

## SEM Committee Meeting

### Meeting 221 Minutes

Location: UR Offices, Millennium House and Online

Date: Wednesday 22 October 2025

at 13.00 p.m.

#### SEM Committee:

Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Jim Gannon, Fergal Mulligan  
Utility Regulator (UR): Rosamund Blomfield-Smith (Chair), Jon Carlton, John French  
Independent members: Jonathan Hodgkin, Chris Harris (Deputy)

#### In attendance:

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

Item 3: Gordon Downie (Shepherd and Wedderburn), Angus McVicker (Shepherd and Wedderburn), Jonathan Carey (Shepherd and Wedderburn), Emer Gerrard (CRU), Jean-Pierre Miura (UR), Shauna McAuley (UR), Paul Rodgers (UR), Marie-Therese Campbell (UR), Owen Kearns (UR)

Item 4: Robert O'Rourke (CRU), James Carson (UR), Dylan Ashe (CRU), Bronagh McKeown (UR), Sumona Mukherjee (CRU), Muhammad Bilal Ahmed (CRU), George Anstey (NERA), Zoe Fannin (NERA)

Item 6: Emer Gerrard (CRU), Elvis Sebastian (CRU), Marie-Therese Campbell (UR), Charlene Little (CRU), Ross McFaul (UR), Stephen Woodhouse (Afry), Grainne Black (Afry)

Item 7: Kevin Hagan (CRU), Lisa Tate (UR), Caroline Winder (UR), Lina Cendales (UR)

Item 8: Roisin McLaughlin (UR)

Item 9: Robert O'Rourke (CRU)

Item 10: Owen Kearns (CRU), Arjoo Gupta (UR)

Item 11: Robert O'Rourke (CRU), Charlene Little (CRU), Muhammad Bilal Ahmed (CRU), Gabriela Vargas Restrepo (Afry)

Item 12: Gemma Luckhurst (Talan), Michael Atcheson (SONI), Gerard Carlin (SONI), Stephen Gannon (Eirgrid), John O'Dea (Eirgrid), Margaret McNaughton (Eirgrid)

**Apologies:** Dr Tanya Harrington

**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 220, Thursday 25 September 2025

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 220 were approved for publication.

The Committee also approved the minutes of an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 23 September 2025.

### **3. Legal update**

- (a) The Committee received a legal update regarding litigation and regulatory matters involving EP NI Energy Ltd (EPNIE). An overview of progress relating to ongoing legal matters was given.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to make SEM matter determinations, including in relation to two provisional orders (POs) issued in September and the making of further POs as necessary. The Committee also approved the setting up of a sub-committee with delegated powers in relation to certain EP-related compliance and enforcement matters. Finally, the Committee provisionally rejected EPNIE's 'adder' application

- (b) Shannon LNG Ltd

John Melvin provided an update on litigation relating to Shannon LNG Ltd.

### **4. DASSA: Parameters and Scalars**

Robert O'Rourke introduced this item about the Day Ahead System Services Auction Design (DASSA) parameters and scalars. George Anstey and Zoe Fannin provided a presentation and overview of the consultation on the DASSA parameters and scalars by the TSOs and proposed recommendations.

There was a broader discussion about the narrative around DASSA and how the scalars and parameters aspect fitted into the overall customer journey. Committee members also raised points of detail for clarification.

The Committee considered the TSOs proposed recommendations following the consultation and the view of the team on these proposed recommendations.

The Committee endorsed the view of the team on those items where there was agreement with the TSOs proposed recommendations, with formal approval for these items delegated to the SEM Oversight Committee. It was agreed that further engagement would take place with industry on the remaining items with the intention that this would inform a further paper that would be presented at the November Committee meeting.

### **5. Generator Extension request**

Colin Broomfield introduced this item relating to a Substantial Financial Completion (SFC), Long Stop Date (LSD) and Capacity Quantity End Date and Time (CQEDT) extension.

