# Onshore Renewable Electricity Support Scheme

## RESS 5 Auction Process (R5AP)

**29/08/2025**

The Auction Information Pack has been prepared by the Auction Administrator in accordance with Section 8.4.1 of the RESS 5 Terms and Conditions for the purpose of informing Qualified Applicants of the timing, requirements and processes involved in the RESS 5 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 Fifth Onshore Competition under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme published in May 2025 and pursuant to Public Service Obligations imposed under Section 39 of the Act, the Auction Administrator is responsible for administering the RESS 5 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 7.5 Offer Process, all Qualified Applicants will be invited to submit an Offer Price (denominated in €/MWh) in respect of their RESS 5 Project. The Offer Price must be submitted before the RESS 5 Auction Submission Deadline Date.

The offer prices per eligible technology can be seen the table below:

| Eligible Technology (t) | Renewable Capacity Factor (RCFt) | Evaluation Correction Factor (ECFt) | Maximum Offer Price Considered (€/MWh) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Onshore Wind | 35% | 1.0 | €110 |
| Solar | 11% | 0.95 | €110 |
| RESS 5 Hybrid Wind and Solar | $((0.35 \times W_o) + (0.11 \times S_o)) / (W_o + S_o)$ | $((0.35 \times 1 \times W_o) + (0.11 \times 0.95 \times S_o)) / (0.35 \times W_o + 0.11 \times S_o)$ | €110 |
| RESS 5 Hybrid Wind and Storage | 35% | 1.0 | €110 |
| RESS 5 Hybrid Solar and Storage | 11% | 0.95 | €110 |
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| Hydro | 35% | 1.0 | €110 |
| Biomass HECHP | 85% | 1.0 | €110 |
| Waste to Energy HECHP | 43% | 1.0 | €110 |
| Biogas HECHP | 36% | 1.0 | €110 |

Offers for which the Offer Price submitted exceeds the Maximum Offer Price considered for the respective Eligible Technology or for which the Offer Price is not submitted by the RESS Auction Submission Deadline Date will not be considered in the RESS 5 Auction and in such cases, the Offer will be disregarded, and the Auction Administrator will be entitled to draw down on the full amount of the Bid Bond.

## 1.3. Winner Selection

The RESS 5 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 ($DOP_o$); and
(b) Deemed Energy Quantity ($DEQ_o$)

Winner-determination rules will then be applied in accordance with Section 7.6 of the RESS 5 Terms and Conditions.

## 1.4. Final Auction Results

The Auction Administrator 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 8.5.1 of the RESS 5 Terms and Conditions, & in accordance with section 8.5.2 of the RESS 5 T&C's, the Auction Administrator 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; and
- a list of all Successful Applicants and the location, size (Offer Quantity) and Eligible Technology category of each successful Offer.

