

SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 219

Location: Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk

**Date: Wednesday 27 August 2025
at 1.30 p.m.**

SEM Committee:

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

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

Independent members: Jonathan Hodgkin (Independent member), Chris Harris (Deputy Independent member)

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

Item 3: Sheena Byrne (CRU), Lisa Murray (CRU), Zoe Fannon (NERA), George Anstey (NERA), Koyinsola Openibo (CRU), Caroline Winder (UR)

Item 4: Marie-Therese Campbell (UR), Jean Pierre Miura (UR), Charlene Little (CRU), Valeria Arenas Montano (CRU), Kevin Baron (UR), Damien Doone (UR), Ian McClelland (UR), Sarah Soliman (Baringa), Lewis Heather (Baringa)

Item 5: Robert O'Rourke (CRU)

Item 10: Jean-Pierre Miura (UR), Owen Kearns (UR), Arjoo Gupta (UR)

Item 11: Niall Robb (UR), Gemma Luckhurst (Gemserv).

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 218, Thursday 31 July 2025

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 218 were approved for publication, subject to minor amendments.

3. Network Imperfections Charges 2025/26

Lisa Murray introduced this item which presented a decision paper on network imperfections charges for the tariff year 2025/26.

The Committee noted the non-confidential responses to the consultation on the proposed network imperfection charges.

There was a discussion on the updates to the forecasting and modelling assumptions, and the engagement with Transmission System Operators. The impact of the network imperfection costs on consumer bills was also discussed.

The Committee also considered the presentation of the network imperfections charges and key communications messages. It was agreed that the executive summary of the network imperfections decision paper be circulated to the Committee for any comment prior to publication.

Subject to consideration of any comments on the executive summary, the Committee approved the publication of the imperfection charges.

4. CMC modification proposals

Marie-Therese Campbell introduced this item and provided the context and background to proposed modifications to the Capacity Market Code (CMC) modifications.

Ross McFaul and Valeria Arenas Montano briefed the Committee on each of the proposed modifications. The Committee discussed the proposed modifications, clarified their scope, and the rationale for, and the impact of implementing, the proposed modifications.

The Committee was also apprised of the views of stakeholders in relation to the proposed modifications.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Committee decided not to make certain proposed modifications, agreed to partly approve one proposed modification and deferred approval on the remaining proposed modifications.

5. Future Arrangements for System Services (FASS) – Day Ahead System Services (DASSA) Top Up Mechanism Decision Paper (the Residual Availability Mechanism - RAD)

Robert O'Rourke introduced this item relating to a proposed decision to introduce a Top-Up mechanism for the DASSA.

The Committee considered the reporting framework for the RAD and discussed the opportunity for enhancing transparency in the DASSA. There was also a discussion on the views of industry in the consultation on the proposed decision.

The Committee approved the publication of the decision paper as drafted.

6. Net Transfer Capacity (NTC) compensation (verbal update)

John Melvin provided a verbal update on ongoing work relating to the Net Transfer Capacity (NTC) compensation issue that had been discussed by the Committee at its June meeting.

It was noted that a further update on the issue would be provided at the September Committee meeting.

7. Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) update

(a) Owen Kearns provided an overview of key market outcomes during July.

Issues relating to price trends and the generation fuel mix were discussed.

The Committee noted the update.

(b) A verbal update was also provided on the Balancing Market Principles Code of Practice (BMPCOP). Committee members discussed progress on this issue.

It was agreed that a more substantive update on Bidding Code of Practice (BCOP) and the BMPCOP should be provided at the next SEMC meeting.

8. Updates

(a) All Island Programme (AIP) update

Gemma Luckhurst updated the Committee on developments in relation to the AIP.

The Committee noted its expectations in relation to the Project Management Office's (PMO's) AIP challenge role.

Niall Robb introduced an item seeking the Committee's view on the design of the Multi-Year Plan (MYP). The Committee noted the existing governance arrangements for the AIP, and it was agreed that the governance documentation relating to the AIP sub-committee should be re-circulated to the Committee. The discussion focused on prioritisation and delivery of the MYP and the System Operators' role in that regard. In noting the plans for a MYP industry forum on 29 September, it was agreed that SEMC members should also be formally invited.

(b) SEMC communications and governance update

Plans for developing FWP 2025/26 and the strategy workshop were noted.

(c) CRU/UR/Independent Members

Jim Gannon provided an update on the publication of electricity network charges, the electricity network tariff structure review, the National Development plan and engagement with Oireachtas committees.

John French noted forthcoming energy price tariff announcements, the visit by the NI Assembly's Economy Committee to Millennium House, and changes to the UR Board.

(d) Legal update

Colin Broomfield provided a brief update.

9. Review of actions from SEMC meeting 218, Thursday 31 July 2025.

The Committee discussed open actions.

10. SEMC correspondence

None.

11. AOB

None.

The meeting concluded at 16.45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tanya Harrington".

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Dr Tanya Harrington, SEM Committee Chairperson