

## **SEM Committee Meeting**

**Meeting 211 Minutes**

**Location: Online**

**Date: Thursday 19 December 2024**

**at 09.00 a.m.**

### **SEM Committee:**

Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Dr. Tanya Harrington (Chair), Jim Gannon, Fergal Mulligan

Utility Regulator (UR): Rosamund Blomfield-Smith, Jon Carlton, John French

Independent members: Jonathan Hodgkin, Chris Harris (Deputy)

### **In attendance:**

All items: John Melvin (CRU), Colin Broomfield (UR), Kevin Shiels (UR)

Item 3: Michael Barrett (CRU), Gordon Downie (Shepherd and Wedderburn), Emer Gerrard (CRU), Charlene Little (CRU), Jean-Pierre Miura (UR), Lorcan Kennedy (CRU)

Item 4: Kevin Hagan (CRU), Barry Hussey (CRU), Shreya Chhetri (CRU)

Item 5: Ross McFaul (UR), Kevin Baron (UR), Ciaran Breen (UR)

Items 6: Ross McFaul (UR)

Item 7: Owen Kearns (UR), Arjoo Gupta (UR), Mary Farrelly (UR), Lina Cendales (UR)

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes:** Greg Irwin (SEMC Secretariat)

**Declarations of interest:** None

### **1. Approval and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was approved and adopted.

### **2. Review and approval of minutes from meeting 210, Thursday 28 November 2024**

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 210, Thursday 28 November 2024, were approved for publication subject to two amendments.

### **3. Litigation update**

Gordon Downie provided an update for the Committee on the latest position regarding ongoing litigation in Northern Ireland and Ireland and next steps.

An excerpt of minutes from an extraordinary meeting of the Committee on 16 December was also approved.

Members noted the update.

#### **4 Final Recommendation Report for Trading and Settlement Code Mod\_13\_23 'Treatment of NPDRs' (Non-Priority Dispatch Renewables)**

Kevin Hagan introduced this item which presented the Final Recommendation Report for proposed modification to the Trading and Settlement Code and sought the Committee's approval for modification.

The Committee acknowledged the complexity associated with the proposed modification, the driver for the change and its direct impact on the market. The interaction with other work in respect of market rules was also considered. There was also a discussion around the broader issue of bringing renewables into the market.

The importance of the work in this area was recognised, given its significance, and it was agreed that a further presentation would be provided at the January SEMC.

#### **5. SFC Extension Requests under J.5.2**

Ciaran Breen introduced this item which sought the Committee's approval for substantial financial completion (SFC) extension requests.

The Committee discussed the implications of agreeing to extension requests and it was clarified that approval was only being sought to the SFC auction milestone.

The Committee approved the SFC extension request as presented.

#### **6. SEMC procurement update**

Ross McFaul briefed the Committee on progress on procuring specialist support to provide assistance on a range of SEM workstreams.

The Committee clarified aspects of the procurement process and requested that an ongoing update be provided on progress.

#### **7. Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) update – SEMC Report October 2024**

Owen Kearns introduced this overview.

Committee members commented on a range of issues, including comparative prices with other jurisdictions – and the reasons for any differences and developments that have influenced prices, bidding behaviour by different types of market participants and the role of the MMU in overseeing this, dispatch down and interconnector flows – and the need to understand more about this aspect of the analysis.

The Committee noted the update and agreed that further analysis on interconnector flows would be useful. It was also agreed that Dr. Paul Deane's recent presentation

on prices should be shared with the Committee and that he be invited to present at the next Committee meeting.

## **8. Updates**

### **(a) All Island Programme (AIP) update**

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It was noted that the Joint Programme Board meeting would take place in January and that there would be an opportunity following this, to present to the Committee on the Multi-Year Plan.

### **(b) SEMC communications and governance update**

A brief update was provided on the schedule for 2025 and the January meeting. It was agreed that a SEMC governance session be planned.

It was also noted that a meeting of the Committee would be required around the 16 January 2025 to approve the T-4 auction results.

### **(c) CRU/UR/Independent Members**

Jim Gannon provided an update on work on large energy users, the Climate Change Advisory Council, new government formation and CRU's strategic plan.

John French mentioned the Democratic Consent mechanism and the Northern Ireland Assembly, the LiRIC interconnector and the Power NI price control.

Chris Harris noted Clean Power 2030 and the Seventh Carbon budget in Great Britain.

### **(d) Legal update**

John Melvin provided the latest update on the Article 12/13 related litigation.

## **9. Review of actions from SEMC meeting 209, 31 October - 6 November 2024.**

The Committee discussed open actions.

## **10. SEMC correspondence**

An update was provided on outstanding correspondence. A response to a letter from the TSOs was agreed.

## **11. AOB**

Colin Broomfield briefed the Committee on the T-4 litigation, and the treatment of costs, and the related correspondence to be issued to the Committee.

Tanya Harrington thanked the teams and the Committee for their commitment and hard work, particularly during the demanding work pressures of recent months.

The meeting concluded at 11.20 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tanya Harrington". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Tanya" and last name "Harrington" clearly distinguishable.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr Tanya Harrington, SEM Committee Chairperson**