

**SEM Committee Meeting  
Minutes Meeting No. 149**

**Location:** UR offices, Belfast

**Date:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Time:** 10.00 – 14.00

**Member attendees:**

Utility Regulator (UR): Bill Emery (SEM Committee Chair), Jenny Pyper, Jon Carlton  
Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Paul McGowan, Aoife MacEvilly, Jim Gannon  
Independent members: Odd Håkon Hoelsæter, Professor David Newbery (Deputy)

**In attendance:**

For all items: Colin Broomfield (UR), Alan Rainey (Economic Adviser to UR), John Melvin (CRU), Barry Hussey (CRU), Brian Mulhern (UR)

For items 3 and 4: Paul Bell (UR), Kevin Lenaghan (UR), Kenny Dane (UR)

For item 3 (part only): TSOs – Rodney Doyle, Liam Ryan

For item 6: Jean Pierre Miura (UR), Paul Bell (UR), Marc Curran (CRU), Andrew Ebrill (CRU), Dylan Ashe (CRU)

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes:** Barbara Stevenson (SEMC Secretariat)

**Declarations of interest:** No declarations were made

**1. Approval and adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was approved and adopted.

**2. Review and approval of minutes from meeting 148 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

The minutes from SEM Committee 148 were approved with minor amendments.

**3. CRM T-4 CY2023/24 update**

Paul Bell provided an update on the T-4 CY2023/24 capacity auction including detail of the delay to the qualification results. This included the impact on the capacity auction timetable, proposed modification to the capacity market code, risks and feedback from market participants. Liaison with the TSOs was discussed in detail including levels of engagement and information provision.

The TSOs joined the meeting and provided an overview of reasons for the auction delay and delivery plans. The Committee expressed their disappointment in the delay and further discussed with the TSOs appropriate next steps. The Committee sought further



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reassurances on future delivery and stressed the need for enhanced ongoing communications.

Paul Bell further updated the Committee on auction USPC process, new capacity and next steps.

### **4. CRM T-4 CY2024/25 update**

Kenny Dane provided an overview of the T-4 CY2024/25 auction timetable with key milestones highlighted.

Paul Bell provided further detail on the auction parameters and the Committee considered the draft parameters consultation including compliance with the clean energy package. Results from previous capacity auctions were discussed as well as proposals as detailed in the consultation paper. The Committee provided feedback on the options as presented in the paper including minor editorial suggestions.

The Committee approved the draft T-4 CY2024/25 parameters and compliance with the clean energy package consultation paper.

### **5. MMU update**

The MMU update was noted and Brian Mulhern provided further detail of prices, wind availability, gas prices, carbon prices and system demand.

Further detail on recent system events were detailed including plant outages. Balancing market impacts and prices were also discussed.

### **6. DS3 and wholesale update – Forward work programme**

The teams from the RAs presented the forward work programme for 2020 for consideration by the Committee. Detail of proposed planned projects in key areas were discussed including market modelling, capacity remuneration mechanism, energy trading, clean energy package, DS3 and market monitoring.

The Committee welcomed and endorsed the development of the forward work programme and discussed next steps including publication.

### **7. Updates**

#### **(a) SEMC communications and governance update**



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Barbara Stevenson updated the Committee on recent communications activities including the preparation of briefing materials, communication in respect of the capacity auction and SEMC strategy.

**(b) CRU/UR/Independent Members**

Jim Gannon provided an update on RoCoF and vector shift and a data breach by a third party contractor.

Bill Emery noted the return of the Northern Ireland Executive and the Committee discussed the North South interconnector.

**(c) Legal update**

An update on the appeal to the CJEU was provided

**(d) Brexit**

The Brexit date of 31 January 2020 was noted with work ongoing.

**8. Review of actions from meeting 148 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

No open actions to discuss

**9. SEMC correspondence**

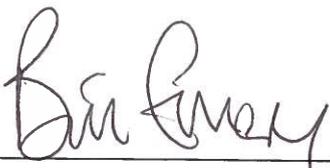
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**10. SEMC strategy**

The SEMC strategy session which took place on 29<sup>th</sup> January was noted. Next steps were discussed including timelines for publication of a strategy document.

**11. AOB**

None

Signed:   
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**Bill Emery, SEM Committee Chair**