Committee members discussed the rationale for the specific extension request and there was also a discussion around the Committee's consideration of extension requests more broadly. This included consideration of risk.

The Committee approved the Substantial Financial Completion (SFC), Long Stop Date (LSD) and Capacity Quantity End Date and Time (CQEDT) extension request under J.5.2 and J.5.7 of the Capacity Market Code. A drafting change to the proposed extension request letter was also noted.

## **6. CRM development project**

Emer Gerrard and Stephen Woodhouse and Grainne Black provided a presentation on this item relating to the development of the Capacity Remuneration Mechanism project.

In discussion the Committee considered the broader picture and trends around capacity markets and market development across Europe, the drivers for the CRM project, and project deliverables and timing.

The Committee noted the update.

## **7. Change to the treatment of batteries in the SEM**

Kevin Hagan provided the Committee with an overview on changes to the treatment of batteries in the SEM.

The focus of the Committee's discussion was around the proposed approach and the outcomes to be achieved.

The Committee endorsed the paper's recommendations in relation to a relevant Trading and Settlement Code modification, and the publication of contemporaneous reports on the treatment of batteries and additional imperfections costs incurred.

## **8. SONI derogation update**

Roisin McLaughlin introduced this item which provided updated draft SONI governance derogation guidance and offered the Committee the opportunity to provide any feedback on the text of the guidance before the Utility Regulator finalises the guidance for publication.

The Committee noted the update.

## **9. System Service Quarterly Expenditure report: Q1 2025**

Robert O'Rourke introduced this quarterly report, submitted by the TSOs, on the volumes procured and expenditure on System Services, in Q1 of 2025.

Committee members commented briefly on the wider competitive arrangements around system services and security of supply issues.

The Committee noted the quarterly report.

## **10. Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) update**

- a) Owen Kearns introduced the latest MMU update for the period to the end of September and briefed the Committee on key market metrics, trends and developments.

The Committee discussed the wholesale price trend, carbon prices, interconnector flows and the SEM fuel mix data.

- b) The Role of MMU and SSG

The Committee noted this information paper on the role of the MMU and the Senior Staff group (SSG).

- c) BCOP/ BMPCOP verbal update

A brief verbal update was provided on the Bidding Code of Practice (BCOP)/ Balancing Market Principles Code of Practice (BMPCOP).

## **11. SEMC strategy update**

Robert O'Rourke introduced this item relating to the development of a new SEMC strategy. Gabriela Vargas Restrepo provided an overview of progress to date on developing the strategy and engagement with stakeholders.

The Committee had an initial discussion on mission and values. This included consideration of the Committee's role as the decision-making body for the SEM, key market outcomes and the protection of consumers.

The Committee noted the update.

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

Gemma Luckhurst introduced the PMO update. She outlined key project meetings and other project management activity since the last report.

Representatives from the TSOs provided the latest overview of progress on the AIP workstreams. Committee members discussed overall progress and explored steps being taken to address any delivery challenges.

The Committee noted the update.

## **13. Updates**

- a. SEMC communications and governance update
  - Greg Irwin and Clare Newcomb provided an overview of SEMC communications and governance activity. The proposed approach to the SEMC Annual Report received endorsement.
- b. CRU/UR/Independent Members

- Jim Gannon noted engagement with ACER, multi-regional loose volume coupling and retail market monitoring.
  - John French noted the security of supply issue and a recent report on the implementation of Northern Ireland's Energy Strategy
- c. Legal update
- No further legal update was provided

**14. Review of actions from SEMC meeting 220, Thursday 25 September 2025**

It was agreed that a suitable future opportunity be sought to meet with Ministers.

**15. SEMC correspondence**

An item of correspondence was briefly noted.

**16. AOB**

None.

The meeting concluded at 17.55 p.m.

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

**Rosamund Blomfield-Smith, SEM Committee Chair**