



**Information Note on Minded to Decision to remove
the Agent of Last Resort obligation from EirGrid plc
and SONI Ltd in their capacity as Market Operators**

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Today, the SEM Committee is publishing an information note and inviting comments on the proposed removal of the Agent of Last Resort (AoLR) obligation from EirGrid plc and SONI Ltd in their capacity as Market Operators (SEMO).

EirGrid plc, under Condition 3B of its MO Licence, and SONI Ltd, under Condition 15B of its MO Licence, are required to provide AoLR services in the Single Electricity Market. The objective of this service is to facilitate the participation of eligible generators in the Ex-Ante markets. In December 2014, the SEM Committee published a consultation on the Aggregator of Last Resort Framework ([SEM-14-106](#)) and the Decision Paper ([SEM-15-063](#)) in September 2015. SEMO has advised the Regulatory Authorities that since the commencement of the new market arrangements, SEMO has not received any registrations for this service.

The SEM Committee is minded to remove the obligation for SEMO to maintain the AoLR service, absolving EirGrid plc and SONI Ltd of the requirement to adhere to their respective MO licence requirements as they currently stand.

The reasons for this are outlined below:

- SEMO has advised the Regulatory Authorities that, since its inception, the service has not been used.
- New processes as a result of market developments will require the existing AoLR system to be updated to accommodate these, which SEMO has advised would entail significant cost and resource commitments.

We currently anticipate that the service will be available until February 2027, after which, the service will cease.

We invite any feedback on this proposal from stakeholders, along with any additional commentary that is relevant to the availability or lack thereof of an AoLR service within the SEM.

Responses should be sent in electronic form by close of business on 1 September 2026 to: tsc@cru.ie and tsc@uregni.gov.uk. All responses received may be published unless the respondent clearly indicates that their response is confidential.