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**Our ref: CRU202497**

## **Re: Approval of Interconnector Access Rules and Charging Methodology Statement**

Dear Diarmuid,

On 24 April 2024, Greenlink Interconnector Limited (GIL) submitted the access rules and charging methodology for the Greenlink interconnector, to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU). The access rules were prepared by GIL pursuant to Condition 20 of the Interconnector License granted to GIL by the CRU, as follows:

*The Licensee shall make the capacity of the interconnector available on a market-based, non-discriminatory, objective and transparent basis and in accordance with Section 34A of the Act.*

### **Access Rules Details**

The access rules relate to the current market arrangements available for SEM-GB interconnection i.e. capacity is made exclusively available for allocation in the two intraday auctions between the SEM and GB. The access rules signpost where market participants may access these auctions.

Interconnector capacity is no longer allocated day ahead on the SEM-GB border. Financial Transmission Rights (FTRs) were indexed to the coupled Day Ahead Market and are no longer available on the SEM-GB interconnectors and, thus, no SEM-GB interconnector capacity is available in long term auctions. The access rules set out this arrangement.

The access rules also provide details relating to the ancillary services, which the Interconnector Operator (ICO) will make available as set out in the respective Grid Codes.

### **Charging Methodology Details**

GIL sets out the methodologies for charging for certain processes or services as required by the condition of its licence. These are set out below:



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- **Congestion Management.** The ICO makes no separate charges for congestion management purposes.
- **Ancillary Services**
  - The ICO will make available to the GB and Irish System Operators mandatory ancillary services as set out in the respective Grid Codes, and the ancillary services required in Bi-lateral Connection Agreements, where applicable.
  - Terms for additional Ancillary Services may be agreed from time to time on a commercial basis.
  - There are no payments made by the ICO for the provision of ancillary services provided by users or relevant system operators.
- **Firmness.** The Interconnector's capacity shall be made available to the power exchange(s) in accordance with the Interim Intraday Market Arrangements.

### **Cooperation with Ofgem**

The CRU has closely cooperated with Ofgem to ensure alignment of processes where appropriate.

### **Decision**

We note that GIL considers the documents to fulfil the objectives of allocation and charging for interconnection capacity in an open, transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The Commission has reviewed these proposals in line with the Commission's statutory duties and obligation and approves the proposed access rules and charging methodologies.

### **Next steps**

In accordance with this decision, GIL will be required to publish the GIL Access Rules and Charging Methodology on its website. The CRU reserves the right pursuant to Article 34A (2) of the Electricity Act 1999 to direct GIL to amend its access rules and charging methodology if deemed necessary (e.g. in circumstances where there was a change to market arrangements)".

Yours sincerely

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Phil Hemmingway  
Director – Decarbonisation