RESS 3 Auction Process (R3AP)

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The Auction Information Pack has been prepared by the TSO in accordance with Section 9.4.1 of the RESS 3 Terms and Conditions for the purpose of informing Qualified Applicants of the timing, requirements and processes involved in the RESS 3 Auction. This document contains information with respect to the auction process, roles and responsibilities and timelines.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background and Purpose

In accordance with provisions set forth in the revised Terms and Conditions for the Third Onshore Competition under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme published in May 2023 and pursuant to Public Service Obligations imposed under Section 39 of the Act, the TSO is responsible for administering the RESS 3 Auction. The Auction process follows the following high-level steps:



Figure 1 High Level Auction Process Steps

1.2. Offer Process

In accordance with section 6.6 Offer Process, all Qualified Applicants will be invited to submit an Offer Price (denominated in €/MWh) in respect of their RESS 3 Project. The Offer Price must be submitted before the RESS 3 Auction Submission Deadline Date.

The Offer Price shall not exceed the Maximum Offer Price Considered which is 110.00 €/MWh. Offers for which the Offer Price submitted exceeds the Maximum Offer Price considered or for which the Offer Price is not submitted by the RESS Auction Submission Deadline Date will not be considered in the RESS 3 Auction and in such cases, the Offer will be disregarded, and the TSO will be entitled to draw down on the full amount of the Bid Bond.

1.3. Winner Selection

The RESS 3 Auction takes the form of a simple, sealed bid auction of eligible Offers. The following information calculated from the Offer information submitted by each Qualified Applicant is utilised and evaluated within the winner selection process. Each Offer *o* is comprised:

(a) Deemed Offer Price (DOPo); and
(b) Deemed Energy Quantity (DEQo)

Winner-determination rules will then be applied in accordance with Section 6.7 of the RESS 3 Terms and Conditions.

1.4. Final Auction Results

The TSO shall issue the Final Auction Results to all Qualified Applicants by the later of: (i) the Final Auction Results Date; and (ii) two Working Days after the receipt of approval from the Minister in respect of the Final Auction Results.

Post-Auction Information to Be Released Publicly
In accordance with section 9.5 of the RESS 3 Terms and Conditions, the TSO will publish a notification of the Final Auction Results, including:

- the quantity of renewable energy supply (in total GWh/yr of Deemed Energy Quantity) of successful Offers;
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- the capacity (in total MW of Offer Quantity) of successful Offers;
- the capacity (in total MW of Offer Quantity) of unsuccessful Offers;
- the GWh-weighted average Offer Price of successful Offers; and
- a list of all Successful Applicants and the location, size (Offer Quantity)

The Offer Price for each Successful Applicant will not be published. However, the current Regulatory Authority policy is to publish PSO outturn payments by Supplier to each Generator.

