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## **AGENDA ITEM 5: Geographic scope & allocation regulatory options**

### **Overall Objective**

- Economic delivery
- Timely delivery
- Enduring framework
- Minimise Environmental impact

### **Geographic Scope of Transmission Licences**

- Licence on a zonal basis
- Optimise network for onshore and offshore works – technical, environmental, delivery
- Consider proximity of developments and onshore infrastructure
- Round two schemes potentially covered by five geographic zones
- Offers a degree of comparison
- Limit of zone, future connections, Renewable Energy Zone?

### **Allocation of Licences**

- May depend on the number of interested parties
- Zonal basis
- Advantages of early allocation
- Allocation on price will result in considerable delay
- Allocation should consider – ability to meet obligations, technical capability, ability to deliver
- Price control determine efficiency

### **SQSS**

- Pragmatic without compromise to onshore security
- Reflect an economic connection, no uneconomic design redundancy
- Plant configuration may offer some security

### **Obligations**

- Develop and maintain an efficient system
- Plan, design, finance and construct
- Ongoing O+M
- Future obligation to connect an adjacent development or within a larger zone?