

## NIRIG response to the SONI Electricity Emergency and Restoration Consultation – Northern Ireland

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The Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group (NIRIG) represents the views of the renewable electricity industry in Northern Ireland, providing a conduit for knowledge exchange, policy development, support and consensus on best practice between all stakeholders. Committed to making a positive difference, we promote responsible development, support good community engagement and deliver low-cost electricity generation from sources such as onshore wind, tidal, solar and storage using our greatest natural resources.

NIRIG welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation and note that in general the proposals are well-prepared.

No	Question	Response	Rationale
1	Do you agree with the approach taken in the proposal?  please provide rationale	(Y)	We agree that all the requirements of the:  <b>COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2017/1485 of 2 August 2017 establishing a guideline on electricity transmission system operation</b>  have been referenced back to NIAUR regarding NI's licence to participate in the transmission of electricity granted to SONI and to the SONI Grid Code (August 2015)

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2	Do you agree that the proposal is consistent with the principle of minimum necessary change?  please provide rationale	(Y)	We agree that changes have been reduced to the minimum possible specifically section 5. Article by Article Summary of the “ <b>Design of the System Restoration Plan for Northern Ireland</b> ”
3	Do you have any other comments in relation to the proposal?	(Y)	We congratulate SONI on a very well-prepared procedure that ensures compliance with the requirements of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1485 of 2 August 2017 without causing additional burden on Transmission and Power generation operators.

If you have any queries on the above, please get in touch.

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