



**SEM Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes Meeting No. 184**  
**Location:** Video-conference  
**Date:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
**Time:** 9.00am – 10:30am

**Member attendees:**

Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Aoife MacEivilly (meeting Chair), Jim Gannon

Utility Regulator (UR): Bill Emery, John French

Independent members: Odd Håkon Hoelsæter, Professor David Newbery (Deputy)

**In attendance:**

For all items: Colin Broomfield (UR)

For item 2: Brian Mulhern (UR), Kevin Lenaghan (UR), Kevin Baron (UR), Andrew Chattrabhuti (ESP Consulting)

For item 3: Thomas Quinn (CRU), Barry Hussey (CRU), Merin Joseph (CRU)

**Apologies:**

Paul McGowan (SEM Committee Chair), Jon Carlton (UR), John Melvin (CRU), Alan Rainey (Economic Adviser to UR), Barbara Stevenson (SEMC Secretariat)

**Minutes:** Clare Newcomb (UR)

**Declarations of interest:** None

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

The agenda was approved and adopted.

**2. CRM 2026/27 capacity auction parameters and Initial Auction Information pack (IAIP)**

Item 1 of 3 - Brian Mulhern presented options in respect of the de-rating factors for the IAIP and Parameters Decision Paper for T-4 2026/27 Capacity Year. The Committee discussed the merits of the different options presented.

Of the options discussed, option 2 to use the previous 'frozen' de-rated values and apply an adjustment with regard to DSUs was recommended. The Committee noted work around ISAC that has been undertaken by the TSOs and has asked that a consultation on the outputs is progressed with a view to being applied to future auctions.

The Committee approved option 2 subject to changes discussed.

Item 2 of 3 - Brian Mulhern provided an overview of the changes to the treatment of units that are Annual Run Hour Limited for the IAIP and Parameters Decision Paper for T-4 2026/27 Capacity Year.

The Committee discussed the options and agreed to apply the TSO recommendations Brian presented in option 1, noting that a modification to the Capacity Market Code (CMC) is required and asked that this is progressed.

The Committee gave delegated authority to the SEM Oversight Committee to approve the IAIP for the T-4 2026/27 capacity auction once it has been circulated to the Committee.

Item 3 of 3 - Brian Mulhern presented the proposed new structure to the Locational Capacity Constraint Areas (LCCA).

The Committee approved the proposed new structure from the TSOs for the LCCA.

### **3. Firm access methodology**

Thomas Quinn outlined CRU's proposed consultation on a new Firm Access methodology based on EirGrid's proposed Firm Access methodology. He gave an overview of Firm access in Ireland, Firm access trade-offs, the proposed methodology and next steps.

The Committee agreed that further discussion was required, to include how this affects the island of Ireland and if this is a SEM matter.

To be added as an agenda item at the next committee meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

### **4. AOB**

None



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Paul McGowan, SEM Committee Chair**