



# **The Single Electricity Market (SEM)**

**Agreed Procedures Decision**

**Cover Note**

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## 1. Summary

On 31 May 2007, the Regulatory Authorities published Version 2.0 of the Single Electricity Market (SEM) Trading and Settlement Code (the 'Code'). This document sets out the rules and procedures concerning the sale and purchase of wholesale electricity in Ireland and Northern Ireland commencing from the implementation of the SEM scheduled for 1 November 2007. In parallel, the accompanying Agreed Procedures detailing the process of interaction with the Market Operator were under consultation.

Today, the Regulatory Authorities publish the decision of the Agreed Procedures (APs) which will be in place for Go-Active of the Code on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. These APs have taken into account comments from industry and have aligned with Version 2.0 of the Code. The APs are

- Agreed Procedure 1 "Participant and Unit Registration and Deregistration"
- Agreed Procedure 2 "Interconnector User Capacity Right Calculation and Dispatch Notification"
- Agreed Procedure 3 "Communication Channel Qualification"
- Agreed Procedure 4 "Transaction Submission and Validation"
- Agreed Procedure 5 "Data Storage and IT Security"
- Agreed Procedure 6 "Data Publication"
- Agreed Procedure 7 "Emergency Communications"
- Agreed Procedure 9 "Management of Credit Cover and Credit Default";
- Agreed Procedure 10 "Settlement Reallocation"
- Agreed Procedure 11 "Market System Operation, Testing, Upgrading and Support"
- Agreed Procedure 12 "Modification Committee Operation"
- Agreed Procedure 13 "Query Generation"
- Agreed Procedure 14 "Disputes"
- Agreed Procedure 15 "Invoicing"
- Agreed Procedure 16 "Provision of Metered Data"
- Agreed Procedure 17 "Banking and Participant Payments"

## 2. Key Changes from Consultation Versions

All APs underwent a realignment exercise with the changes from Version 1.3 to 2.0 of the Code, including correcting identified discrepancies between the consultation version of the APs and Version 1.3. Minor improvements were made to the procedural steps and swimlane diagrams in Agreed Procedures 1 and 13. Apart from these revisions, changes of potentially larger impact are:

- Certain fields in various data submission for Type 3 Channel Communications under Agreed Procedure 4 have been made optional

- Publication to the Market Operator website in Section 5.2 of Agreed Procedure 6 has been largely updated
- Agreed Procedure 9 now contains further detail on the treatment of VAT in the calculation of credit cover
- Agreed Procedure 10 has reestablished cross-border Settlement Reallocation Agreements in line with Version 2.0 of the Code

### **3. Responses to Comments**

Responses to respondent's comments will be published in the coming days separately.