2. Key Dates

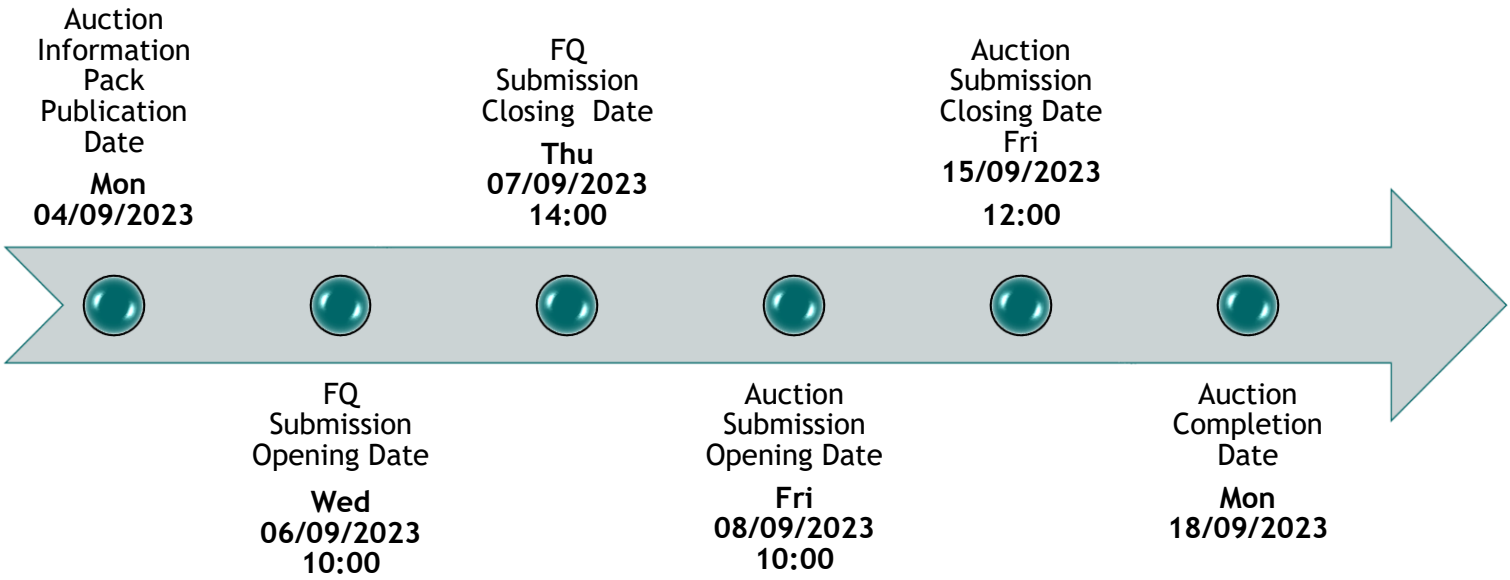
2.1 Auction Dates and Times

The TSO has published a series of timelines with which the TSO and RESS Applicants are required to adhere to. The key RESS Auction Dates are:

Key Auction Dates		
	Auction Information Pack Publication Date	The scheduled publication date for the Auction Information Pack.
	Financial Questionnaire Submission Opening Date	The date and time for which financial questionnaires may be submitted
	Financial Questionnaire Submission Closing Date	The date and time after which financial questionnaires will no longer be accepted
	Auction Submission Opening Date	The date and time from which Offer Prices may be submitted.
	Auction Submission Deadline Date	The date and time after which Offer Prices will no longer be accepted.
	Auction Completion Date	The date for conclusion of the RESS 3 Auction.
	Provisional Auction Results Date	The indicative date for issue of the Provisional Auction Results by the TSO.
	Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction by Participants Date	The date and time by which a Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction (R3ND) must be submitted by a Qualified Applicant.
	Final Auction Results Date	The indicative date for issue of the Final Auction Results by the TSO

Key Auction dates

The timelines below indicate when these occur:



2.3 Notice of Dissatisfaction and Auction Results Date



3 RESS Auction Escalation Scenarios

Where an Applicant considers that the TSO has not applied the Terms and Conditions in determining the Provisional Auction Results it can avail of the following processes.



Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction

- In respect of a Provisional Auction Result, where the Qualified Applicant (acting to the standard of a Prudent Industry Operator) considers that the TSO has not applied these Terms and Conditions correctly, they may submit a Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction (R3ND) to the Minister within two Working Days of receipt of the outcome of the Provisional Auction Results.
- The Minister shall consider the Provisional Auction Results submitted by the TSO, the Auction Monitor Report (in accordance with the Information Paper) and any Notices of Auction Dissatisfaction submitted by Qualified Applicants in respect of a Provisional Auction Result.

Note - The Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction process is wholly operated and managed by the Minister. Applicants **may** submit a ***Notice of Dissatisfaction form (R3ND)*** to the Minister. The Notice of Dissatisfaction form (R3NAD) can be found in the Auction Information pack on the EirGrid website. The completed Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction form should then be emailed to the DECC mailbox at RESS@decc.gov.ie copying RESS@eirgrid.com

4 Process Structure and Legends

The following process flow diagrams are made up of columns that identify who are responsible for what activities. The Auction process involves the following three roles:

- Qualified Applicant
- TSO – EirGrid (the Transmission System Operator)
- Minister – Minister of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and or any successor.

