

Renewable Electricity Support Scheme

RESS 3 Auction Information Pack

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1. Introduction

The aim of this Auction Information Pack is to provide information to RESS 3 Qualified Applicants to enable them to participate in the RESS 3 Auction process.

Submission of Offer Prices for Qualified Applicants shall be facilitated through the RESS Auction Platform which Applicants previously used to submit their Applications for Qualification.

In this Auction Information Pack, RESS 3 Qualified Applicants will find the most recent auction timetable and information that will inform them fully on the auction process and parameters. One form is included in this Auction Information Pack, namely the Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction form.

The key items included in this Auction Information Pack include:

- RESS 3 Auction Timetable ([R3AT](#))
- RESS 3 Auction Process ([R3AP](#))
- RESS 3 Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction ([R3NAD](#))
- RESS 3 Parameters
- RESS 3 RESS Auction Platform - Connectivity Information and Offer Submission.

All information found within this pack is based on the [RESS 3 Terms and Conditions](#). Where there is a difference between this Auction Information Pack and the RESS 3 Terms and Conditions, the latter takes precedence. RESS 3 Qualified Applicants should ensure they are fully aware of the obligations that arise in the RESS 3 Terms and Conditions.

This Auction Information Pack will explain the background to each of the documents included herein.

2. Contact Details

Below you will find contact details for the RESS Operations team in EirGrid. To contact the RESS team, please submit your query to the email address provided below and the RESS team will endeavour to respond to your query as soon as possible via email. As this is a formal process, all queries will be addressed via email.

RESS 3 Qualification & Auction Processes

Postal:

FAO: RESS Auction Delivery

EirGrid, Block 3 The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 FW28, Ireland

Email:

RESS@eirgrid.com

3. RESS 3 Auction Timetable

The latest RESS 3 Auction Timetable (R3AT) is included in this Auction Information Pack.

4. RESS 3 Auction Process

The RESS 3 Auction Process (R3AP) contained in this pack includes a detailed step-by-step guide to enable RESS 3 Qualified Applicants to clearly understand exactly what is required of them to participate in the RESS 3 Auction from the Auction Information Pack Publication Date to Final Auction Results Date. Timings of key activities are also illustrated in the process in line with the dates identified in the RESS 3 Auction Timetable. The RESS 3 Auction Process consists of the steps associated with submitting an Offer Price, running the auction, and issuing Provisional and Final Auction Results.

5. RESS 3 Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction

An Applicant who, following a TSO decision with respect to the Provisional Auction Results, considers that the TSO has not applied the Terms and Conditions correctly in their determination of the Provisional Auction Results, can submit a Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction (R3NAD) to the Minister (copying the TSO). The Applicant should detail the relevant provisions of the RESS 3 Terms and Conditions that they consider have not been applied correctly by the TSO.

The Notice of Dissatisfaction must be received by the Minister no later than two working days after receipt of the Provisional Auction Results.

It is preferable that this document is typed and if this is not possible it must be completed using block capitals. For the avoidance of doubt, the document should be completed, printed, signed by the authorised user and sent to ress@Decc.gov.ie copying RESS@eirgrid.com.

6. RESS 3 Parameters

In accordance with the obligations set out in the revised RESS 3 Terms and Conditions and as directed by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), the final values for RMIN and RMAX as approved by the Minister, are as follows:

RMin	500 GWh
RMax	1,500 GWh

In accordance with the obligations set out in the revised RESS 3 Terms and Conditions and as directed by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), the final ECF values as approved by the Minister, are as follows:

Eligible Technology (t)	Evaluation Correction Factor (ECFt)
Onshore Wind	1.0
Solar	0.85
RESS Hybrid Wind and Solar	DEQ weighted average of wind and solar ECFs
RESS Hybrid Wind and Storage	1.0
RESS Hybrid Solar and Storage	0.85

In accordance with the obligations set out in the revised RESS 3 Terms and Conditions and as directed by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), the final X & Y values as approved by the Minister, are as follows:

X	150%
Y	500 GWh

If the Regulatory Authority determines there is insufficient competition with which to conduct an auction a statement to this effect will be published before the RESS 3 Auction Submission Deadline Date. Otherwise, the Final Competition Ratio will be published by the Regulatory Authority no later than the Provisional Auction Results Date.

7. RESS Auction Platform - Connectivity Information

The RESS Auction Platform that was used by the Applicant to complete and submit an Application for Qualification in respect of the RESS 3 Auction will be used to submit Offer Prices, which will be used in the auction algorithm.

An Offer Price will only be accepted by the TSO if it is submitted by a RESS Authorised User. The same log-in credentials issued for the qualification phase should be used to access the Platform to submit Offer Prices.

Similar to the qualification stage, an Applicant will be issued with a code to their mobile phone which must be entered to complete the logon. This is to ensure a high level of security on the Platform.

Should an authorised user forget their password, they can email the RESS Team at RESS@Eirgrid.com. Alternatively, another Authorised User for the same project can reset the password for other users.

The contact email address for those experiencing difficulties accessing the RESS Auction Platform is RESS@Eirgrid.com.

8. RESS Auction Platform - Offer Submission

An applicant will submit their Offer Price within the RESS Auction Platform (RAP). When an authorised user accesses the RAP, they will need to navigate to the Offer Price tab within their Application for Qualification (AfQ) as highlighted in Figure 1 below. All other tabs on the Platform will be locked.



Figure 1

There are two mandatory fields that need to be completed on the Offer Price tab:

1. €/MWh and is less than or equal to **110 €/MWh**; and
2. Confirmation that all information provided in the Application for Qualification remains true and accurate in all respects as of the date of submission of Offer Price including:

a) subject to Section 6.4.12 and Section 6.4.15, that all information provided in the Application for Qualification remained true and accurate in all respects throughout the Standstill Period and that it remains true and accurate in all respects as of the date of submission, with the only exception being any information for which a change of status, or change of the information itself, was approved and accepted in writing by the TSO within the Standstill Period - for example in the case of change of contact details pursuant to Section 6.4.15.

b) that the information submitted to Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) in the Financial Questionnaire set out in Annex B of the Terms and Conditions remains true and accurate at the time of submission.

c) that the information submitted to Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) in the Project Information Document set out in Annex B of the Terms and Conditions remains true and accurate at the time of submission.

d) that the information submitted to Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) in the Project Information Document set out in Annex B of the Terms and Conditions remains true and accurate as at the date of the Offer in respect of the RESS 3 Project.

Once these details are populated, there is only one option which is 'Submit Offered Price'. Once this is selected, the Offer Price entered is final and **there will be no option for the Authorised User to amend this.** There is no option to enter details and save this entry to review at a later date. Therefore, before selecting the 'Submit Offered Price' button, please carefully review the details entered before submitting.

9. RESS 3 Confidential Financial Questionnaire

Qualified Applicants must complete and submit the Financial Questionnaire found in Annex B of the RESS 3 Terms and Conditions to the Minister (to be submitted for the attention of RESS Team, Renewable Electricity Division at the address specified at Clause 11 of the Implementation Agreement) no earlier than the Financial Questionnaire Submission Opening Date and no later than the Financial Questionnaire Submission Closing Date. The information submitted in this Financial Questionnaire must be true and accurate at the time of submission. The content of the Financial Questionnaire does not form part of the RESS 3 winner selection process.

Please note the Financial Questionnaire must not be submitted to EirGrid.

10. Standstill Period

RESS 3 Qualified Applicants are reminded that RESS-3 is now in the Standstill Period as that term is defined in the RESS-3 Terms and Conditions. It is mandatory that all Qualified Applicants adhere to the requirements of this period.