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Expressions of Interest to join the DS3 Advisory Council

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To whom it may concern,

As a result of binding National and European renewable energy targets, in 2011 EirGrid Group embarked upon a multi-year programme "Delivering a Secure, Sustainable Electricity System" (DS3). The DS3 programme is designed to ensure that the power system can be securely operated in the context of meeting Ireland and Northern Ireland's 40% renewable electricity target by 2020. Together with the on-going work on infrastructure development and the addition of renewable generation capacity, the DS3 programme is critical to meeting the renewable electricity targets by 2020. This 40% target, which will largely be delivered by wind generation, is one of the most challenging in the European Union. For more information, a DS3 Programme Overview document can be found here.

In that context, EirGrid and SONI set up the DS3 Advisory Council in 2011 in order to provide a forum to discuss views and concerns on a variety of issues which could impact on the successful implementation of the programme. A Terms of Reference for this Advisory Council can be found here. The Council is comprised of experts from academia, industry and research centres across Ireland, Northern Ireland and Europe and members have been chosen based on their wide range of knowledge and expertise in some of the following areas:

- System operation of electricity power systems;
- Research and demonstration experience;
- Electrical power engineering;
- Energy economics;
- Generator characteristics and performance capabilities;
- International Experience in renewable integration.

The Advisory Council convenes every four months and has met eleven times since the first meeting in October 2011. At these meetings, the programme progress is discussed and assistance or advice may occasionally be sought with respect to specific items within the programme; this may take the form of document review and/or ad hoc meetings.

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Currently EirGrid and SONI are exploring adding further representatives from Academia and the Wind Industry and are now seeking expressions of interest from those who would like to become members of the Advisory Council. If you are interested please write to or email the programme office at EirGrid setting out briefly:

- 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.

Please apply by email by Friday, 1st of May, 2015 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 DS3 Advisory Council. Please note, as set out in the Advisory Council's Terms for Reference, members are appointed ad personam and primarily for their competences and therefore alternates shall only be allowed following prior notification to, and approval by the Chair. The next meeting will take place in Dublin on Thursday, 21st of May, 2015.

Should you have any questions about this or the work of the EirGrid Group in this area, please do not hesitate to contact the DS3 Programme Manager, Robbie Aherne (Robbie.aherne@eirgrid.com or ds3@eirgrid.com)

Yours sincerely,

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