

Single Electricity Market Committee

**Market Power Mitigation in the SEM
Directed Contract Implementation Report
A Supplemental Decision Paper: Revised Timeline**

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1 Introduction

On 27th March 2009, the Regulatory Authorities (RAs) published a SEM Committee¹ Response and Decision Paper (SEM-09-030) which outlined the methodology, processes and timelines involved in determining Directed Contract (DC) quantities and prices for the tariff year 2009/10.

The paper decided on the following changes in relation to the DC process pursued in 2009:

- expanding the subscription window into a six-week period, compared to last year's four-week period, with the initial Subscription Window lasting for four weeks (instead of three) and the secondary window for two weeks (instead of one);
- opening the initial subscription window on 27th April 2009 and closing it on 26th May 2009, and opening the supplemental subscription window on 2nd June 2009 and closing it on 15th June 2009; and
- increasing the daily subscription limit from 15% of a supplier's eligibility or 15MW, whichever is the higher, to the greater of 25% or 25MW and
- suppliers will be eligible to make elections in the supplement subscription window for a product(s) to which they have subscribed 100% of their eligibility for that product(s) in the primary subscription window.

2 Supplemental Decision on Revised Timelines

The SEM Committee has decided to postpone the publication of its decision paper on DC quantities and prices, which was originally due on 17th April 2009, by one week. The commencement of the subscription process will in turn be delayed by one week to allow participants sufficient time to assess DC prices and their respective eligibilities. The overall DC contracting window will still extend over a 6-week period.

Therefore, the initial subscription window will now open on 5th May 2009 and close on 3rd June 2009, and the supplemental subscription window will open on 8th June 2009 and close on 19th June 2009.

This short postponement is due to minor slippage in the RAs' modelling programme. The RAs apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to market participants.

¹ The SEM Committee is established in Ireland and Northern Ireland by virtue of Section 8A of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 as inserted by Section 4 of the Electricity Regulation (Amendment) Act 2007, and Article 6 (1) of the Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 respectively. The SEM Committee is a Committee of both CER and NIAUR (together the Regulatory Authorities) that, on behalf of the Regulatory Authorities, takes any decision as to the exercise of a relevant function of CER or NIAUR in relation to an SEM matter.

The revised timetable is shown in the table below.

