

SEM Committee Meeting

Meeting 224 Minutes

Location Online

Date: Wednesday 28 January 2026

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), Shauna McAuley (UR)

Items 3 - 5: Emer Gerrard (CRU), Elvis Sebastian (CRU), Charlene Little (CRU), Ross McFaul (UR), Marie-Therese Campbell (UR), Ciaran Breen (UR), Damien Doone (UR)

Item 6: Clare Newcomb (UR)

Item 7: Jean-Pierre Miura (UR), Owen Keams (UR), Arjo Gupta (UR)

Item 8: Lisa Tate (UR), Niall Robb (UR), Matthew Finlay (Talan), Barry Hussey (CRU)

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 223, Thursday 18 December 2025

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 223 were approved for publication subject to one very minor amendment.

3. Generator Long Stop Date (LSD) Extension Application

James Gillen introduced this item relating to a Long Stop Date extension request from a generator.

The rationale for the extension request was explored by the Committee, and the wider issue of extension requests was also discussed.

In approving the extension request, it was agreed that the Committee be provided with an analysis of extension requests and the rationale for the requests.

4. IAIP 2026/2027

Kevin Baron introduced this item which outlined a series of recommendations in relation to the Initial Auction Information Pack (IAIP) for the 2026/2027 auction, for the Committee's consideration.

In discussion, the Committee discussed the proposed de-rating factors, the contribution of demand side units to the market, the data informing IAIP decisions and the role of TSOs in respect of the capacity auctions.

The Committee approved the recommendations relating to the IAIP. It was also agreed that a paper would be provided to the Committee in relation to the External Market De-rating factors review.

5. Update on open CRM consultations and CRM Development Programme' - verbal update

Emer Gerrard provided an update for the Committee on the CRM consultations and the CRM development programme.

The Committee discussed the potential to draw on learning and best practice to enhance the operation of the CRM.

The Committee noted the update.

6. Draft SEMC Annual Report

Greg Irwin introduced this item, which provided a draft of the Committee's Annual Report 2024/2025. Clare Newcomb provided further detail on key changes to the report.

The Committee welcomed the new format of the annual report. A small number of comments and suggestions were identified by the Committee.

It was agreed that the draft report would be circulated to the Committee for further comment, with the intention that the report would then be provided to SEMOC for review prior to final review by the Chair.

7. Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) update

- a) Owen Kearns introduced the latest MMU update for the period to the end of December. Committee members briefly raised bidding behaviour, installed battery capacity and price trends. The Committee noted the update.

8. Updates

(a) All Island Programme (AIP) update

Lisa Tate briefed the Committee on AIP project management arrangements. Niall Robb provided an overview of the review of AIP governance arrangements, and the Committee endorsed an efficient approach to the review.

Matthew Finlay provided the Project Management Office (PMO) report for the AIP.

The Committee noted the status assessment of workstreams and sought re-assurance that everything was being done to address any performance issues.

- (b) SEMC communications and governance update. Greg Irwin provided a brief update on plans to commission an external expert to review SEMC communications.

- (c) CRU/UR/Independent Members

CRU – Jim Gannon noted ongoing engagement on CRU resourcing.

UR – John French noted a recent meeting between UR and Ofgem and work being commissioned by the Department for the Economy on the SEM,

(d) Legal Update

Shauna McAuley updated the Committee on current litigation in progress. Barry Hussey also updated on the Article 12/13 litigation currently before the European court.

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

Progress on SEMC actions was noted.

14. SEMC correspondence

No items of correspondence were noted.

15. AOB

None.

The meeting concluded at 15.50 p.m.

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Rosamund Blomfield-Smith, SEM Committee Chair