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Electricity Regulation Act 1999 (No. 23)



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ELECTRICITY REGULATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 2026

Bill

entitled

An Act to amend the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 and, for that purpose, to make further and better provision for the prioritisation of applications under section 34 for connection to, or use of, the transmission or distribution system for electricity, and to provide for related matters. 5

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Amendment of Electricity Regulation Act 1999 10

1. Section 34 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 is amended—

(a) in subsection (1) by inserting “in accordance with the order of priority set out in subsection (1E)” after “distribution system”,

(b) by inserting the following subsections after subsection (1D):

“(1E) The following order of priority shall apply to applications made for connection to or use of the transmission or distribution system: 15

(a) connections which create grid capacity;

(b) connections which provide for basic needs, to include housing, public health, heating, transport and education;

(c) connections which provide for national security, public safety and employment; 20

(d) connections that provide emissions reductions.

(1F) (a) When applying the order of priority referred to in subsection (1E), the Board and the Commission, in carrying out their respective functions under this Act, shall take measures to progress applications that deliver the best overall grid capacity outcome, so long as such measures are based on objective and technically and economically justified criteria. 25

(b) Measures referred to in paragraph (a) may include requiring specific milestones to be met in order to evaluate the state of readiness of the application where this is justified by the overall need to efficiently and effectively manage applications made for connection to or use of the transmission or distribution system.”, 30

and

(c) by inserting the following subsections after subsection (9):

“(10) The Minister shall, from time to time and at least once a year following the year in which this section is commenced, cause a copy of a report (in this section referred to as the ‘periodic report’) assessing the national capacity in respect applications for connection to and use of the transmission or distribution system to be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas. 5

(11) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (10), the periodic report shall be accompanied by a statement of the Minister that addresses the findings of that report in accordance with subsection (10).” 10

Short title and citation

2. This Act may be cited as the Electricity Regulation (Amendment) (No. 3) Act 2026.

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(Uimh. 3), 2026

BILLE

(mar a tionscnaíodh)

dá ngairtear

Acht do leasú an Achta um Rialáil Leictreachais, 1999 agus, chun na críche sin, do dhéanamh socrú breise agus feabhsaithe maidir le hord tosaíochta a leagan síos i ndáil le hiarratais faoi alt 34 chun bheith curtha i gceangal leis an gcóras tarchurtha nó dáilte le haghaidh leictreachais, nó chun an córas sin a úsáid, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Na Teachtaí Pa Ó Dálaigh, Rós Ní Chonnmhacháin-Breathnach agus Réada Ní Chróinín a thug isteach,
16 Meán Fómhair, 2026

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Introduced by Deputies Pa Daly, Rose Conway-Walsh and Réada Cronin,
16th September, 2026

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