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Open Letter: Establishment of the Shaping Our Electricity Future Advisory Council

To whom it may concern,

As a result of the stakeholder feedback received throughout the Shaping Our Electricity Future (SOEF) engagement process, EirGrid and SONI assessed potential options for facilitating ongoing industry engagement on the issues, challenges and activities set out in the SOEF Roadmap. Delivery of the Renewable Ambition relies on effective communication and coordinated efforts of many stakeholders in our industry. We have decided to respond to the feedback received by expanding the remit of the existing DS3 advisory to include activities related to Shaping Our Electricity Future and delivery of the Renewable Ambition.

The DS3 Advisory Council was established 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. The existing 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 their relevant areas. The existing DS3 Advisory Council members are invited to retain their membership of the expanded SOEF Advisory Council and do not need to respond to this letter.

Currently EirGrid and SONI are seeking to invite additional representatives to the SOEF Council and as such are now seeking expressions of interest from those who would like to become members of the Advisory Council. The SOEF Advisory Council will convene every four months. At these meetings, the programme progress will be 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. A Terms of Reference for this Advisory Council can be found [here](#).

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Council, please 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 Wednesday, 9th June, 2022 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 SOEF 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 not be allowed as continuity is essential for success of the Council. The next meeting will take place in September 2022.

Should you have any questions about this or the work of the EirGrid Group in this area, please do not hesitate to contact the SOEF Programme Manager, Nicholas Gorman, nicholas.gorman@eirgrid.com.

Yours sincerely,

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