

14/05/2024

RESS 4 Information Session

May 2024



Intro & Housekeeping

- Please mute your mic and turn off camera.
- We will run through a slideshow of important points
- We will answer submitted questions.
 - Additional questions to be submitted via Teams Chat box or RESS Mailbox for review by the team



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RESS 4 Key Changes



- ✓ Single RESS Directors Declaration. Reduced from Eight.
- ✓ Planning Reference Number as per the relevant grid connection arrangement documentation
- ✓ Simplification of entity relationships. Reduced from six to three
 - 'Principal Owner',
 - 'Prospective Principal Owner' and
 - 'Entity which has revealed/is aware of Pricing Information'.
- ✗ Evidence of Planning Permission no longer required.
- ✗ Landowner Consent Form (LCC) no longer Required.
- ✗ Certified Structure Chart (CASC) no longer required.
- ✓ **One** set of clarifications will be sent for incomplete applications, with one chance to rectify these.
- ✓ Shortening of Auction Administrator review period after application submission (eight to around four weeks).
- ✗ Updated application information will not be considered after the Provisional Qualification Decisions.
- ✗ Application for Reviews will only be considered where the Applicant deems the Auction Administrator has not applied the Terms and Conditions correctly in their Provisional Qualification Decision.

Upcoming milestones

20/05/24: Qualification Application opening date

- Opens at 10AM, applications can be started & saved in draft
- Use the QIP, checklists, FAQ & RAP user guide to assist with filling out the application

04/06/24: Qualification Application Closing date

- All applications must be submitted by 17:00
- If not submitted by gate closure applications in draft will change to 'expired'

04/06/24: Bid Bond posting date

- Bid bond must be paid by this date
- Please ensure to include RESS ID in transaction

The week of the 17th of June: Qualification Clarifications

- Auction Administrator will seek clarifications on incomplete applications between Application Submission and Provisional Qualification Decisions
- Request for clarifications will be sent where required via the RESS Auction Platform and will include the required response timeline.
- Applicants will have one shot to fix all clarifications and resubmit by the required response timeline, The Auction Administrator **will not** reach out a second time if clarifications remain unresolved after the required response timeline has passed.

04/07/24: Provisional Qualification Results date

- Results will be published on a member private basis via the RESS Auction Platform

Upcoming milestones

08/07/24: Application for review closing date

- Application for review form should be completed and submitted via the RESS Auction Platform by 17:00

08/07/24: Final withdrawal date

- Withdrawal form should be completed and submitted via the RESS Auction Platform by 17:00

15/07/24: Application for Review Decision Date

- Application for Review (AfR) can be filled out where an applicant deems the Auction Administrator has not adhered to the RESS 4 T&Cs. AfR is not for applicants to resolve incomplete or incorrect applications.
- If successful, the status of the application will change to 'Provisionally Qualified'. If unsuccessful the application will remain as 'Provisionally Not Qualified'
- A message will also be sent detailing the outcome of the AfR

17/07/24: Qualification Decisions Submission Date

- Auction Administrator will gather Provisional Qualification Decisions along with the outcome of any Application reviews and/or withdrawals and send to DECC for review

19/07/24: Notice of Dissatisfaction by Participants Date

- If applicants do not believe the Auction Administrator applied the T&Cs correctly following the outcome of Provisional Qualification Decisions and Application for Review, they can submit a Notice of Dissatisfaction (R4ND) to DECC for consideration

26/07/24: Final Qualification Decisions Date

- DECC will inform the Auction Administrator of the Final Qualification Decisions
- Final Qualification Decisions as approved by the Minister will be published on a member private basis via the RESS Auction Platform

Registration on the RESS Auction Platform

If you have not applied to register for the RESS Auction Platform, please do so without delay.



- ✓ If you are an existing RESS Auction Platform User and details have changed, Please submit a new RAU1 form and all associated documents to RESS@EirGrid.com. More details on next slide