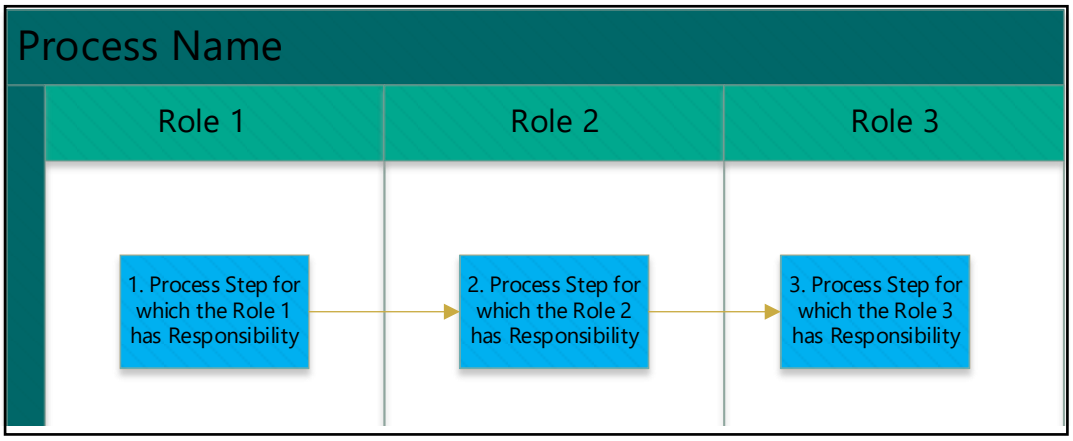
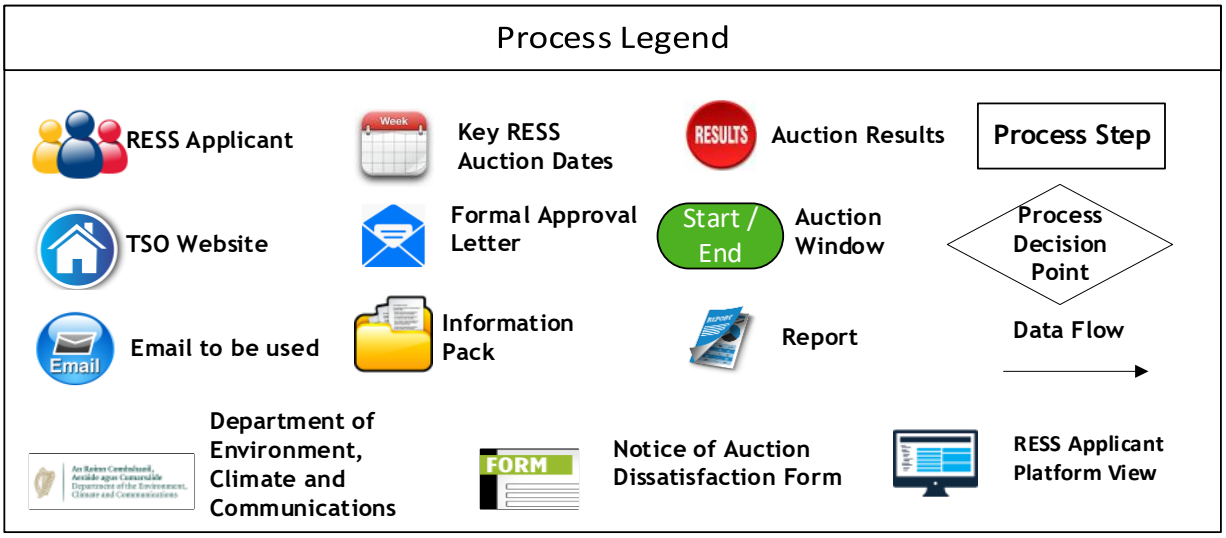
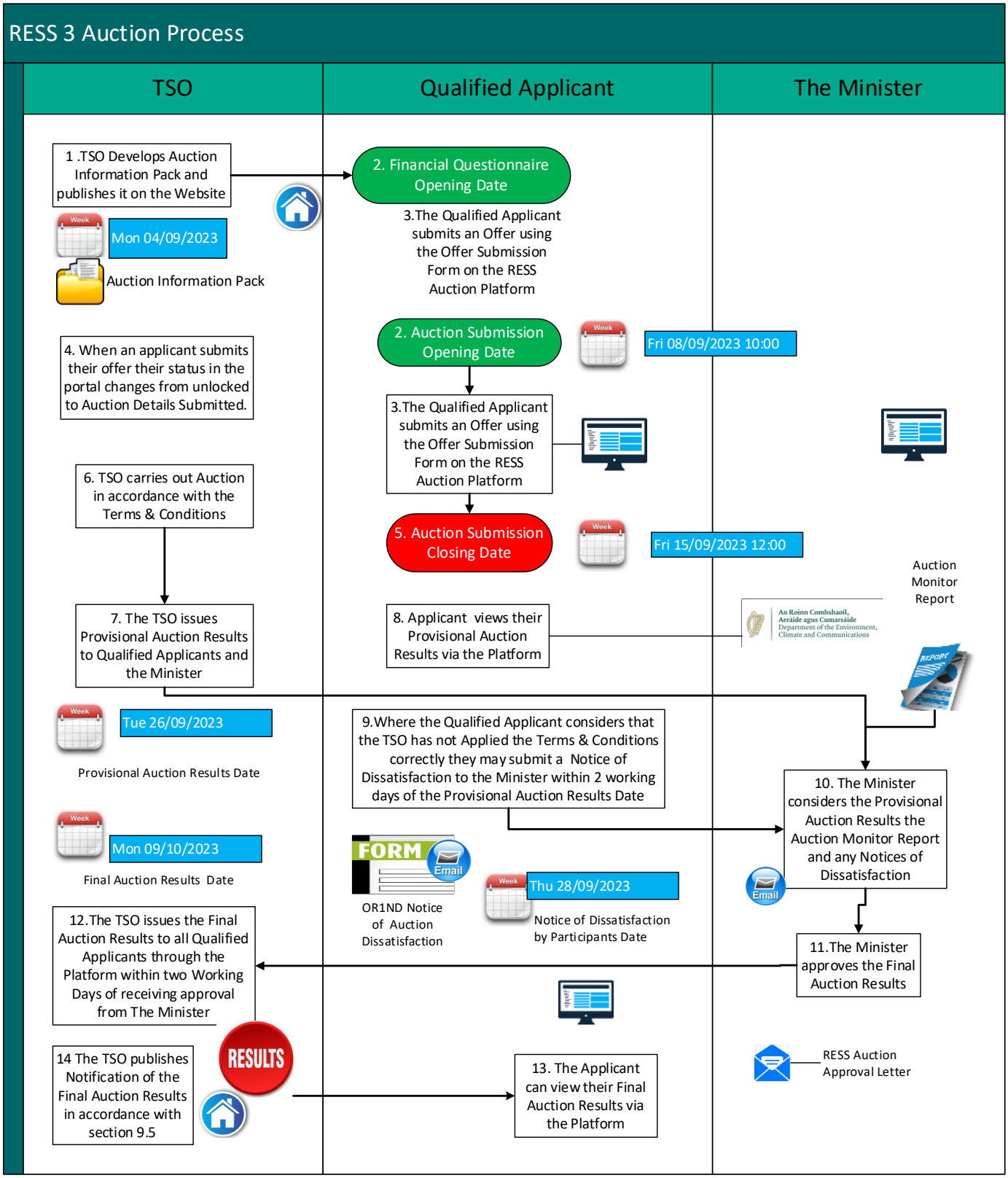


