

Form A – IGG Design Discussion Request

Discussion Request Number	Title	Priority
DR 0164	Self Supplier Definition	<i>Medium</i>

Name of Requesting Organisation	RMDS, Gemserv Ltd (Assurance Body)
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Date	Version	Reason for Change
28 th Oct 2008	0.1	First draft
30 th Oct 2008	1.0	<i>Released to the market</i>

Detail of Discussion Request

The assurance strategy objective is to provide assurance that the Market operations will not be disrupted by the legitimate activities of market participants and the introduction of changes to the design of the Market itself. The key principle behind assurance is that it should not place an unnecessary burden on the participant, thus the assurance body has sought to balance the overhead of the assurance process against the risk posed by the participant.

As set out in the Assurance Strategy a self supplier would be expected to pose a very low risk and the level of rigour applied in Retail Market Assurance is consequently lower.

The current definition of a self supplier (as in the Assurance Strategy) is as follows:

“An autoproducer supplier that supplies only the autoproducing site and does not intend to compete for other customers or supply other meter points within their own company.”

It is proposed that the term “Self Supplier” is redefined and based on a less restrictive but still clear cut criteria, as follows:

“A Self Supplier is a Supplier who supplies energy only to their own sites, where those sites are not open to competition from other Suppliers, who does not compete to supply energy to any third party and who does not use Market Messages to support their operations.”

Redefinition would involve minor updating of the following:

- Retail Market Assurance Strategy
- Irish Retail Electricity Market - Market Entry Assurance
- New Entrant’s Presentation
- Self-Supplier Participant Questionnaire

Reason for Discussion Request

This current definition precludes a generator who wants to gain advantage from the open market to supply the auto-producing site and also other of its sites that are supplied via the public distribution system. It is felt that this generator falls within the spirit of being a self-supplier and therefore the

definition should be altered to accommodate them.

Thinking further, it would seem legitimate for any organization that wishes to supply non-competitively to its own sites to fall within the definition.

Market Design Documents impacted by Request

None.

Date of IGG where discussed	30 th October 2008
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Change Request xref (if applicable)	
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PART 2 MARKET ASSURANCE:

Applicability

ESB Networks	Suppliers	TSO	SSA	Generators
	X			X

Scope of Test

Connectivity	DTT	MSA	IPT	Other
None	None	None	None	None
			No. Of Scenarios	

Scope of Discussion Request

Correction to Documentation	Business Process	Market & MP Systems	MGCC	Readings Processor	Market Gateway	Schema	Web Forms
X							