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Re: Proposed RAs option for all-island harmonised Transmission Loss Adjustment Factors (TLAFs)

Dear Mr Burke and Mr Walker

Our organisation Irish Wind Farmers Cooperative Society Ltd, (Meitheal na Gaoithe) represents the views of independent wind energy developers and we welcome the opportunity to comment on the issue of TLAF's.

It is imperative for the development of small and medium scale wind energy developments that the uncertainty that surrounds the issue of TLAF's is removed immediately and permanently. Uncertainty exists in many aspects of the development of this industry and this particular concern must be dealt with now. The location of wind-farms in the development pipeline has already been decided and any interference with the development of these projects will have a detrimental effect on the projects themselves and consequently the prospects of The Republic of Ireland meeting future renewable energy targets will be damaged.

The detailed analysis of the issue by Irish Wind Energy Association must be taken very seriously. Meitheal na Gaoithe endorses the IWEA proposal that a uniform and permanent TLAF of 1.0 be introduced. The importance of removing uncertainty in the financing of independently owned wind farms cannot be overemphasised. The introduction of policies that undermine the financial viability of our member's projects will be seen as an attack on independent and community ownership of wind energy. We therefore urge you to consider our position on this issue.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas W. Cooke".

Thomas W. Cooke, Chairman