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Subject: Review of Large Energy Users connection policy

To Whom it may concern;

Introduction:

C.L.E.A.R. Consulting Limited, an Engineering Consultancy in the renewable sector, welcomes the opportunity to engage with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities and respond to the **Review of Large Energy Users connection policy** consultation paper.

The CRU aim to identify the means by which Ireland can achieve the twin goals of decarbonisation and economic growth, and the policy, regulatory and other cross-agency measures that can facilitate this. The CRU. The aim of this paper is to help provide pathway for new Large Energy User (LEU) connections to the electricity and gas systems which minimises the impact on national carbon emissions while taking into account capacity of the system in relation to supply of energy and grid infrastructure.

It also aims to take into account the targets set by the government:

- Sectoral Emission Ceilings - sets max amount of greenhouse emissions for different sectors
- Ireland needs to reduce greenhouse emissions to less than 7Mt over next 3 years (2023 to 2025 inclusive)
- Ireland not on track to achieve 51% emissions reduction target by 2030
- Govt strategy on role of Data Centres in Ireland's Enterprise strategy - twin transitions of digitalisation and decarbonisation
 - economic impact
 - grid capacity and efficiency
 - renewable additionality
 - co-location or proximity with future proof energy supply
 - decarbonised Data Centres by design
- Climate Action Plan

Having reviewed the Consultation Paper, we would like to provide responses to some questions raised in the report. See tables below for questions and responses.

Sincerely,

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