

# **Renewable Electricity Support Scheme**

# **RESS 1 Auction Information Pack**

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#### 1. Introduction

The aim of this Auction Information Pack is to provide information to RESS 1 Qualified Applicants to enable them to participate in the RESS 1 Auction process.

Submission of bid prices for Qualified Applicants shall be facilitated through the online portal which applicants previously used to submit their Applications for Qualification.

In this Auction Information Pack, RESS 1 Qualified Applicants will find the most recent auction timetable and information that will inform them fully on the auction process and parameters. One form is included in this Auction Information Pack, namely the Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction form.

The key items included in this Auction Information Pack include:

- RESS 1 Auction Timetable (R1AT)
- RESS 1 Auction Process (R1AP)
- RESS 1 Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction (R1NAD)
- RESS 1 Parameters
- RESS 1 Online Portal Connectivity Information and Offer Submission.

All information found within this pack is based on the <u>RESS 1 Terms and Conditions</u>. Where there is a difference between this Auction Information Pack and the RESS 1 Terms and Conditions, the latter takes precedence. RESS 1 Qualified Applicants should ensure they are fully aware of the obligations that arise in the RESS 1 Terms and Conditions.

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

#### 2. Contact Details

Below you will find contact details for the RESS Operations 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.

# **RESS1 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



#### 3. RESS 1 Auction Timetable

The latest RESS 1 Auction Timetable (R1AT) v4.0 is included in this Auction Information Pack. The only change from version 3, which was issued with the RESS 1 Qualification Information Pack, is that the name "Auction Submission Closing Date" has been changed to "Auction Submission Deadline Date" to better align with RESS 1 Terms and Conditions. No dates have changed.

#### 4. RESS 1 Auction Process

The RESS 1 Auction Process (R1AP) contained in this pack includes a detailed step-by-step guide to enable RESS 1 Qualified Applicants to clearly understand exactly what is required of them to participate in the RESS 1 Auction from the Final Qualification Decisions Date to Final Auction Results Date. Timings of key activities are also illustrated in the process in line with the dates identified in the RESS 1 Auction Timetable. The RESS 1 Auction Process consists of the steps associated with submitting an offer price, running the auction and issuing provisional and final auction results.

#### 5. RESS 1 Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction

An Applicant who, following a TSO decision with respect to the Provisional Auction Results, considers that the TSO has not applied the Terms and Conditions correctly in their determination of the Provisional Auction Results, can submit a Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction (R1NAD) to the Minister (copying the TSO). The Applicant should detail the relevant provisions of the RESS 1 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 <u>two</u> working days after receipt of the Provisional Auction Results.

It is preferable that this document is typed and if this is not possible it must be completed using block capitals. For the avoidance of doubt, the document should be completed, printed, signed by the authorised user and sent to <a href="mailto:ress@DCCAE.gov.ie">ress@DCCAE.gov.ie</a> copying <a href="mailto:RESS@eirgrid.com">RESS@eirgrid.com</a>

#### 6. RESS 1 Parameters

In accordance with 6.7.5 (c) of the RESS 1 Terms and Conditions, the final values of the X and Y numerical parameters, as approved by the Minister, are as follows:

<b>RESS 1 Parameter</b>	Value
Х	150%
Υ	500 GWh

The Final Competition Ratios will be published by the Regulatory Authority prior to the submission of Offer Prices by Qualified Applicants unless the Regulatory Authority determines there is insufficient



competition within a Preference Category with which to conduct an auction, in which case a statement to this effect will be published instead for the Preference Category(ies) concerned.

# 7. RESS 1 Online Portal - Connectivity Information

The online portal that was used by the Applicant to complete and submit an Application for Qualification in respect of the RESS 1 Auction will be used to submit offer prices, which will be used in the auction algorithm.

An offer price will only be accepted by the TSO if it is submitted by one of the two nominated authorised users included on the RESS 1 Declaration of User Authorisation (R1DD7). The same log-in credentials issued for the qualification phase should be used to access the portal to submit Offer Prices.

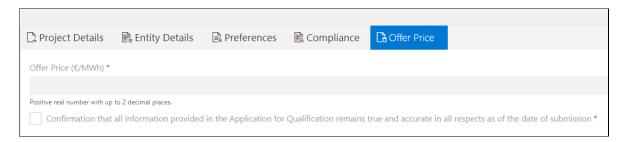
Similar to the qualification stage, an Applicant will be issued with a code to their mobile phone which must be entered to complete the logon. This is to ensure a high level of security on the portal.

Should an authorised user forget their password, they can click the "forgot password?" link. They will receive a new, temporary password to the email address they provided. An authorised user should allow up to one working day for this to arrive. If the email cannot be found in the authorised users' normal inbox, they should check their spam or junk folders.

The contact email address for those experiencing difficulties accessing the online portal is <a href="mailto:RESS1.2020.support@eirgrid.com">RESS1.2020.support@eirgrid.com</a>

### 8. RESS 1 Online Portal - Offer Submission

The location for inputting the Offer Price on the online portal will be under the Offer Price tab. When an authorised user accesses the online portal, they will be directed to the tab and all other tabs on the portal will be locked.



There are two mandatory fields that need to be completed on the Offer Price tab:

- Offer Price (€/MWh) specified to two decimal places that is greater than or equal to 0.00 €/MWh and is less than or equal to 120.00 €/MWh; and
- 2. Confirmation that all information provided in the Application for Qualification remains true and accurate in all respects on the date of submission of Offer Price. This confirmation is subject to Section 6.4.9, where if the Principal Owners and / or the structure chart have changed between the date of submission of the Application for Qualification and the date of submission of the Offer Price, that the Applicant has indicated this and provided an updated certified structure



chart showing the ownership of the Applicant up to ultimate beneficial owner level and that any new Principal Owner was listed as an entity by the Applicant in its Application for Qualification in accordance with Section 6.4.9(c).

Once these details are populated, there is only one option which is 'Save and Submit'. Once this is selected, the Offer Price entered is final and **there will be no option for the Authorised User to amend this.** There is no option to enter details and save this entry to review at a later date. Therefore, before selecting the 'Save and Submit' button, please carefully review the details entered before submitting.

# 9. Anonymous Financial Information Questionnaire

RESS 1 Applicants are advised that an anonymous financial information questionnaire will be issued shortly from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment (DCCAE). This request will be a requirement under the RESS State Aid evaluation of notified schemes. The information collected will allow DCCAE to improve future auction designs. For clarity, it is noted that completion of the questionnaire is optional and does not form part of the RESS 1 winner selection process.