

## **DISTRIBUTION PRICE CONTROL REVIEW – BUSINESS PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE RELATING TO DISTRIBUTED GENERATION**

Our detailed comments on specific data requests are set out below.

### **Appropriateness of Information**

#### *Average annual output (MWh)*

This information is not collected or required by the DNOs. The design and planning standards to which they operate are concerned primarily with demand. While the data may be available, its use in this context is limited.

#### *Connection application, terms offer and accepted dates*

These three dates do not provide any useful insights into the development of DG. A comparison of the periods between them across projects and across companies will be meaningless due to a wide range of factors that are not directly related to the impact from DG projects.

#### *Duration & Payments for Constraints*

While it is appropriate to request this information for historical projects the likelihood is that this will be a largely nil return because constraint management has not been deployed. (See ancillary services below)

#### *Ancillary services*

This will be another nil return as we have no contracts for ancillary services. Changes to the regulatory framework would be pre-requisites to DNOs seeking such services. Subject to such changes and the development of a suitable market framework we would expect a gradual growth in the level of ancillary services provided by generation over the next five years. It is difficult at this stage to predict which areas of ancillary services will grow and at what rate they will grow.

### **Availability and Quality of Information**

#### *Commissioning Date*

The most readily available date will be the 'trading go live' dates from settlement systems. The connection commissioning date may not be readily available and the generator commissioning date will not be available to us.

#### *Implication on shared assets*

This data has not been recorded for historical projects. We would have to deduce the answer by comparing original quotations to the current network and could involve a significant amount of work.

#### *Average distribution loss factor*

This factor has only been calculated at the specific request of a Generator.

#### *Implication on QOS Performance*

Until the revised security standards are implemented we cannot make this assessment.