

# Proposed DS3 Auction Design Scarcity Driven Annual Regulated Tariffs

## **Scarcity Driven Annual Regulated Tariffs**

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## **Importance of DS3**

#### **Consumer Benefits**

- DS3 Decision estimated €355 Million per year in consumer benefits from the increase in wind generation,
- €180 million of this going directly to consumer

#### **Renewable Energy Targets**

- Significant reduction in emissions leading to reduced national fines
- SEAI has estimated that the cost to Ireland may be in the range of €100 million to €150 million for each percentage point Ireland falls short of the target\*

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## Why an alternative proposal?

# Very real risk that DS3 will not be successful Investor uncertainty

- Competition test
- Cap and clawback
- 15 year forecast availability
- Interim tariff rates

### Current proposals are unworkable

- Commitment model
- Annual auctions even when insufficient volume
- Annual availability forecasts
- Perverse incentive as losers cheaper than winners



## **Original Criteria for Procurement**

#### **Consumer Interest**

- Efficient cost
- Protected from over-payment
- Net Payments do not exceed total value

#### **Investment**

- Certainty for investors
- Entry signals
- Exit signals
- Incentivises efficient providers

Minimises Curtailment Renewables Targets (2020)



## Criteria for Successful Auction Design

#### Scope

Maximise SNSP up to 75% while ensuring System Security

#### Schedule

Need to have the required volumes in place by 2020

#### Cost

Cannot exceed the current budget of €235 Million

## **Scarcity Driven Annual Regulated Tariffs**

#### **Outline**

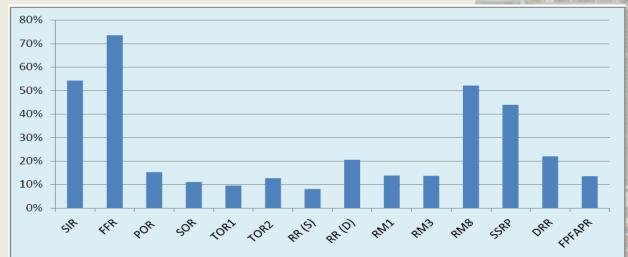
- Amend regulated tariffs annually to encourage investment in those services with greatest need
- Tariffs X Required Volumes = €235 Million
- Auctions held for Long term contracts for new investment
- Tariffs act as a ceiling for auction bids
- Participants paid at cleared price for each service for term of contract



## 1. Scarcity and Value

#### **Establish Scarcity**

- Establish existing volumes through Interim Tariff process
- Establish required volumes as described in Volume Calculation Consultation
- Establish scarcity for each service



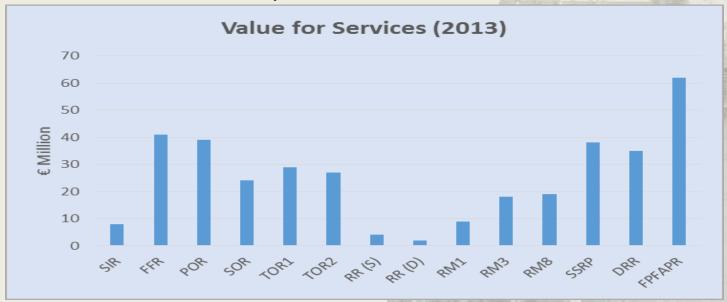
Source: DS3 System Services Procurement Design and Emerging Thinking



## 2. Establish Value

#### **Establish Value**

Establish Value for each service (valued in 2013 recommendations)



Source: DS3: System Services Review TSO Recommendations



## 3. Initial Regulated Tariffs

#### **Create Initial Regulated Tariffs**

- Using appropriate weighting for Scarcity and Value create
   % distribution for each service
- Distribute the full €235 million across the 14 services
- Create tariffs based on the required volumes and service allocation
- These tariffs will act as a cap for the auction for each service
- Each of these service allocations will also establish a monetary relationship of importance between services



## 4. Auction bids

## **Auctions for Long Term Contracts where significant investment**

- Participants bid into the auction
- The regulated tariff acts as a ceiling for the bid for any individual service
- Participants will submit bids up to the regulated tariff.



## **5. Auction Process**

#### **Bid ranking**

- Bids would be ranked based on a weighted average of their savings per unit of shortfall
- Those bids with the highest average saving would be successful first, up to a point that a volume requirement for a specific service is satisfied
- Selection then weighted on 13 services etc.
- Successful participants will be paid at the clearing price for each service for the term of the contract



## 6. Subsequent Years

#### Repeat the process

- Establish the value / scarcity for each service
- Amend the budget for year 2 to take account of existing contracted volumes
- New annual regulated tariff for non contracted providers based on updated value – within a band of possibly + /-20%
- Budget still set at €235 million
- Potential for TSO to increase long term volumes



## **Elements - Summary**

- Annual changing regulated tariffs
- Scarcity Driven Regulated Annual Tariffs
- No annual auctions
- Auction based on weighted average saving
- Full budget used to drive investment



## Conclusion

#### Solution meets original procurement criteria

- Likely glide path in return for Consumer Interest in this proposal, and will see a reduction in national compliance costs
- This solution is relatively simple, has price discovery and largely stays within the decision
- Can be implemented by Q1 2017