

SEM Committee Meeting
Minutes Meeting No. 137

Location: CRU offices, Dublin
Date: Tuesday, 18th December 2018
Time: 10.30 – 14.30

Member attendees:

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

In attendance:

For all items: Jo Aston (UR), John Melvin (CRU), Alan Rainey (Economic Adviser to UR), Elaine Cassidy (UR)
For item: Paul Bell (UR)
For item 4: Brian Mulhern (UR)
For item 5: Robert O'Rourke (CRU), Bobby Smith (CRU)

Apologies: Barbara Stevenson (SEMC Secretariat)

Minutes: Thomas Quinn (CRU)

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 136 on 29th November 2018

The minutes from SEM Committee 136 were approved subject to some minor amendments.

3. CRM update

Paul Bell provided update on T-1 capacity auction CY2019/20 provisional results and next steps in the auction process. SEM Committee briefly discussed the provisional results.

Paul Bell gave update on overall T-4 CY2022/23 process and timelines, covering items such as USPC, when SEMC approval required and Final Auction Information Pack. Paul Bell also

gave update outlining the high-level processes for upcoming auctions. SEM Committee discussed forecast uncertainty for USPCs in T-4 timeline and need for more detailed level of granularity in timeline.

Paul Bell walked through memo and draft information paper, describing changes to certain aspects (e.g. modelling of ancillary services), outlining pros and cons to publishing information paper now. SEM Committee discussed this issue, favouring transparency and highlighting that no major changes have occurred to approach.

4. SEM market update

Brian Mulhern went through slides providing update and analysis on different market timeframes (such as DAM and imbalance price) for specific days, describing interactions such as between wind and IC flows, and low wind with DAM price. Described the running of different peaker units in different scenarios and effect on price. SEM Committee discussed the above analysis.

5. DS3 programme update

Robert O'Rourke provided update to DS3 programme going through report, outlining timelines and giving progress updates. Robert O'Rourke highlighted issues such as the interaction between making progress on RoCoF and delivery of increased SNSP values. Also discussed items such as synthetic inertia. SEM Committee discussed the above issues and the level of renewables on the system and discussed the interaction with interconnector flows.

6. Updates

(a) SEMC communications and governance update

Barbara Stevenson absent so item was not covered.

(b) CRU/UR/Independent Members

Paul McGowan discussed updated CRU strategic plan, new Minister over energy sector and new paper coming out soon on Celtic interconnector process. John Melvin mentioned upcoming paper on locational scalars in Dublin region to help relieve constraints, seeking comments from UR on draft.

Jenny Pyper discussed updated UR strategic plan that is to be published and new UR Board members that will be appointed in the new year.

(c) Legal update

John Melvin provided update to the Committee.

7. Review of actions from meeting 136, Thursday 27 November 2018

The action log was considered, nothing significant to report/update.

8. SEMC correspondence

None.

9. SEM strategy

The Committee consulted the papers for ongoing work between the Regulatory Authorities.

10. AOB

None.

Signed: 
Bill Emery, SEM Committee Chair