

**IWEA response to the Consultation on DSO Distribution Revenue for 2016 to 2020**

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IWEA welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Consultation on DSO Distribution Revenue for 2016 to 2020 and have a number of comments outlined below.

- With the increasing amount of wind generation coming on the system in the coming years, there will be many generators connecting to the distribution network, with a view to being able to contribute towards our 2020 renewable energy targets. While the cost of connection is covered by generators, it is essential that there are sufficient resources available in ESB Networks to cope with the increasing workload. The revenue review needs to take this workload into consideration when determining the revenue for 2015 to 2020.
- It is essential that there are incentives in place to ensure that the resources available are used efficiently, and that potential delays are minimized through the use of meaningful incentives. These incentives should be closely related to actual business lost so that developers can have some confidence in relation to build out rates and connection dates.
- IWEA welcomes the provision of revenue for smart metering. It is important that there is sufficient revenue to ensure that smart metering can be rolled out in an efficient manner. Smart metering will allow increased demand side management of electricity use and increased penetration of wind generation on the electricity system.

In conclusion, IWEA would like to thank the CER for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. We would be delighted to meet to discuss or develop any of the points raised above.