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Open Letter: Establishment of the Code Development Working Group for System Services Future Arrangements

To whom it may concern,

As detailed in the SEM Committee's High-Level Decision (HLD) Paper published April 2022, the TSOs are required to deliver a competitive framework for the procurement of system services ahead of the short-term energy and balancing capacity markets, as provided for under Directive (EU) 2019/944 and Regulation (EU) 2019/943. This provision of system services is to be incentivised through a new market mechanism - Future Arrangements for System Services (FASS) - that ensures the secure operation of the electricity system with higher levels of non-synchronous generation.

The HLD also provided for the phased introduction of a System Services Code which would set out the market rules. System Service providers would accede to the code to allow them to participate in the new market arrangements.

As part of its most recent decision, the SEM Committee invited the TSOs to establish a working group for the development of a System Services Code with appropriate industry membership.

Separately, the SEM Committee has established the System Services Future Arrangements Project Panel. This is distinct from the System Service Code Working Group, and is a consultative group set up to complement standard public consultation processes.

Currently EirGrid and SONI are seeking expressions of interest from those who would like to become members of the System Services Code Development Working Group. The Working Group will initially convene monthly. The objective of the System Services Code Working Group is to discuss in detail the elements of the SEM Committee's decision papers and other regulatory documentation relevant to FASS, and to collaborate on the detailed drafting of the System Services Code. A [Terms of Reference for this Working Group can be found here](#).

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Code Development Working Group, please email FASS@EirGrid.com briefly setting out:

- Current involvement/role in the electricity industry;
- List of relevant experience and/or qualifications;
- List of relevant publications, if any;
- Any company or organisations (including EU stakeholder organisations) you are a member of, or affiliated to;
- Any other relevant information and;
- Contact details.

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Please apply by email by Friday 31st May as applications received after this deadline will not be considered. Following review of the applications received, EirGrid and SONI will issue invitations to suitably experienced candidates in order to join the System Services Code Development Working Group. Please note, as set out in the Working Group Terms for Reference, members are appointed ad personam and primarily for their competences and therefore alternates shall not be allowed as continuity is essential for success of the Working Group. The first meeting will take place in June 2024.

Should you have any questions about this or the work of the EirGrid Group in this area, please do not hesitate to contact FASS@EirGrid.com.

Yours sincerely,

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Future Arrangements for System Services Manager