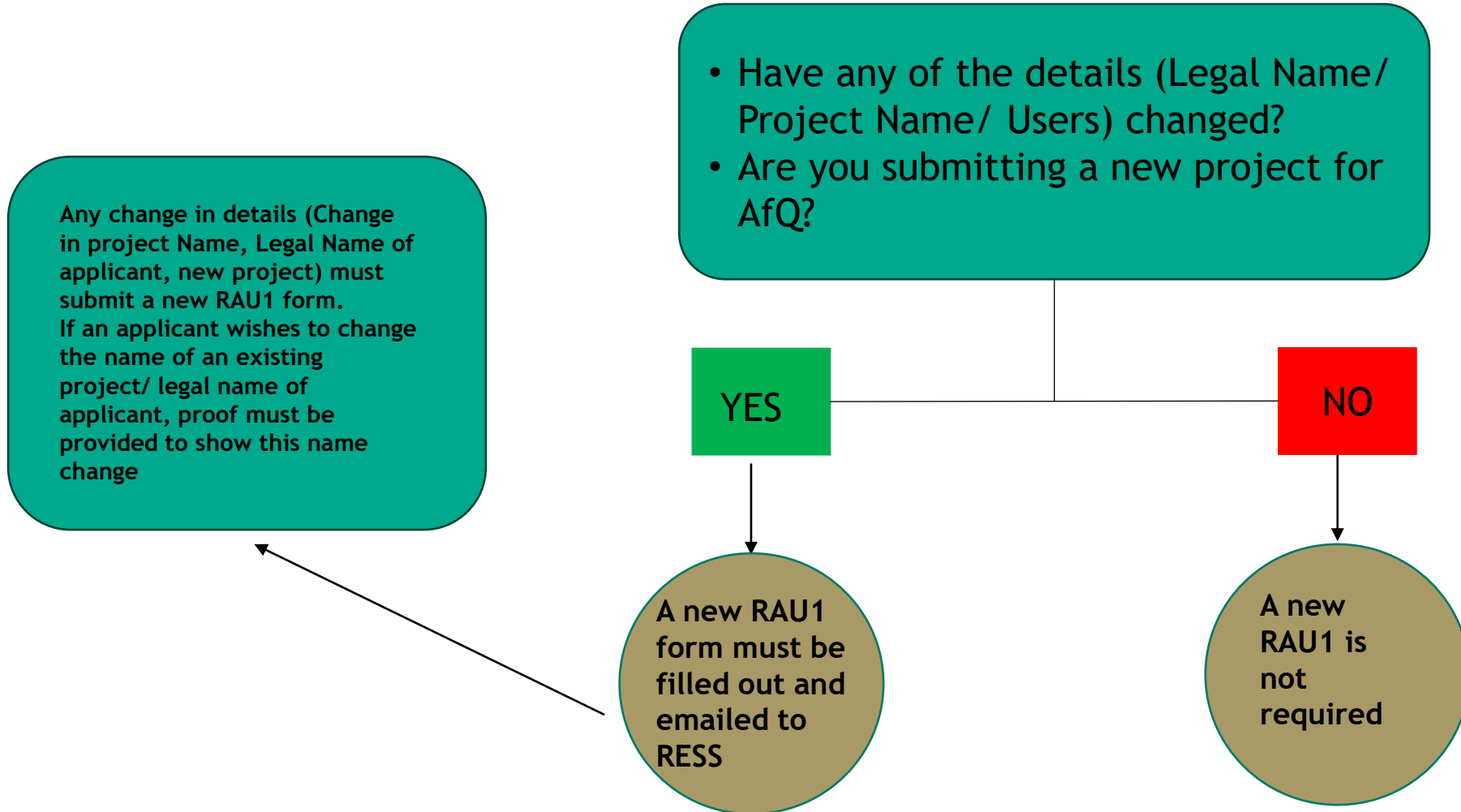


- ✓ If you are a new RESS Auction Platform User please complete the normal registration process via the [RESS Auction Platform](#) -

Documents to be submitted at Registration:

- ✓ **RESS Authorised User form (RAU1)**
Linked in the Qualification Information Pack. Read instructions carefully.
- ✓ **Proof of Director**
Please provide evidence of directors of the company (e.g., CRO records, board minutes)

Is a new RAU1 form Required?



RAU1

RESS AUTHORISED USER FORM^{1,2,3}

1. Applicant and Project Details^{4,5,6}

Legal Name of Applicant

(As per Connection Agreement, ECP List/Connection Assessment)

Company Number (As per CRO website)

Select Auction Type RESS ORESS

#	Project Name <small>(As per Connection Agreement, ECP List/Connection Assessment)</small>
1	<i>Insert Project name here</i>
2	

(Insert more rows as required)

2. RESS Authorised User(s) Details⁹

RESS Authorised User Details 1

First Name
Surname
Email
Mobile Number
Signature

RESS Authorised User Details 2

First Name
Surname
Email

RESS Authorised User Form (RAU) v1.0

Legal name of applicant matching EXACTLY from your Grid Connection Arrangement

Company Number

RESS Box should be ticked for RESS 4

List of Projects matching EXACTLY from Grid Connection arrangement

User Details- At least 2 users is recommended

RAU1



Mobile Number
Signature

(Insert more users as required)

3. Confirmations and Signature^{1,8}

- I confirm, on behalf of the Applicant, that the above named individuals have been lawfully authorised and granted permission to each act on behalf of the Applicant specified above in respect of all the listed RESS Projects specified above for the purposes for RESS Auctions.
- I confirm, on behalf of the Applicant, that each RAU has the authority to authorise, register and manage access rights for additional users via the RESS Auction Platform to each act on behalf of the Applicant specified above in respect of all the listed RESS Projects specified above in accordance with their assigned access rights.
- I confirm that evidence of all lawfully appointed directors of the Applicant has been included with the submission of this form.

