



**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 their decision on the removal of the Agent of Last Resort (AoLR) obligation from EirGrid plc and SONI Ltd in their capacity as Market Operators (SEMO). This is following the SEM Committee's publication of an Information Note on their Mindset to Decision ([SEM-26-41](#)) that invited comments on the proposed removal of this obligation from industry participants. No responses were received.

Therefore, the SEM Committee has decided 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 applicable MO licence requirements as they currently stand (EirGrid plc, under Condition 3B of its MO Licence, and SONI Ltd, under Condition 15B of its MO Licence).

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.

The service will be available until February 2027, after which, the service will cease.

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