



**Single Electricity Market
(SEM)**

**T-4 2030/31 Capacity Auction Final Qualification
Decisions**

Guidance Note

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This guidance note is issued to assist the System Operators (**SOs**) and Applicants in the 2030/2031 T-4 auction in understanding the process governing the Regulatory Authorities' (**RA**) decision making on Final Qualification Decisions (**FQDs**) taken by the SOs. This note is intended to provide clarity to the SOs and Applicants and is designed to ensure that decision making is as efficient as possible and conforms to the published timetable.

The SOs are required by clause E.9.4.1 of the Capacity Market Code (**CMC**) to prepare a set of FQDs and submit these to the RAs for approval or rejection under clause E.9.4.3. The final decision on the FQDs rests with the RAs. The following paragraphs set out the RAs' policy approach to considering FQDs submitted by the SOs where the Applicant has requested (in line with the below approach) that the RAs depart from the FQD. The RAs may depart from this policy approach where that is appropriate on a case-by-case basis and at their discretion.

Generally speaking, the RAs will not depart from an FQD unless they consider it is plainly wrong.

The RAs will also consider departing from an FQD where an Applicant has submitted a written request to the RAs to do so in accordance with the below provisions (an **FQD Request**), and the Applicant has in addition (1) submitted a dispute in respect of the FQD to the Dispute Resolution Board (**DRB**) and (2) has subsequently served a Notice of Dissatisfaction (**NOD**) under clause B.14.8.8 of the CMC in respect of the DRB's determination.

Any such FQD Request should be submitted by no later than 28 January 2027 and be accompanied by: (1) a copy of the NOD; (2) any and all additional material which the Applicant wishes the RAs to consider; and, in the case of any additional material being submitted, a statement whether the additional material was made available to the DRB and, if not, a full explanation as to why not.

The RAs will invite the SOs to respond to the FQD Request by 08 February 2027. The SOs will send their response to the RAs, and at the same time send a copy of their response to the Applicant.

The Applicant will have the opportunity to reply to the SOs' response to the FQD Request by 15 February 2027.

The RAs may request further information from the Applicant and/or SOs, if necessary, in order to reach their final decision.

The Final Qualifications Results will be issued as timetabled on 3 March 2027.

Any queries regarding this information note should be directed by email to CRMsubmissions@cru.ie & crmsubmissions@uregni.gov.uk.