

Annual Generator Outage Planning

EirGrid develop and implement co-ordinated Outage Plans which are consistent with:

- the requirements for the secure and economic operation of the system and;
- the needs of generators in respect of plant maintenance requirements and resource limitations.

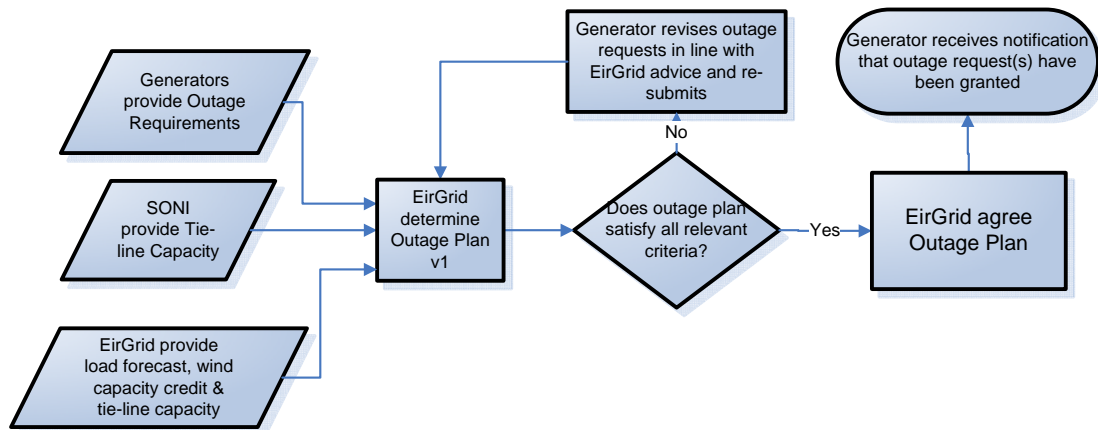
By March of Year 0 (i.e. the current year), the generator confirms the major outage plans to EirGrid for the following year (Year 1).

Using all the generators' outage requirements, in conjunction with the wind generation capacity credit, the tie-line capacity and forecasted demand, deterministic and probabilistic analyses are carried out.

A Provisional Outage Plan for Year 1 for all generators is prepared by June of Year 0.

The Committed Outage Plan is published by end of September of Year 0.

Any changes to the committed outage plan must be co-ordinated with the EirGrid.



Information relating to outages in Years 2 and 3 must be submitted to the EirGrid by April of Year 0.

Provisional Outage Plans for years 2 and 3 are devised by July of Year 0.

The timetable for 2009 is as follows:

2009	2010	2011	2012
March	Generator confirms major outages to EirGrid		
April		Generator submits provisional outage information	Generator submits provisional outage information
June	EirGrid prepares Provisional Outage Plan		
July		EirGrid prepares Provisional Outage Plan	EirGrid prepares Provisional Outage Plan
September	EirGrid publishes Committed Outage Plan		