

Enduring Connection Policy (ECP-1) – System Operator Information Note

Existing Deemed Complete Applicants: 2018 batch application

As per the Decision on ECP-1, published 27 March 2018, the CRU have indicated that all applicants with an existing application with either System Operator must submit a new application form in order to be considered for processing within the 2018 batch. Under Sections 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 the CRU have set out that, following correspondence from the relevant SO, applicants will have three options available to them, Option 1 being:

“Apply to be processed under ECP-1 with the same maximum export capacity (MEC), location, technology type, etc. as their existing grid connection application”

This specifically relates to applicants who wish to progress with their original application, retain their received complete date and apply to be considered as part of the 2018 batch without a new application fee deposit.

In order to give clarity to applicants for what the SOs will accept in terms of application detail changes please see list below:

Application details that can be changed:

General info

- Applicant name¹
- Applicant address/registered address, Company Registration No.
- Point of contact, contact email/phone/address
- Facility name
- Preferred connection date (applies to transmission applications only)
- Reduction in MEC (reduction in MEC only, as per the CRU ECP-1 Ruleset, CRU/18/059)
- MIC
- Hybrid sites proportions²
- Numbers of circuits (applies to transmission applications only)³

Grid Code/confidentiality requirements etc.

- Grid Code compliance acknowledgement (applies to transmission applications only)
- Confidentiality agreement (applies to transmission applications only)
- Landowner consent⁴

¹ If the Limited Company to which an application relates has been novated etc. since the original application then the relevant SO would require confirmation from both parties on company headed paper.

² Applicants may not amend the technology type that was specified in the original application form. However, if the applicant had originally stated that two or more technology types were to be constructed as part of the one application then the portion of MEC attributed to each technology may be updated.

³ The number of connecting circuits the applicant requires for technical and/or security reasons may be updated.

⁴ If applicant requires that the original landowner consent applies, please provide a copy of the landowner consent section from your original application.

Application details with limited changes allowed:

Location⁵

- Facility address
- Grid Co-ordinates
- Maps, diagrams, site plans etc.

Application details that cannot be changed (non-exhaustive list):

Technical details

- Technology type
- Increasing Maximum Export Capacity (MEC) – an increase in MEC would require a separate application form and would be treated as a new application

“Full” Application Form (NC5)

For applicants that would have filled out a “full” application form (NC5) (opposed to the Reduced Criteria Application Form NC5A), in addition to and not contradicting the clarifications made above, applicants may update technical information that was previously provided. Any amendments (*e.g.* generating unit manufacturer, model, voltage etc. and associated test results/reports) submitted as part of the new application form must be in accordance with the current valid planning permission for the project.

For applicants wishing to be considered for inclusion in the 2018 batch of ECP-1, a new fully completed (either “Reduced Criteria Form” or “Full Form”) application form must be submitted including maps, diagrams etc. and confirmation that planning permission is in place for the Project.

If you have any further queries on the application form(s), please email the relevant System Operator:

Distribution System Operator: DSOGenerators@esb.ie

Transmission System Operator: OPMO@EirGrid.com

⁵ The Facility can only be moved in accordance with the ECP-1 Decision, CRU/18/058.