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

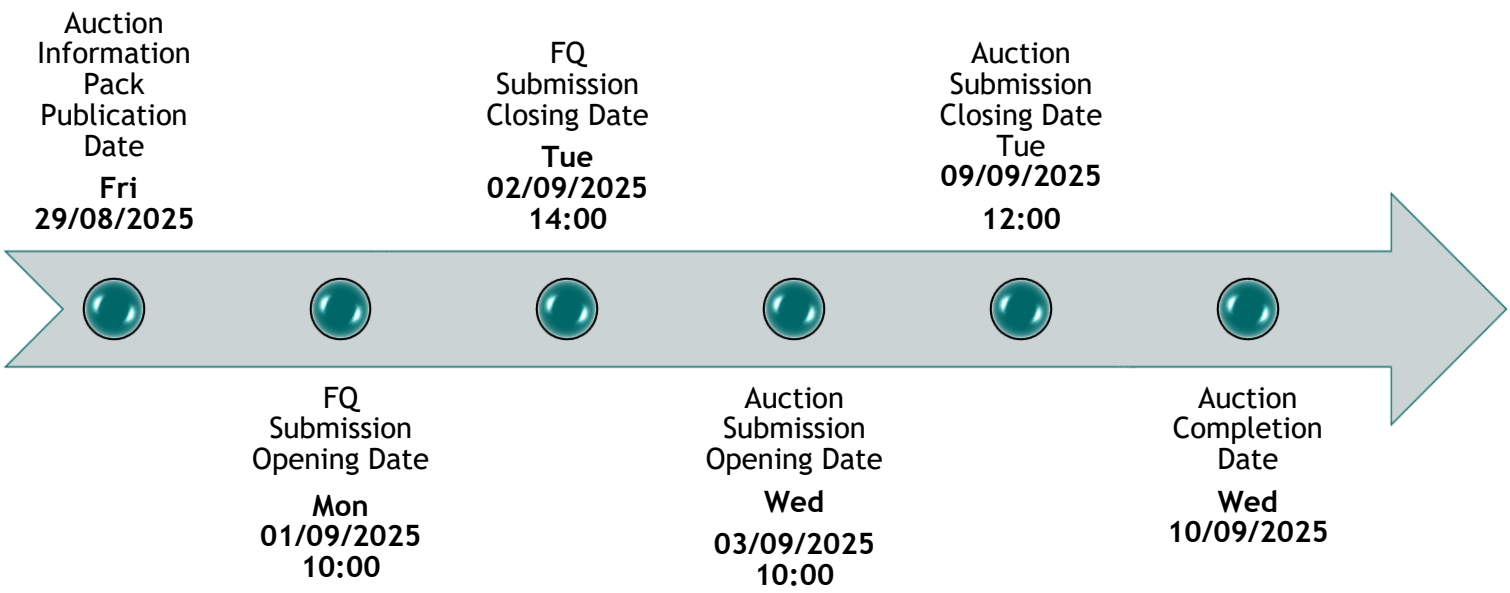
## 2.1 Auction Dates and Times

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

| 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 5 Auction. |
| | Provisional Auction Results Date | The indicative date for issue of the Provisional Auction Results by the Auction Administrator. |
| | Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction by Participants Date | The date and time by which a Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction (R5NAD) must be submitted by a Qualified Applicant. |
| | Final Auction Results Date | The indicative date for issue of the Final Auction Results by the Auction Administrator |

## 2.2 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 Auction Administrator 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 Auction Administrator has not applied these Terms and Conditions correctly, they may submit a Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction (R5NAD) 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 Auction Administrator, 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 Auction Dissatisfaction form (R5NAD)*** to the Minister. The Notice of Dissatisfaction form (R5NAD) 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 DCEE mailbox at ress@dcee.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
- Auction Administrator – EirGrid
- Minister – Minister of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and or any successor.

