information Document (ORTNPID) in respect of their ORESS Tonn Nua Project to the Minister, the form to be used is linked above. The ORTNPID must **not be submitted to EirGrid**. The ORTNPID must be submitted to the Minister by the Financial Questionnaire Submission Closing Date which can be found in the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction Timetable. Further details on how to submit the ORTNPID can be found within the form. The key characteristics of the ORESS Tonn Nua Project detailed in the Project Information Document must be true and accurate, provided in good faith, based on all available financial and technical data available at the date of the submission of the Project Information Document, and consistent with industry norms.

- [Project Information Document \(ORTNPID\)](#)

13.2 Declaration of Project Information

In accordance with section 7.7 of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions, as part of an Offer, each Qualified Applicant must provide a Declaration of Project Information to the Minister. The Declaration of Project Information must **not be submitted to EirGrid**, it must be submitted to the Minister along with the Project Information Document by the Financial Questionnaire Submission Closing Date which can be found in the ORESS Tonn Nua Auction Timetable. Further details on how to submit this declaration can be found within the Declaration of Project Information.

- [Declaration of Project Information \(ORTNDPI\)](#)

13.3 Financial Questionnaire

In accordance with section 8.1.1 of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions, Qualified Applicant must complete and submit the Financial Questionnaire which can be found in Annex B of the Terms and conditions to the Minister. The financial questionnaire must be submitted to the Minister (for the attention of ORESS Team, Long Term Strategic Planning Division at the address specified at Clause 16 of the Project Delivery Agreement) no earlier than the Financial Questionnaire Submission Opening Date and no later than the Financial Questionnaire Submission Closing Date. The information submitted in this Financial Questionnaire must be true and accurate at the time of submission.

14 Generator future obligations

14.1 Updated Project Information Document

In accordance with section 11.5.1 of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions, The Generator must complete and submit an updated project information document in respect of the ORESS Tonn Nua Project, the form of which is included in this qualification information pack. The Updated Project Information Document must outline any changes to the key characteristics of the ORESS Tonn Nua Project as set out in the Project Information Document which can be found.

- [Updated Project Information Document \(ORTNUPID\)](#)

14.2 Declaration of Updated Project Information

In accordance with section 11.6 of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions, The Updated Project Information Document must be accompanied by a director declaration in relation to the ORESS Tonn Nua Project (“Declaration of Updated Project Information”), the form of which will be provided in the Qualification Information Pack, confirming that the Updated Project Information Document is true and accurate as at the time of submission. In accordance with section 11.6.2, The Declaration of Updated Project Information must be true and accurate and made by way of a sworn affidavit having regard to the fiduciary duties that a director has to the company whose board (or equivalent) it sits on, in each case under applicable company law legislation. In accordance with section 11.6.3, If any statement in the Declaration of Updated Project Information is found not to be true or accurate, in addition to applicable legal penalties or sanctions in respect of the sworn affidavit.

- [Declaration of Updated Project Information \(ORTNDUPI\)](#)

14.3 Surveying Fee

In accordance with section 11.1.7 of the ORESS Tonn Nua Terms and Conditions, The Generator shall, no later than twenty (20) Working Days after receiving a request from the Minister (or its agents), transfer the Surveying Fee to a bank account specified by the Minister (or a nominated body). The Surveying Fee shall include, where applicable, any costs incurred under the WIP Survey Contract. For more information on the Surveying Fee please refer to the [Survey Fee Notification](#) which has been published by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE)