



Commission for Energy Regulation

An Coimisiún um Rialáil Fuinnimh

Decision Paper

**Modification of the Commission's Procedures for
Assessing Small-Scale Licence Applications**

Revised Fee-Scale for Licence Applications

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Introduction

On the 21 January 2003, the Commission for Energy Regulation (‘the Commission’) published a Consultation Paper (03/009) on the proposed modification of the Commission’s procedures for assessing small-scale licence applications. The Commission outlined its intention to establish a less onerous process for the assessment of authorisation and licence applications by small-scale generators. The Commission wishes to minimise regulatory burdens on smaller market participants, in particular, licensing requirements should not act as a barrier to entry.

Following this, it has been decided that generators less than or equal to 5MW should be assessed in the following simple manner and technically assessed in-house since facilities with this capacity are unlikely to have a significant impact on the security of the system. This new procedure will be effective from today, with a revised fee-scale effective from 25th April 2003. Updated Authorisation and Generation Guidance Notes and Application Forms are published together with this Decision and are also available in the ‘Licensing’ section of the Commission’s website.

Financial Assessment

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Requirement for applicants to submit the following:

- Information on directors and principal shareholders;
- A short business plan.

Where applicant has AER Funding/PPA

- Information on directors and principal shareholders;
- Confirmation that the applicant has applied for AER funding or has a PPA.

While it will not routinely request or assess financial information the Commission will reserve the right to request its submission.

Technical Assessment

The technical evaluation will be conducted in-house for applicants less than or equal to 5MW. The following will be required:

- Technical specifications of each unit within the plant;
- Use of experienced construction engineers;
- Confirmation from the applicant that the proposed generating station does not use nuclear fission;
- Connection offer from the Distribution System Operator;
- Planning permission;
- A comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (if applicable);
- A construction and commissioning programme.

Fee Scales

The following revised fee-scales will be effective from the **25th April 2003**:

Authorisation to Construct

Installed Capacity	€
< 1MW ≤ 5MW	35
5MW ≥ 15MW	270
15MW to < 50MW	995
50MW to < 100MW	1,995
100MW to < 200MW	6,635
200MW to < 500MW	16,590
500MW+	19,905

Licence to Generate

Installed Capacity	€
< 1MW ≤ 5MW	35
5MW ≥ 15MW	55
15MW to < 50MW	200
50MW to < 100MW	400
100MW to < 200MW	1,330
200MW to < 500MW	3,320
500MW+	3,980