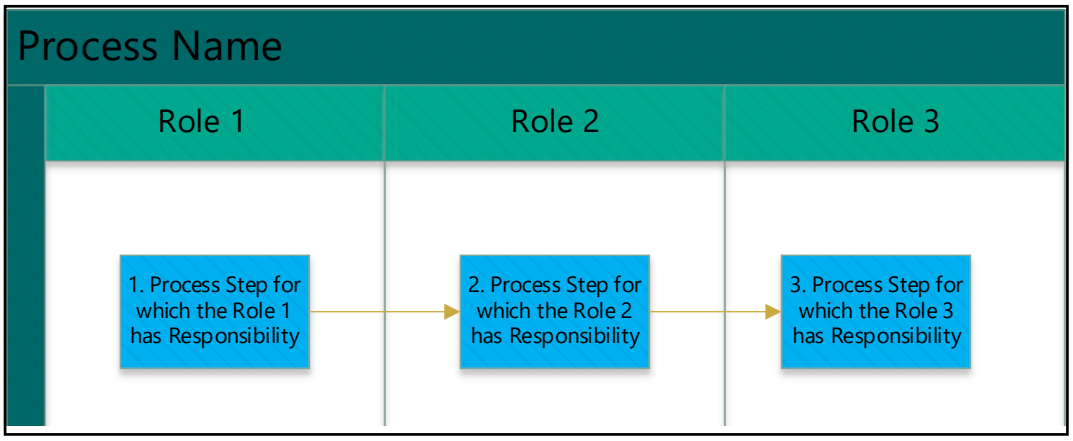
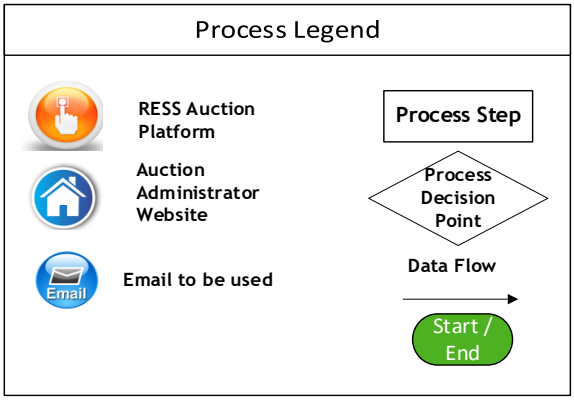
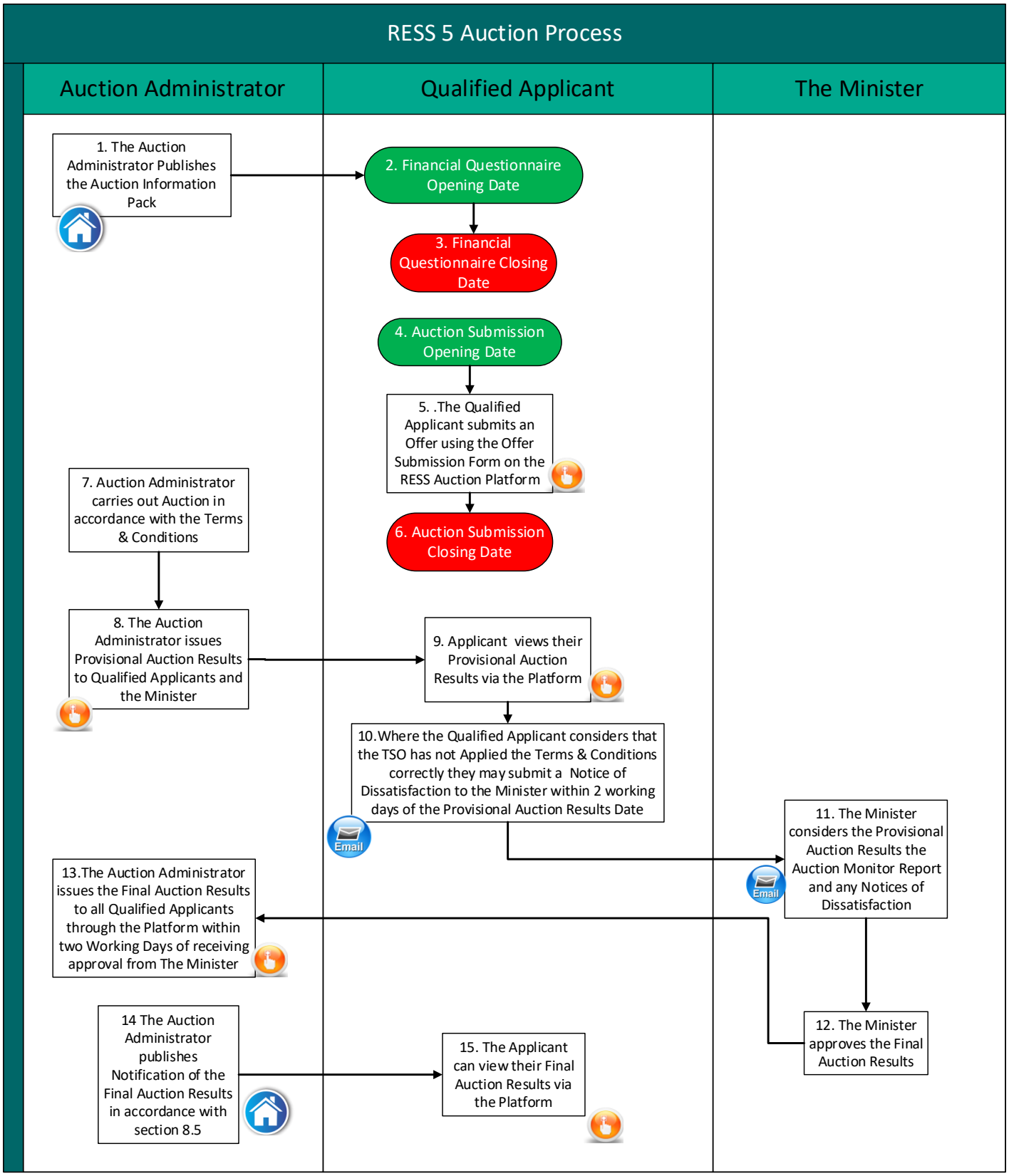



Diagram 1 Example of Roles and Responsibilities swim lanes

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 5 Auction Process
Auction Administrator
Qualified Applicant
The Minister
1. The Auction Administrator Publishes the Auction Information Pack
2. Financial Questionnaire Opening Date
3. Financial Questionnaire Closing Date
4. Auction Submission Opening Date
5. .The Qualified Applicant submits an Offer using the Offer Submission Form on the RESS Auction Platform
6. Auction Submission Closing Date
7. Auction Administrator carries out Auction in accordance with the Terms & Conditions
8. The Auction Administrator issues Provisional Auction Results to Qualified Applicants and the Minister
9. Applicant views their Provisional Auction Results via the Platform
10.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
Email
11. The Minister considers the Provisional Auction Results the Auction Monitor Report and any Notices of Dissatisfaction
Email
12. The Minister approves the Final Auction Results
13.The Auction Administrator issues the Final Auction Results to all Qualified Applicants through the Platform within two Working Days of receiving approval from The Minister
14 The Auction Administrator publishes Notification of the Final Auction Results in accordance with section 8.5
15. The Applicant can view their Final Auction Results via the Platform

