

## SEM Committee Meeting

Meeting 223 Minutes

Location Online

Date: Thursday 18 December 2025

at 09.00 a.m.

### SEM Committee:

Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Jim Gannon, Fergal Mulligan

Utility Regulator (UR): Rosamund Blomfield-Smith (Chair), John French, Paul McGowan

Independent members: Jonathan Hodgkin, Chris Harris (Deputy)

### In attendance:

All items: John Melvin (CRU), Colin Broomfield (UR), Jon Carlton (SEMC advisor)

Item 3: Gordon Downie (Shepherd and Wedderburn), Shauna McAuley (UR)

Item 4: Robert O'Rourke (CRU), Charlene Little (CRU), Muhammad Bilal Ahmed (CRU),

Item 5: Marie-Therese Campbell (UR), Clodagh Goodman (UR), Emer Gerrard (CRU)

Item 6: Barry Hussey (CRU), John McMahon (CRU), Niall Robb (UR)

Items 7 and 8: Emer Gerrard (CRU), Elvis Sebastian (CRU), Charlene Little (CRU), Ross McFaul (UR), Marie-Therese Campbell (UR), Ciaran Breen (UR), Damien Doone (UR)

Item 9: Leigh Greer (UR), Martina McKinley (UR), Naomi Lusty (UR)

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

Item 11: Robert O'Rourke (CRU)

Item 12: Lisa Tate (UR), Niall Robb (UR), Matthew Finlay (Talan)

Item 14: Gordon Downie (Shepherd and Wedderburn), Natasha Durkin (Shepherd and Wedderburn)

**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 222, Thursday 27 November 2025

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 222 were approved for publication subject to a minor amendment.

### 3. Governance/ Legal update

Colin Broomfield introduced this discussion which provided legal advice relating to SEMC governance and administrative arrangements and SEMC vires. Gordon Downie provided an overview of the legal advice.

The Committee discussed the action necessary to give effect to the legal advice on SEMC governance and administrative arrangements and the role of the SEM Oversight Committee, and jurisdictional considerations relating to SEMC vires.

The Committee endorsed the recommendations relating to SEMC governance and administrative arrangements, noted the work being progressed on the SEM Oversight Committee, and noted advice relating to SEMC vires in the context of developing a new SEMC strategy.

#### **4. SEMC strategy update**

Jon Carlton led a discussion on the development of a SEMC strategy following the Committee's consideration of the issue at its December meeting.

In discussion, the Committee considered the process for finalising the SEMC strategy, the need to engage stakeholders and consult on a draft strategy, and the planning of a further SEMC strategy day.

The Committee agreed that Jon Carlton would develop a programme for the SEMC strategy day in January and specifically endorsed the plans to consult on a draft strategy.

#### **5. Net Transfer Capacity (NTC) Compensation**

Marie-Therese Campbell introduced this item relating to the Net Transfer Capacity (NTC) reductions compensation for interconnectors and provided an overview of the issue.

The Committee discussed key aspects of NTC reductions compensation issue. The Committee decided that NTC reductions compensation for relevant interconnectors should be recovered on an all-island basis through the imperfections charge.

#### **6. Generator Financial Performance Report 2023**

Barry Hussey introduced this item, noting the discussion on the Generator Financial Performance Report (GFPR) at the last SEMC meeting.

The Committee considered key conclusions from the CEPA review of the GFPR. The purpose and usefulness of the GFPR in its current form was explored. Presentational aspects of GFPR findings were also considered.

The Committee agreed that the GFPR 2023 should be published and endorsed a new approach to presenting generator performance data going forward.

#### **7. T-4 2029-2030:and Provisional Qualification Results Indicative Volumes and Auction Scenarios**

##### **(a) Provisional Qualification results**

Ciaran Breen briefed the Committee on the T-4 2029/2030 Provisional Qualification Results.

Committee members discussed the information relating to the number of generators that had qualified for the auction. There was also a brief consideration of capacity

delivery timeframes.

The Committee noted the briefing.

### **(b) Indicative Volumes and Auction Scenarios**

Colin Broomfield provided an overview of this information item which provided an assessment of indicative auction volume requirements and various related scenarios.

The Committee discussed volume scenarios in the context of broader commentary on future energy requirements.

The Committee welcomed and noted the analysis provided.

## **8. Medium-term options for subsequent T-4 auctions**

Emer Gerrard introduced this paper on options for the next T-4 auction.

The Committee explored the challenges and merits of the various options. The implications of capacity auction timing for state aid approval was also covered.

The Committee endorsed the consultation on the options for the next T-4 auction.

## **9. All-Island Resource Adequacy Assessment (AIRAA) 2026 - 2035**

Naomi Lusty introduced this information item which provided an overview of the TSOs report on the All-Island Resource Adequacy Assessment (AIRAA) 2026 – 2035.

The Committee discussed the following: the loss of load expectation metric, the alignment of the AIRAA with security of supply considerations, the process for ACER compliance, the adequacy position on an all-island basis, the impact of the absence of a second north-south electricity interconnector, and the connection between economic viability assessments and the GFPR.

The Committee noted the overview and noted the governance approval route for the AIRAA.

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

a) The Committee noted the latest MMU update for the period to the end of November.

## **11 DS3 Quarterly Expenditure Report Q2 2025**

The Committee noted this report.

## **12. Updates**

(a) AIP

Matthew Finlay provided the Project Management Office (PMO) report for the All-Island Programme (AIP). He outlined activities undertaken since he commenced the PMO role. The Committee sought further information about the broader AIP programme progress.

(b) SEMC communications and governance update

a. SEMC Risk Sub Committee report - Strategic Risk Register

Jonathan Hodgkin introduced this item which provided a report of the work of the SEMC Risk Sub-Committee and presented a SEMC strategic risk register.

The Committee endorsed the strategic risk register.

b. SEMC Annual Report – update

Greg Irwin updated the Committee on the development of the SEMC Annual Report.

c. SEMC programme update

This was noted.

(c) CRU/UR/Independent Members

CRU – Jim Gannon noted the International Energy Agency’s report on Ireland and recent CRU decisions around large energy users and the PR6 price control.

UR – John French noted an Office of Environmental Protection investigation, other water-related issues, the Department of the Economy’s announcement on electricity connection charging, and the consultation on the LiRIC interconnector.

**13 Review of actions from SEMC meeting 222, Thursday 27 November 2025**

Progress on SEMC actions was noted.

**14. SEMC correspondence**

Items of correspondence from: (i) EPNI, (ii) SONI/Eirgrid and SONI, and (iii) SEMO, were discussed.

Gordon Downie provided legal advice on the items of correspondence.

The Committee delegated the issuing of the responses to the SEM Oversight Committee.

**15. AOB**

None.

The meeting concluded at 13.50 p.m.

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

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