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Dear Sirs

ABO Wind NI Ltd Response to System Services Future Arrangements Scoping Paper

ABO Wind NI Ltd welcomes the opportunity to engage with the SEMC/Regulator and respond to the consultation paper regarding future arrangements for System Services.

ABO Wind NI Ltd is a subsidiary of ABO Wind AG, one of Europe's most experienced developers of renewable energy projects. Originating in Germany, ABO Wind now has subsidiaries in South America, Europe and Scandinavia. The Company's core business is wind energy with wider interests in solar and battery storage. ABO Wind has successfully developed, constructed and maintained wind farms for more than 20 years in 16 countries on four continents. Up to now, ABO Wind has connected more than 700 turbines with a total capacity of more than 1,500 megawatts through projects in the UK, Europe and Latin America and has consent for 250MW of battery storage across the island of Ireland.

ABO Wind supports the submission by Energy Storage Ireland and would like to specifically highlight the following points. As a developer, investment certainty is key for the delivery of new projects, particularly given the lead time involved in developing projects of this nature. We are strongly of the opinion that a transition period is required between the current and future arrangements to allow appropriate time for considered development of the enduring System Service arrangements. Extension of the current arrangements of up to 18 months each are within the Regulators scope to approve. It is our opinion that this should be progressed as a matter of urgency to allow time to transition to the enduring arrangements and for the SOs and industry to develop and learn new processes. As noted in the ESI response, this can be progressed alongside options for Fixed Contract arrangements and would go some way to reduce the immediate uncertainty faced by investors.

In conclusion, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to engage on this matter and look forward to continuing our work with you in future.

Yours sincerely,

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