



**Response by Energia to ESB Networks and
EirGrid**

***Feedback on the Annual Electricity Transmission
Performance Report 2020 and the Investment
Planning and Delivery Report 2020***

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1 Introduction

Energia welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to both ESB Networks and EirGrid on the Annual Electricity Transmission Performance Report 2020 and the Investment Planning and Delivery Report 2020. The following two sections will provide our comments and requests for further information on each of the reports separately.

2 Annual Electricity Performance Report 2020 Comments

2.1 Transmission Development Highlights

The information provided under the Transmission Development Highlights is welcome, however in line with recommendations provided in response to the consultation on EirGrid's Draft TYNDP 2020-2029, it would be useful if the following could be implemented in future:

- Common format and presentation of data across the TYNDP and this Investment Planning and Delivery Report.
- **Include meta data to demonstrate progress or completions against Expected Completion Dates (e.g. original and current ATR target completion dates, projects that were not completed in the calendar year, etc.).**

Noting the data presented in this report is similar to that used in the TYNDP, Energia would like to ascertain whether it is expected that the annual TYNDP will be published sooner in the given calendar year.

2.2 2020 Updates and Completion Dates

EirGrid have advised that 48 projects have experienced delays throughout 2020. Energia would welcome further detail be included, to advise of these delays, if this information has not been made available elsewhere.

3 Investment Planning and Delivery Report 2020 Comments

3.1 New Infrastructure Delivery Charter

Energia welcomes the development of the new Infrastructure Delivery Charter between EirGrid and ESB Networks which '*commits both companies to renewed levels of engagement and partnership*'. Developers have long sought for the availability of project programmes associated with new connections and it is hoped that this renewed level of engagement will support the development of same. Energia would welcome details of this new Infrastructure Delivery Charter being made available to industry.

3.2 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Protocol

As noted, a new protocol and set of working arrangements has been developed between TII, ESB Networks and EirGrid which aims to ensure that all parties requirements are identified and managed at the early stage of project development. This is a great example of multiple stakeholders working together to optimise the delivery of their respective infrastructure projects. Energia would welcome clarity on

the envisaged expectations of this protocol and whether it will be extended to include developers of contestable build projects.

3.3 Management of Network Constraints

This report points to statistics published in [EirGrid's Annual Constraints report](#) – noting 11.4% dispatch down of wind in 2020 (up from 6.9% in 2019). No dispatch down target is included, nor is there any real discussion on the mitigation measures. **As per Energia's response to the 'Shaping Our Electricity Future' consultation, it is recommended that EirGrid build on the constraints data to identify and prioritise strategic reinforcements, fast tracking these as appropriate.**