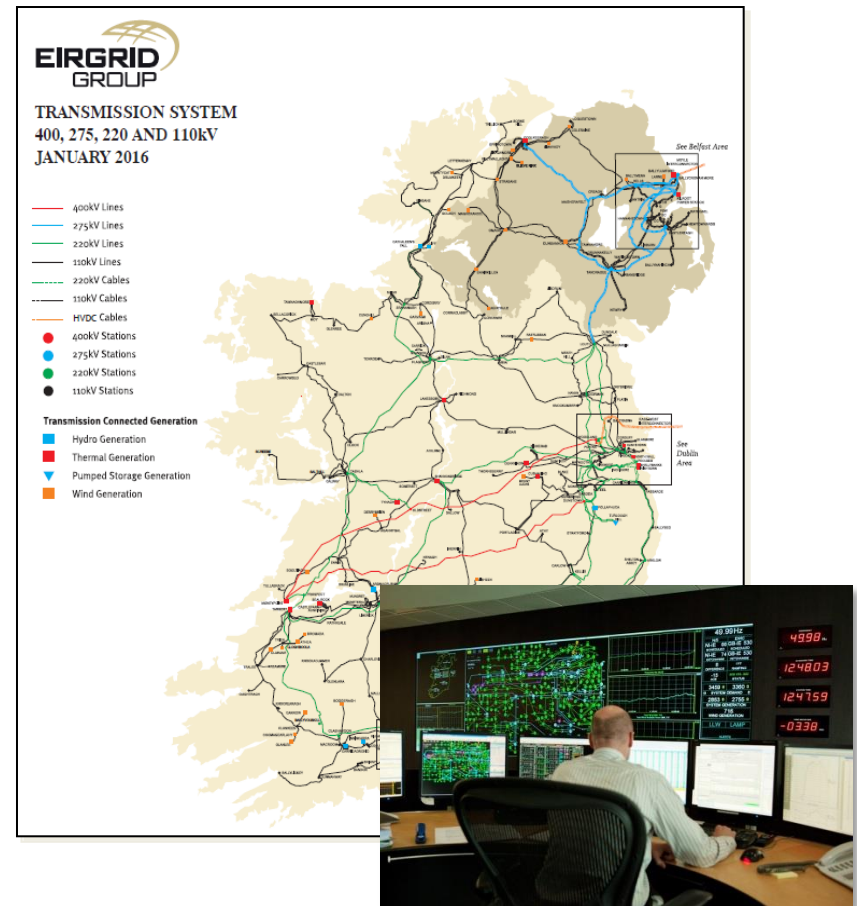


Chapter 1: Introduction

Foreword

- The Scheduling & Dispatch process is the means by which the TSOs manage the close to real-time planning and the real-time operation of units on the power system.
- This is a continuous, '24/7' process coordinated by SONI and EirGrid from the respective control centres in Belfast and Dublin using common operational systems and processes.



Overview

These slides describe the scheduling and dispatch process under the following headings:

- **Chapter 2 – Obligations:** This section sets out the regulatory framework (at both a European and national level) that applies to us in respect of our scheduling and dispatch activities, and also explains the interaction between these objectives.
- **Chapter 3 – Inputs:** This section sets out the market and technical inputs to the process.
- **Chapter 4 - The Scheduling and Dispatch Process:** This section sets out the process for production of Indicative Operations Schedules, the issuing of Dispatch Instructions, the provision of data to pricing and settlement systems.