

SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 194

Location: CRU offices, Dublin

Date: Thursday 25th May 2023

Time: 9.00am – 2.30pm

Member attendees:

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

Utility Regulator (UR): Bill Emery, Jon Carlton, John French (for items 1-7)

Independent members: Jonathan Hodgkin, Chris Harris (Deputy)

In attendance:

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

For item 3: Gavin Miller (CRU)

For items 4 and 5: Robert O'Rourke (CRU), Dylan Ashe (CRU), Paul Bell (UR), Bronagh McKeown (UR), Lauren Skillen-Baine (UR)

For item 5: Liam Ryan (EirGrid), Michael Behan (EirGrid), Eoin Kennedy (EirGrid), Errol Close (EirGrid), Alan Campbell (SONI)

For item 6: Marie Therese Campbell (UR), Grainne Black (CRU), Andrew Chattrabhuti (ESP Consulting)

For item 7: Jean Pierre Miura (UR)

Apologies: Jim Gannon (CRU)

Minutes: Barbara Stevenson (SEMC Secretariat)

Declarations of interest: None

1. Approval and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was approved and adopted.

2. Review and approval of minutes from meeting 193, Thursday 27th April 2023

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 193, Thursday 27th April were approved.

3. Imperfections charges mid-year review

Gavin Miller presented the imperfections mid-year review report for consideration by the Committee. Information provided by the TSOs was summarised and RA recommendations discussed.

The Committee discussed the consumer impact of imperfection charges and quality of information provided by the TSOs.

The Committee approved the proposal not to alter the imperfections tariff for the 2022/23 tariff year recognising a more substantive adjustment would be made in the 2023/24 tariff year.

4. System services future arrangements – phased implementation roadmap consultation

Robert O'Rourke provided background information on the system services future arrangements phased implementation roadmap consultation. A summary of engagement with the TSOs was presented and overview of the system services high level design provided.

Detail of the consultation proposals were outlined including the phased implementation roadmap, extension of the tariff arrangements, project governance and layered procurement for reserves. Feedback received from the TSOs on the proposals was summarised.

The glidepath between the interim and enduring solutions and resource challenges discussed.

5. Operational policy roadmap to 2030 – update from the TSOs

The TSOs joined the meeting and presented an overview of their operational policy roadmap to 2030 - operational policy proposals for development of a decarbonised system. Roadmap drivers, dynamic stability, operational transition to 2030, operational policy and system operation proposals were presented.

The Committee discussed resources and capacity to deliver the proposals. The TSO view on how the Committee could effectively support delivery and system-wide change was explored. The ability to capture operational constraints in terms of carbon emissions was discussed and potential locational signals for development probed. The need to learn from other markets was emphasised.

6. Volume adjustments summary for T-4 2026/27

A summary of Committee discussions on the volume adjustments for the T-4 2026/27 auction was presented.

The Committee discussed the paper content, clarity and timing of publication.

7. MMU update

The Committee noted the MMU update as circulated. Jean Pierre Miura provided further detail of market volumes, prices, market share, comparison with the GB market, price divergence across Europe, interconnector flows and constraint costs during April.

8. FWP update

The Committee noted the FWP update including progression on the DSU energy payments workstream.

9. Updates

(a) SEMC communications and governance update

Barbara Stevenson updated the Committee on recent communication activities.

The Committee agreed that Bill Emery will take over as Committee Chair from 1 June 2023.

(b) CRU/UR/Independent Members

Aoife MacEvilly provided an update on the ORESS auction, Oireachtas Committee, winter consumer protection measures, Climate Change Advisory Committee and DECC security of supply package.

John French provided an update on NI government budgets, Climate Change Act, regulated tariff reviews, UK government energy support schemes, restructuring within the UR, security of supply and development of the new UR corporate strategy.

(c) Legal update

A verbal update on legal matters was provided.

10. Review of actions from SEMC meeting 193, Thursday 27th April 2023

The Committee discussed open actions.

11. SEMC correspondence

The Committee discussed recently received correspondence.



12.AOB

The Committee thanked Paul McGowan for his invaluable contribution to the SEM Committee throughout his lengthy service and wished him well for the future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bill Emery'.

Signed: _____

Bill Emery, SEM Committee Chair (June 2023)