



SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 192

Location: Video-conference

Date: Thursday 30th March 2023

Time: 9.00am – 2.30pm

Member attendees:

Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Jim Gannon, Paul McGowan (SEM Committee Chair), Aoife MacEvilly

Utility Regulator (UR): Bill Emery (items 1–11b), Jon Carlton, John French (items 1-8)

Independent members: Jonathan Hodgkin, Chris Harris (Deputy)

In attendance:

For all items: Kevin Shiels (UR), John Melvin (CRU), Colin Broomfield (UR), Alan Rainey (Economic Advisor to UR)

For item 3: Grainne Black (CRU), Damhnait Gleeson (CRU)

For item 4: Marie Therese Campbell (UR), Ian McClelland (UR), Donna Maye (UR), Kevin Baron (UR), Grainne Black (CRU), Damhnait Gleeson (CRU), Elvis Sebastian (CRU)

For item 5: Michael Behan (EirGrid), Rodney Doyle (EirGrid), Elin Ahlund (EirGrid) Errol Close (EirGrid), Alan Campbell (SONI)

For item 6: Sheena Byrne (CRU), Lisa Murray (CRU), Gavin Miller (CRU)

For items 7 and 8: Yongkang An (CRU), Michael Barrett (CRU)

For item 9: Grainne Black (CRU), Brian Mulhern (UR), Andrew Chattrabhuti (ESP Consulting)

For item 10: Robert O'Rourke (CRU), Dylan Ashe (CRU), Bronagh McKeown (UR)

For item 11: Jean Pierre Miura (UR)

Apologies: None

Minutes: Barbara Stevenson (SEMC Secretariat)

Declarations of interest: None

Update following SEMC 191

Following the conclusion of SEM Committee meeting 191, the Committee considered further advice provided by the RAs in relation to the qualification of specific units in the T-4 2026/27 capacity auction. In light of this advice, the RAs sought and received approval from the Committee via correspondence for the inclusion of specific generation units in the 2026/27 capacity auction.

1. Approval and adoption of the agenda

An updated agenda was approved and adopted.

2. Review and approval of minutes from meeting 191

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 191 were approved subject to a minor amendment.

3. Approval of VoLL and options for setting the reliability standard

Grainne Black provided relevant background information including a review of previous Committee discussions on the value of lost load and options for setting the reliability standard.

The ACER methodology for the calculation of the reliability standard was outlined and review of the consumer survey provided. Damhnait Gleeson provided detail of the current value of lost load, potential impacts on the capacity auction and implementation in the energy market.

Market impacts of changes to the reliability standard, limitations of the ACER methodology and reliability standard values in other markets were discussed.

The Committee approved the value of lost load as presented. Options in relation to the next steps in the setting of the reliability standard were agreed including the need for engagement with the government departments.

4. CRM T-4 2026/27 capacity auction provisional results update

Marie Therese Campbell presented an overview of the T-4 2026/27 capacity auction provisional results. A summary of the auction clearing price, cleared volumes, and results by constraint area were outlined. Results for specific applicants were discussed. Timelines and next steps were provided.

5. Quarterly update with the TSOs

The TSOs joined the meeting and Rodney Doyle provided an update on the T-4 2026/27 capacity auction. The Committee highlighted the need for the timely provision of information to industry for upcoming auctions.

Elin Ahlund presented an overview of the short-circuit issues in Dublin and proposed steps to remedy including indicative timelines. The Committee emphasised the importance of considering all options for the timely remedy of these issues. An update on the North South Interconnector was provided.

6. Duration of directed contracts primary subscription window

Lisa Murray provided an overview of the primary subscription window and proposal to amend to six days. A summary of the consultation on this matter and responses received was provided.

The Committee approved the proposal as presented.

7. Trading and Settlement Code market auditor's report 2021

Yongkang An presented the Trading and Settlement Code market auditor's report 2021. The Committee accepted the reports findings and noted no material issues were raised. Next steps were outlined.

8. Scheduling and dispatch process independent assurance report

The Scheduling and dispatch process independent assurance report was presented for information. The Committee noted the report and range of minor issues identified and sought a timetable for remedy.

9. Indexation consultation update

An overview of the indexation workstream was provided including overview of the consultation and summary of responses. Grainne Black provided a summary of discussions with generators as part of the consultation process. Further analysis of information carried out by the RAs was presented and detail of the outcomes of capacity auctions discussed.

The Committee discussed in detail market conditions, extent of information available, criticality of project delivery, the need for a timely decision and consumer impact. The Committee provided direction to the RAs for further analysis to be carried out.

10. System services future arrangements update

Dylan Ashe provided an overview of the system services future arrangements, high level design and project plan. Detail of the layered procurement framework was presented and overview of reserved services.

Bronagh McKeown provided a summary of layered procurement proposals and synergies.

The Committee noted the next steps and need for effective project management to aid efficient delivery.

11. MMU update

The Committee noted the MMU update as circulated. Jean Pierre Miura provided further detail of fuel costs, wind generation, market prices and interconnector activity during February. SEM prices and fuel mix compared to GB were further explored. A summary of other market monitoring activity was provided.

12. FWP update

A short verbal update on the FWP was noted.

13. Updates

(a) SEMC communications and governance update

Barbara Stevenson updated the Committee on recent communication and governance activities.

(b) CRU/UR/Independent Members

Jim Gannon provided an update on security of supply, connection process review, demand-side strategy, disconnections moratorium, upcoming renewable energy support scheme auction, the DECC spring energy security package and CRU recruitment.

Kevin Shiels provided an update on restructuring at the UR, prepayment meter fitting under warrant, debt and the NI Climate Change Act and action plan.

(c) Legal update

A verbal update on legal matters was provided.

14. Review of actions from SEMC meeting 191


The Committee discussed open actions including an update on joint procurement arrangements.

15. SEMC correspondence

None

16.AOB

None

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Paul McGowan, SEM Committee Chair