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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to DSO's letter dated 5th March advising you of various options which were available to Gate 3 applicants with regard to their connection methods. One of the options available was for a group as a whole to request a non-Least Cost Technically Acceptable (LCTA) connection method.

At the time of last writing, and in the interests of allowing a consistent approach for all developers in Gate 3, it was specified that where a sub-group wished to opt for a non-LCTA connection method, the group must all advise the relevant System Operator in writing of this decision by the 31st March 2009.

However following representations from the industry via the Gate 3 Liaison Group and other fora, the System Operator's have agreed with CER that should a sub-group wish to submit a connection method and request an offer based on same, even where this is not LCTA, it can do so, provided studies have not commenced in its particular Area. On this basis requests for:

1. connection methods to be considered for study and/or
2. for an offer to based on a non-LCTA connection method (with written agreement by all sub-group members)

can be accepted by the system operators where they are received by the following dates:

Area H2	05/05/09
Area J	01/09/09
Area F	08/06/09
Area A	04/08/09
Area G	05/01/10
Area C	01/02/10
Area I	01/03/10

Please note that studies have already commenced in Areas K, D, H1, B, and E. However any non-LCTA connection proposal received in Areas K, D, H1, B, and E, or after the above dates in the remaining area will still be considered on a case by case basis. Should it be possible to facilitate a request for a non-LCTA connection offer,

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without impacting on the agreed timelines for delivery of Gate 3 offers, the System Operator's will do so.

Further information on the 'Areas' and 'sub-groups' referred to above is available at http://www.esb.ie/esbnetworks/downloads/gate_3_node_assignments_updated_march_09.pdf.

In the event that you are unsure which Area that your project falls into, or require further detail on any of the information outlined above, please don't hesitate to contact us at DSOGenerators@esb.ie.

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