Director Name (please print)
Signature
Date

Directors signature

Proof of Directors should be attached below this form and uploaded to the RAP in a single PDF

RESS 4 Platform Changes



- ✓ Entity details will need to be uploaded to the RAP, but will not need to be appended to the RESS Qualification Declaration
- ✓ **‘Primary County Field’** The Primary County your project is located in will need to be selected
- ✓ **‘Secondary County Field’** If your project is on the border of/ crosses over into any other county- you will input these counties into this field
- ✓ **‘Planning Reference Number Field’** Insert reference number as per the relevant grid connection arrangement documentation

RESS Qualification Declaration



A single directors declaration must be filled out and uploaded to the RAP in PDF format. Please follow the below steps:

- ✓ The declaration is uploaded along with the Qualification Information Pack (QIP).
- ✓ The document is uploaded in word format. The document has been locked for editing, except for the mandatory fields that **must** be filled in. Mandatory fields will be highlighted in **RED**.
- ✓ An Applicant will fill in the mandatory fields on their PC, print the document and then sign the document
- ✓ A solicitors/commissioner of oaths signature is required

RESS 4 Project Name: *Insert Text* (the "RESS 4 Project") Planning Permission reference number: *Insert Text*, Grid contract reference number: *Insert Text*

I, *Insert Text* of *Insert Text* in the city/county of *Insert Text*, *Insert Text* aged eighteen years and upwards make an oath and say as follows:-

I am a director of *insert text*, *insert text* which has [*a*] registered office[s] at *insert text* and I have regard to the fiduciary duties which I owe to this company by virtue of this role in making this declaration.



It is important to note that any amendments to this declaration will require it to be re-signed and re dated by a solicitor

RESS Directors Declaration continued

The final page of the Declaration must be filled out after the document is printed

Director Signature

Directors name who has sworn this oath

Write Address where sworn

Write city

3 options for how the solicitor/Commissioner of oaths identified the deponent. Select one, cross out others

Sworn by the said (name)
At (address where affidavit sworn)
In the city of
Before me a Commissioner of Oaths
And I know the deponent/
The deponent has been identified to me by _____ who is personally known to me/
the identity of the deponent has been established by him/ her
by reference to (state photo document) of the deponent
this ____ day of _____ 20__

Commissioner of Oaths

(Person who identified the Deponent)
I certify that I know the deponent

Solicitor/Commissioner of Oaths Signature

Date



Clarifications

- Clarifications will be sent out the week of the 17th of June- Please ensure to monitor your inbox at this time.
- Clarifications will be sent via the RESS Auction Platform to all users who are associated with a project. You will receive an email of this notification also.
- Any issues will be explained clearly in the clarification message.
- Applicants can engage with the Auction Administrator if they are unsure of any clarifications.
- Once the clarifications are sent, the application will change from ‘submitted’ to ‘draft’.
- Not all clarifications need to be uploaded in one go, you can upload clarifications one at a time if needed and save in draft.
- Please ensure all clarifications are addressed and you once again ‘Submit’ your application by the date specified in the clarification message

Please note that the Auction Administrator cannot advise specifically what should be input into an AfQ nor can we confirm or deny that any information will be accepted prior to Application Submission Closure or during Clarifications.



Communication Channels



- **Distribution list** - All key updates will be emailed to those on our mailing list
- **RAP** - Direct messages may be sent by the Auction Administrator to Applicants via the RAP, these will appear in 'Messages'.
- **Email** - Applicants can email RESS@EirGrid.com at any time for issues such as general queries, RAP log in issues etc.
- **Website** - Document publications



Submitted Questions:

Q. Timings on when Bid Bonds would be returned in different scenarios e.g

1. A withdrawal notice is submitted
2. If a bid is unsuccessful in Auction
3. If a bid is successful

A.

All timings are specified in section 8.3.4 of the RESS 4 Terms and Conditions.

1. 10 working days from Final Withdrawal Date
2. 10 Working days from Final Auction Results
3. If an applicant is successful and executes their implementation agreement, the auction administrator would get an instruction from the Minister to return the Bid Bond

Q. Does the bank details listed on the Bid Bond Submission form (R4BB1) and return form (R4BB2) have to be that of the project? Can it be a solicitors or any other account?

A.

As per the RESS 4 Terms and Conditions, there is no obligation for the bank account that submits their Bid Bond, or the account that the Bid Bond is returned to, must match the project name. Any form that is submitted to the Auction Administrator will be reviewed and signed by the director of the relevant Legal Name of Applicant.

Q. Can a project come forward with an ECP Offer it has not yet accepted?

To be eligible to participate in RESS 4, projects must hold a valid connection offer that is capable of acceptance within the requisite time period or have accepted the connection offer and entered into a grid connection agreement that is valid for the duration of the RESS 4 support period.

Validity Period is 90 days from issuance of connection offers.

ECP projects that have applied to receive a valid connection offer, but have not yet received their offer by the application submission closing date, will not be permitted to apply.

Q. Does the solicitor signing the Qualification Declaration need to be external to the organisation making the submission?

A.

Any Solicitor/Commissioner of Oaths is permitted to sign documentation for RESS 4

Any Further Questions
please submit to
RESS@EirGrid.com

