



CONSTITUTION OF IRISH NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF CIGRÉ

1. Establishment

The Irish National Committee (INC) is established under the provisions of Article 16 of the Statutes adopted on 28th August 2006 by the International Conference on Large High Voltage Electric Systems, an international association governed by the French law of 1st July 1901 on associations.

This Constitution was passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting on the 3rd March 2009.

2. Objectives of International Council on Large Electric Systems (CIGRÉ)

CIGRÉ aims to:

- a) Develop and facilitate the exchange of engineering knowledge and information on power systems;
- b) Add value to the knowledge and information exchanged by synthesising state-of-art and world practices;
- c) Make CIGRÉ's work available to the players of the Electric Power Industry: specialists as well as managers, decision-makers, regulators and academia.

More specifically, issues related to the development, operation and management of power systems, as well as the design, construction, maintenance and disposal of equipment and plants are at the core of CIGRÉ's mission.

The objects of CIGRÉ are to facilitate and promote the interchange of technical knowledge and information between all countries and in the general field of electricity generation, transmission and distribution systems. Its activities are particularly concerned with:

- a) the electrical aspects of electricity generation;
- b) the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of substations and transformer stations and their associated equipment;
- c) the planning, design, construction, insulation, operation and maintenance of high voltage electrical lines and cables;
- d) the interconnection of systems and the planning, operation and protection of interconnected systems;
- e) the information systems supporting the planning, operation, control and protection of electric power systems.

3. Objectives of Irish National Committee

The objectives of the Irish National Committee are

- a) to encourage membership of CIGRÉ and to make CIGRÉ better known in Ireland;
- b) to propose papers for presentation at the Sessions (in accordance with the rules given in the "General Rules for Sessions");



- c) to organise the representation of Ireland at Sessions and Symposia;
- d) to recommend persons to the CIGRE Central Office for membership of Study Committees and Working Groups;
- e) to promote meetings of Study Committees and Working Groups in Ireland from time to time;
- f) to organise technical meetings or other events either separately or in conjunction with other appropriate organisations
- g) to act as liaison between the head office of CIGRÉ and the members in Ireland.

4. Ordinary General Meetings

An ordinary general meeting of the members of CIGRÉ registered through the Irish National Committee shall be called every two years to receive the report and accounts for the preceding two-year period, to elect a National Committee and to deal with such other matters as may arise. Fourteen days notice of such a meeting shall be sent to all the members.

At Ordinary General Meetings each Collective Member is entitled to send one representative with 6 votes, each Individual Member 1 is entitled to one vote and each Individual Member 2 (young members) is entitled to 0.5.

Ordinary General Meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman of the National Committee, or, in the absence of the Chairman, by some other member of the National Committee.

5. Extraordinary General Meetings

An extraordinary General Meeting shall be called at any time on the request of

- a) the National Committee or
- b) 30 per cent of the members of CIGRÉ registered through the Irish National Committee.

The committee shall arrange that notice of such a meeting, stating its business, be sent to all members fourteen days before the meeting.

At Extraordinary General Meetings each Collective Member is entitled to send one representative with six votes, each Individual Member 1 is entitled to one vote, and each Individual Member 2 (young members) is entitled to 0.5.

Extraordinary General Meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman of the National Committee, or, in the absence of the Chairman, by some other member of the National Committee.

This Constitution may be amended at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Any such amendment requires the votes of two-thirds of those attending or represented at the meeting to be passed.



6. Membership of the National Committee

The membership of the National Committee shall be drawn from the general membership of CIGRÉ in Ireland. The committee shall consist of not less than six and not more than twelve members.

The Committee shall consist of

- a) Two representatives nominated by ESB and two by EirGrid.
- b) One place on the Committee shall be reserved for a member representing and nominated by Engineers Ireland, and one place for a member representing and nominated by the Irish centre of the Institution of Engineering and Technology.

All committee members, either elected or as company/association representatives, shall retire at the Ordinary General Meeting mentioned above, but will then be eligible for re-election or to act as company/association representative. Elected Committee members who have served for three successive two-year terms, however, shall not be eligible for re-election at the Ordinary General Meeting following their third term of office. This restriction does not apply to company/association representatives.

The Committee, after its formation, shall elect a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other such officers as it thinks fit. These officers will hold office during the period that the Committee is in office.

The committee shall have power to co-opt members to fill vacancies on the Committee. The Committee shall also have power to co-opt additional members as Temporary Members of the Committee for special purposes. Such co-opted temporary members shall act as committee members only for the purpose for which they were co-opted.

A committee meeting, to be valid, must be attended by a minimum of four committee members, at least one of whom must be an officer of the Committee.

7. Duties of Officers

7.1. Chair

The duties of the Chair shall be as follows:

- To oversee the running of the Irish National Committee in accordance with this Constitution,
- To ensure that appropriate financial controls are in place so that the association is run in a financially prudent manner,
- To Chair all Committee meetings, and if not available, to nominate an Officer of the association to act as Chair,
- To act as the Irish representative on the Administrative Council of CIGRE.

7.2. Treasurer

The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:



- To collect the annual subscriptions from Irish members and remit the appropriate amounts to CIGRE Central Office,
- To manage the membership database, providing data as necessary to CIGRE Central Office,
- To manage the CIGRE Ireland bank account,
- Provide biennial financial statements that have been independently reviewed.

7.3. Secretary

The duties of the Secretary shall be as follows:

- To record the minutes of all meetings, circulating to the Committee and Irish members as appropriate,
- To manage and retain all documentation associated with the running of the INC.
- To circulate details of all new Working Groups to INC members and overseeing the submission of Irish nominee to the Working Groups,
- To coordinate the submission of Irish representative to Study Committees,
- To act as the Irish representative of the biennial meetings of National Secretaries.