



### Early RESS auctions are an opportunity to prove the value of renewables

- A lot to be determined for the future of renewables:
  - RESS schedule is indicative e.g. RESS 5
  - 2. Govt target of 55% or 70%?
  - Roles of Flexibility, Electricity Storage, CCS and Renewable Gas?
  - 4. Decarbonisation of heat and transport?
- Government policy needs to identify the least-cost path to decarbonisation
  - · Early 2020s are an important time

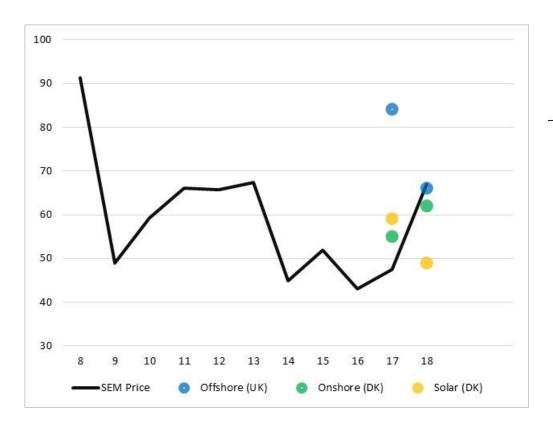
|                   | Auction<br>Capacity<br>(GW/hrs) | Auction Year | Delivery Year (end of) |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| RESS 1            | 1,000                           | 2019         | 2020                   |
| RESS 2            | 3,000                           | 2020         | 2022                   |
| RESS 3            | 3,000                           | 2021         | 2025                   |
| RESS 4            | 4,000                           | 2023         | 2027                   |
| RESS 5 (possible) | 2,500                           | 2025         | 2030                   |

- Important for early RESS auctions prove the value of renewables
  - Cheaper renewables will influence electricity policy for RESS and beyond
  - Cheaper renewables will result in a more successful industry



### Strong potential to contract renewables at or below the wholesale price of power

- Average I-SEM DAM price of €71/MWh
  - Onshore wind in Germany and France clearing at and below these levels
  - Solar and offshore prices for Ireland falling



#### **Current Market Prices (€/MWh)**

Source: SEMO, ESB Directed Contracts

| Period           | Winter 18/19 |
|------------------|--------------|
| Avg Baseload     | €71/MWh      |
| Avg Wind Capture | €65/MWh      |

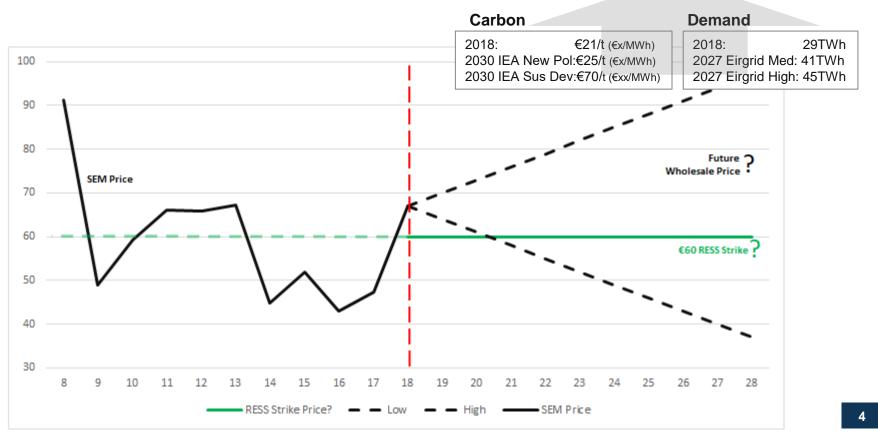
### RESS | Potential for value



### RESS contracts can insulate against future price rises

- Upwards pressure on wholesale prices from Carbon and Irish Demand
- RESS contracts offer fixed prices
  - Insulating against future price rises

#### **Upward Pressure on Wholesale Prices**





### IWEA & Poyry have developed a Position Paper for the RESS Design

8 Positions Identified as Important for RESS Detailed Design



- IWEA Positions supported by Poyry analysis
  - Review of EU Schemes
  - Lessons learned from EU auctions outturns
  - LCOE analysis to inform positions

Paper submitted to RESS Implementation Group in early January



## RESS | Detailed Design & Consumer Value



# 5 positions in the IWEA Paper are important to drive value

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|----------------------|---|--|----------------------------|
| Price<br>Certainty   | 1 | <ul> <li>CPI</li> <li>Stable Reference Price e.g. no price cannibalisation</li> </ul>  |                            |
| Contract<br>Duration | 2 | Longer durations reduce merchant risk  | Attract lower cost capital |
| Risks                | 3 | <ul> <li>Risks to be manageable</li> <li>e.g. late grid delivery should not be a bidder risk</li> <li>e.g. late delivery penalties to gradually erode value</li> </ul> |                            |
| Revenue<br>Stacking  | 4 | <ul><li>Should be allowed</li><li>CRM, DS3 &amp; GoOs</li><li>[CEP specifically allows revenue stacking]</li></ul>   | Decrease reliance on RESS  |
| Delivery<br>Dates    | 5 | <ul><li>Encourage competition</li><li>Within technologies &amp; between technologies</li></ul>   | Increased competition      |

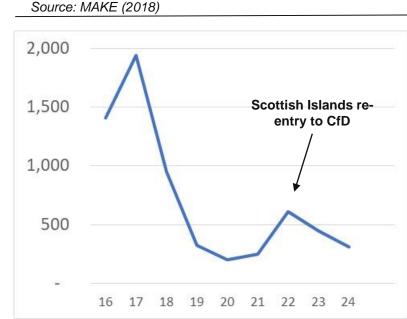
### RESS | Viability Gap Analysis & Technology Specific Cap



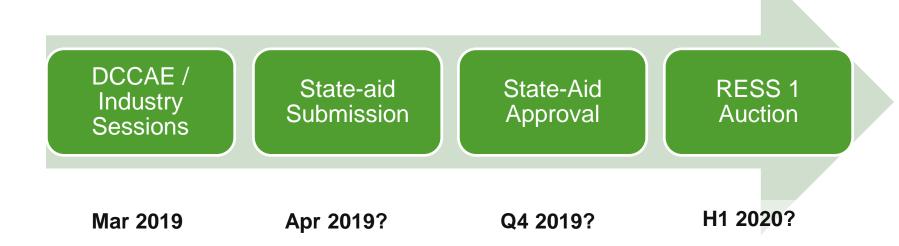
### Limiting cheaper technologies in RESS will increase costs

- Viability Gap Analysis & Tech Specific Cap exclude or limit cheaper technologies
- Does it make sense to exclude the cheapest technology?
  - UK consumer paying for more expensive offshore in CfD R2 and CfD R3
- The cPPA market is not yet mature
  - Most cPPAs in EU are for existing plant
  - New-builds CPPAs limited primarily to Nordics where generators layer state support & cPPA
- Ireland needs to be cautious about excluding the cheapest technologies
  - Likely to increase overall RESS costs

### UK Onshore Market Turbine Procurement (MW)







We understand industry sessions may be for information only

Will the RESS will be designed without industry consultation?

### RESS | Key Messages



- 1. RESS offers a value opportunity for the Irish electricity consumer
- 2. IWEA Position Paper sets out 5 positions that are important for driving value
- 3. IWEA encourage the DCCAE to consider the IWEA Position Paper