

SEM Committee Meeting
Minutes Meeting No. 220
Location: Millennium House, Belfast
Date: Thursday 25 September 2025
at 10.00 a.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: Gordon Downie (Shepherd and Wedderburn), Shauna McAuley (UR), Paul Rodgers (UR), Michael Barrett (CRU)

Items 4 and 5 and 7: Marie-Therese Campbell (UR), Jean Pierre Miura (UR), Emer Gerrard (CRU), Charlene Little (CRU), Valeria Arenas Montano (CRU), Elvis Sebastian (CRU), Ciaran Breen (UR), Kevin Baron (UR), Damien Doone (UR), Ian McClelland (UR)

Item 6: Barry Hussey (CRU), John McMahon (CRU), Merin Joseph (CRU)

Item 10 and 11: Barry Hussey (CRU), Jean-Pierre Miura (UR), Owen Kearns (UR), Arjoo Gupta (UR)

Item 12: Gemma Luckhurst (Talan), Sarah Fuller (Talan), Niall Robb (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 219, Wednesday 27 August 2025

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 219 were approved for publication, subject to a minor amendment.

3. Legal update

Gordon Downie provided a briefing on the two provisional orders which had been issued by the Utility Regulator (by virtue of decisions taken on its behalf by the SEMC) to EP NI Energy Ltd (EPNIE) pursuant to Article 42 of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 and on the UR's function under the Order of applying to the court for an enforcement injunction in relation to such orders.

The Committee discussed matters in relation to the issue and enforcement of the two provisional orders and determined that the exercise of the UR's function of applying for enforcement injunction(s) in this context was a SEM matter.

The Committee agreed that further specialist advice should be commissioned to assist with litigation threatened in relation to this matter.

4. T-4 2029/30 Capacity Auction – Late New Capacity Exception Applications

Ciaran Breen introduced this item which provided details of late new capacity exception applications received from various participants after the deadline specified in the capacity auction timetable.

The Committee discussed the context and rationale for the late applications and the information provided.

The Committee approved the recommendation to reject the late applications.

(b) T-4 CY2029/30 Capacity Auction and USPC and ILC Applications

Ross McFaul also provided an overview of the T-4 Capacity Auction regarding the Unit Specific Price Cap (USPC) and the Intermediate Length Contract (ILC) applications.

The Committee briefly discussed and noted the overview.

5. T-1 2025/26 System Operator Technical Assessment Report

Ciaran Breen introduced this information item which provided the Committee with an overview of the System Operators Technical Assessment Report on the T-1 CY2025/26 Capacity Auction.

In noting the Technical Assessment report, the Committee agreed that there should be further engagement with the TSOs on the Technical Assessment report.

6. Generator Financial Performance

Barry Hussey briefed the Committee on this item which provided the Generator Financial Performance Report (GFPR) for the financial year 2023.

The Committee discussed the headline findings in the GFPR and explored the basis for the key figures in the report.

There was also a discussion on the value of the GFPR as a public report on market data. In that context, the Committee was apprised of work being undertaken by CEPA to assess the broader issue of the reporting of market data.

The Committee agreed that it would consider a paper by CEPA at its next meeting before deciding on next steps in relation to the GFPR.

7. Generator extension request

The Committee considered a request by a generator in relation to CQEDT Extension Applications, received by the Regulatory Authorities under J.5.8.2 of the Capacity Market Code (CMC), for the units in the T-3 2024/25 Capacity Auction.

The Committee approved CQEDT extension requests as presented.

8. 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 previous meeting.

The Committee noted the update.

9. FWP 2025/2026 development update

Greg Irwin briefed the Committee on planning for the development of the Forward Work programme (FWP) 2025/2026.

The Committee discussed the progress update on FWP 2024/2025 projects in the context of the developing a new FWP.

There was also a discussion on the timing of FWP 2024/2025 given the development of the Committee's new strategy.

The Committee agreed that the development of FWP 2025/2026 should be aligned to the publication of the new SEMC strategy. Consequently, the timeline for FWP 2025/2026 needs to be amended to link to the publication of the new strategy and an appropriate note to be issued to industry about the status of the FWP in the intervening period.

10. Balancing Market Principles Code of Practice (BMPCOP)/ BCOP update

Barry Hussey introduced this item which provided an update on the current status of the I-SEM related licence modification process, relating to the BMPCOP and the Capacity Market Code, and related Bidding Code of Practice (BCOP) considerations.

The Committee discussed process and timing issues.

11. Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) update

The Committee noted the update.

12. All Island Programme (AIP) Project Management Office (PMO) update

Gemma Luckhurst and Sarah Fuller provided the PMO update.

Following feedback from the Committee, the update outlined steps being progressed to enhance the PMO function.

The Committee noted the update.

13. System Service Quarterly Expenditure report: Q1 2025

Given time constraints this item was deferred.

14. Updates

This item was deferred.

15. Review of actions from SEMC meeting 219, Wednesday 27 August 2025.

This item was deferred.

16. SEMC correspondence

Correspondence was briefly noted.

17. AOB

None.

The meeting concluded at 13.45 p.m.

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Dr Tanya Harrington, SEM Committee Chairperson