Diagram 1 Example of Roles and Responsibilities swim lanes

Within the process diagrams we use various symbols or legends to make the process diagrams more intuitive to the reader. The diagram below illustrates the symbols used for the Auction process.



RESS Process Flow Auction Legends


RESS 3 Auction Process
TSO
Qualified Applicant
The Minister
1 .TSO Develops Auction Information Pack and publishes it on the Website
Mon 04/09/2023
Auction Information Pack
2. Financial Questionnaire Opening Date
3.The Qualified Applicant submits an Offer using the Offer Submission Form on the RESS Auction Platform
2. Auction Submission Opening Date
Fri 08/09/2023 10:00
4. When an applicant submits their offer their status in the portal changes from unlocked to Auction Details Submitted.
3.The Qualified Applicant submits an Offer using the Offer Submission Form on the RESS Auction Platform
6. TSO carries out Auction in accordance with the Terms & Conditions
5. Auction Submission Closing Date
Fri 15/09/2023 12:00
Auction Monitor Report
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Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
7. The TSO issues Provisional Auction Results to Qualified Applicants and the Minister
8. Applicant views their Provisional Auction Results via the Platform
Tue 26/09/2023
Provisional Auction Results Date
9.Where the Qualified Applicant considers that the TSO has not Applied the Terms & Conditions correctly they may submit a Notice of Dissatisfaction to the Minister within 2 working days of the Provisional Auction Results Date
10. The Minister considers the Provisional Auction Results the Auction Monitor Report and any Notices of Dissatisfaction
Mon 09/10/2023
Final Auction Results Date
FORM
Email
OR1ND Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction
Thu 28/09/2023
Notice of Dissatisfaction by Participants Date
12.The TSO issues the Final Auction Results to all Qualified Applicants through the Platform within two Working Days of receiving approval from The Minister
11.The Minister approves the Final Auction Results
RESULTS
14 The TSO publishes Notification of the Final Auction Results in accordance with section 9.5
13. The Applicant can view their Final Auction Results via the Platform
RESS Auction Approval Letter