# 5. Auction Process Steps

| Steps | Step Description | Timing | Method | By From | To |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Auction Administrator Develops Auction Information Pack and publishes this pack on the EirGrid Website | Fri 29/08/2025 | EirGrid Website | Auction Administrator | Applicants |
| 2 | DCEE opens submission for Financial Questionnaires | Mon 01/09/2025 10:00 | Email | Applicants | DCEE |
| 3 | DCEE closes Submission for Financial Questionnaires | Tues 02/09/2025 14:00 | Email | Applicants | DCEE |
| 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. | Wed 03/09/2025 10:00 | RESS Auction Platform | Applicants | Auction Administrator |
| 5 | The Qualified Applicant submits an Offer using the Offer Submission Form on the RESS Auction Platform no later than the RESS 5 Auction Submission Deadline Date. | From 03/09/2025 to 09/09/2025 | RESS Auction Platform | Applicants | Auction Administrator |
| 6 | Auction Submission Closing Date | Tue 09/09/2025 12:00 | RESS Auction Platform | Applicants | Auction Administrator |
| 7 | Auction Administrator completes the Auction in accordance with the Terms & Conditions. | Wed 10/09/2025 | RESS Auction Platform | Auction Administrator | |
| 8 | The Auction Administrator issues Provisional Auction Results to Qualified Applicants and the Minister. | Wed 24/09/2025 | RESS Auction Platform and Report | Auction Administrator | Applicants Minister |
| 9 | Applicant can view their Provisional Auction Results via the RESS Auction Platform. | From Wed 24/09/2025 | RESS Auction Platform | Auction Administrator | Applicants |

| Steps | Step Description | Timing | Method | By From | To |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **10** | Where the Applicant considers that the Auction Administrator has not Applied the Terms & Conditions correctly for the auction the Applicant **may** submit a ***Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction form (R5NAD)*** to the DCEE Minister ***within 2 working days of the Provisional Auction Results Date***<br><br>The Notice of Auction Dissatisfaction (R5NAD) 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 DCEE mailbox at ress@dcee.gov.ie copying RESS@eirgrid.com | Fri<br><br>26/09/2025 | Email to the Minister | Applicant | Minister |
| **11** | The Minister shall consider the Provisional Auction Results submitted by the Auction Administrator, 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<br><br>Fri<br><br>26/09/2025 | Internal Ministerial review | Minister | |
| **12** | The Minister approves the Final Auction Results and informs the System Operator | Wed<br><br>15/10/2025 | Email and Letter of Approval | Minister | Auction Administrator |
| **13** | The Auction Administrator 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<br><br>15/10/2025 | RESS Auction Platform | Auction Administrator | Applicants |
| **14** | The Auction Administrator publishes Notification of the Final Auction Results in accordance with section 8.5 | Within two days of Wed<br><br>15/10/2025 | EirGrid Website | Auction Administrator | Applicants |

| Steps | Step Description | Timing | Method | By From | To |
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| **15** | The Applicant can view their Final Auction Results via the RESS Auction Platform | Within two days of Wed<br>15/10/2025 | RESS Auction Platform | Applicants | Auction Administrator |
| **16** | The Auction Administrator publishes Notification of the Final Auction Results in accordance with section 8.5.2 *The* Auction Administrator *will publish a notification of the Final Auction Results, including:*<br>• *the quantity of renewable energy supply (in total GWh/yr of Deemed Energy Quantity) of successful Offers, by Eligible Technology category;*<br>• *the quantity of renewable energy supply (in total GWh/yr of Deemed Energy Quantity) of unsuccessful Offers, by Eligible Technology category;*<br>• *the capacity (in total MW of Offer Quantity) of successful Offers, by Eligible Technology category;*<br>• *the capacity (in total MW of Offer Quantity) of unsuccessful Offers, by Eligible Technology category;*<br>• *the GWh-weighted average Offer Price of successful Offers, for each Preference Category; and*<br>• *a list of all Successful Applicants and the location, size (Offer Quantity) and Eligible Technology category of each successful Offer.* | Within two days of Wed<br>15/10/2025 | EirGrid Website | Auction Administrator | General Public |