5. Auction Process Steps

Steps	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
1	The TSO Develops Auction Information Pack and publishes this pack on the EirGrid Website	Mon 04/09/2023	EirGrid Website	TSO	Applicants
2	DECC opens submission for Financial Questionnaires	Wed 06/09/2023 10:00	Email	Applicants	DECC
3	DECC closes Submission for Financial Questionnaires	Thu 07/09/2023 14:00	Email	Applicants	DECC
4	Auction Submission Opening Date. This is the first date that the Auction RESS Auction Platform is opened. **Note** the RESS Auction Platform opens at 10am and only authorised users may submit offers.	Fri 28/09/2023 10:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
5	The Qualified Applicant submits an Offer using the Offer Submission Form on the RESS Auction Platform no later than the RESS 3 Auction Submission Deadline Date.	From 28/09/2023 to 15/09/2023	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
6	When an Applicant submits their offer their status in the RESS Auction Platform changes from Draft to Auction Details Submitted.	From 28/09/2023 to 15/09/2023	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
7	Auction Submission Closing Date	Fri 15/09/2023 12:00	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO
8	TSO carries out Auction in accordance with the Terms & Conditions.	Mon 18/09/2023	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	

Steps	Step Description	Timing	Method	By From	To
9	The TSO issues Provisional Auction Results to Qualified Applicants and the Minister.	Tue 26/09/2023	RESS Auction Platform and Report	TSO	Applicants Minister
10	Applicant can view their Provisional Auction Results via the RESS Auction Platform.	From Tue 26/09/2023	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
11	Where the Applicant considers that the TSO has not Applied the Terms & Conditions correctly for the auction the Applicant **may** submit a ***Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction form (R3NAD)*** to the DECC Minister ***within 2 working days of the Provisional Auction Results Date*** The Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction (R3NAD) template can be found in the Auction Information pack on the EirGrid website. The completed *Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction form* should then be emailed to the DECC mailbox at RESS@decc.gov.ie copying RESS@eirgrid.com	Thu 28/09/2023	Email to the Minister	Applicant	Minister

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12	The Minister shall consider the Provisional Auction Results submitted by the TSO, the Auction Monitor Report (in accordance with the Information Paper) and any Notices of Auction Dissatisfaction submitted by Qualified Applicants in respect of a Provisional Auction Result.	From Thu 28/09/2023	Internal Ministerial review	Minister	
13	The Minister approves the Final Auction Results and informs the System Operator	Mon 09/10/2023	Email and Letter of Approval	Minister	TSO
14	The TSO issues the Final Auction Results to all successful Applicants through the RESS Auction Platform within two Working Days of receiving approval from The Minister	Within two days of Wed 09/10/2023	RESS Auction Platform	TSO	Applicants
15	The Applicant can view their Final Auction Results via the RESS Auction Platform	Within two days of Tue 09/10/2023	RESS Auction Platform	Applicants	TSO

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16	The TSO publishes Notification of the Final Auction Results in accordance with section 9.5 *The TSO will publish a notification of the Final Auction Results, including:* • *the quantity of renewable energy supply (in total GWh/yr of Deemed Energy Quantity) of successful Offers, by Eligible Technology category;* • *the quantity of renewable energy supply (in total GWh/yr of Deemed Energy Quantity) of unsuccessful Offers, by Eligible Technology category;* • *the capacity (in total MW of Offer Quantity) of successful Offers, by Eligible Technology category;* • *the capacity (in total MW of Offer Quantity) of unsuccessful Offers, by Eligible Technology category;* • *the GWh-weighted average Offer Price of successful Offers, for each Preference Category; and* • *a list of all Successful Applicants and the location, size (Offer Quantity) and Eligible Technology category of each successful Offer.*	After Mon 09/10/2023	Website	TSO	General Public