



Single Electricity Market

MODIFICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING 119

MS Teams Call

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Distribution List

Name	Organization
Modifications Committee Members	SEM Modifications Committee
Modification Committee Observers	Attendees other than Modifications Panel in attendance at Meeting
Interested Parties	Modifications & Market Rules registered contacts

Reference Documents

Document Name
Balancing Market Rules – Trading and Settlement Code & Agreed Procedures
Mod_09_23 Correction to the calculation of SDPIMB
Mod_10_23 Market Compensation for Firm Curtailment Look Back Period
Mod_11_23 SDP_02 Battery Integration

In Attendance

Name	Company	Position
Modifications Committee (voting members)		
Eoin Murphy	ElectroRoute	Assetless Member
Paraic Higgins	ESB	Generator Member
Nick Brown	PrePayPower	Supplier Alternate
David Caldwell	Power NI	Supplier Member
Sean McParland	Energia	Generator Member
Robert McCarthy	Electricity Exchange	DSU Member
Eoghan Cudmore	Bord Gais Energy	Supplier Alternate
Andrew Burke	Wind Energy Ireland	Renewable Generator Member
David Morrow	Energia	Generator Alternate

Stacy Feldmann (Chair)	SSE	Generator Member
David Hargadon	EirGrid Interconnector	Flexible Participant Member
John Paul McFeely	Click Energy	Supplier Member
Bryan Hennessy	Flogas	Supplier Member
John Paul McFeely	Click Energy NI	Supplier Member
Richard Crowley	Bord na Mona	Generator Alternate
Modifications Committee (non-voting members)		
Kevin Hagan	CRU	RA Member
Katia Compagnoni	SEMO	MO Member
Sam Matthews	SONI	SO Member
James McCullagh	Uregni	RA Member
Mary Farrelly	Uregni	RA Alternate
Adelle Watson	NIE Networks	MDP Member
Secretariat		
Esther Touhey	SEMO	Secretariat
Sandra Linnane	SEMO	Secretariat
Observers		
David Quinlan	Aughinish	Observer
Claire Delaney	EirGrid	Observer
Grace Burke	EirGrid	Observer
Gavin O'Brien	SEMO	Observer
Harry Molloy	EPUKI	Observer

1. SEMO UPDATE

Secretariat welcomed all to Modifications Committee Meeting 119 and confirmed that the minutes from Modifications Committee Meeting 117 had been read and approved. It was noted that it had been a busy summer period with elections and the seats for Flexible Participant, Renewable Generator and Supplier had been filled. It was advised that the Programme of Work was up to date and with some decisions outstanding.

RA Member noted that the decision on Mod_01_23 was progressing and had been discussed at the SEM Committee. Mod_07_22 was currently on hold, but assurance was given that it would be progressed following the outcome of proposed Capacity Modification Proposal to replace it.

Disappointment was expressed by DSU Member that Mod_02_23 was still awaiting a decision and the lack of clarity on the progress was not helpful to incentivize participants ahead of the winter season. RA Member provided assurance that they are working on an amended Modification for this, following statement in the Imperfection Tariff Paper that applied payments only to the type of DSU that was considered during the consultation before SEM Committee decision SEM-22-090.

Questions were also asked about the timelines for Mod_17_22 and SEMO explained that it was now in the list of priorities for the next available Release. However, it is expected that Release N will only be able to accommodate the Scheduling and Dispatch changes therefore it could be Release O before this Mod could be delivered.

Market Development Update

SEMO went through a presentation advising that Release M will focus mainly on Greenlink and other approved changes. It was noted that Release M was in scope for Summer 2024 due to the high level of testing. The scope for Release N was not yet finalized but it was intended to focus on 2 Scheduling and Dispatch workstreams.

2. REVIEW OF ACTIONS

Mod_17_22 System Action Re-Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEMO to provide impact assessment – Closed
Mod_01_23 Remuneration of Commissioning Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEMO to seek an impact assessment – Open
Mod_08_23 Archiving Part A & C of the TSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEMO to add explanatory wording to the updated sections in the SEMO website - Open

*SEMO noted that there were no further updates on the action above. A Generator Member requested that the open action that resulted from the SEMC decision on Mod_02_22 be included. SEMO confirmed that the TSO will be closing the action shortly as wording had been finalized with the Proposer and delays were due to the analysis of the TSO documentation it should be applied to.

3. NEW MODIFICATION PROPOSALS

MOD_09_23 CORRECTION TO THE CALCULATION OF SDPIMB

The Proposer gave a [presentation](#) on this Modification Proposal and an overview of the issues since go-live. It was advised that the main issue was the formula calculation of SDPIMB in the T&SC and this Modification was drafted to ensure it is corrected. The proposal highlighted an update to the subscript and assurance was given that the system is currently doing the calculation correctly, but the Code needed to be aligned with this.

Decision

This Proposal was Recommended for Approval.

Recommended for Approval by Unanimous Vote		
Stacy Feldmann (Chair)	Generator Member	Approve
Eoin Murphy	Assetless Member	Approve
Nick Brown	Supplier Alternate	Approve
David Caldwell	Supplier Member	Approve
Sean McParland	Generator Member	Approve
Robert McCarthy	DSU Member	Approve
Eoghan Cudmore	Supplier Alternate	Approve
Andrew Burke	Renewable Generator Member	Approve
David Hargadon	Flexible Participant Member	Approve
John Paul McFeely	Supplier Member	Approve
Richard Crowley	Generator Alternate	Approve
Bryan Hennessy	Supplier Member	Approve
Paraic Higgins	Generator Member	Approve

Action:

- Secretariat to draft a Final Recommendation Report - **Open**

MOD_10_23 MARKET COMPENSATION FOR FIRM CURTAILMENT LOOK BACK PERIOD

The Proposer gave a [presentation](#) on this Modification Proposal noting that it was linked to the approval of Mod_05_23 in terms of compensating Wind Farms for the period prior to the implementation of system changes. The Proposer went through the slides explaining what the process would be and the timelines for this. It was expected that the first tranche of data would be issued to Participants as soon as the SEMC decision on the Mod was received, with payments issued not earlier than October 2024.

The Proposer advised that once the Modification Proposal was approved, SEMO will publish a document detailing the timelines and process as stated in the presentation. Assurance was also given that SEMO would be open to suggestions to improve the process and would engage continually through market messages and content. It was noted that the proposal was to extend timelines for Settlement Queries to 30 Working Days (WD) in addition to 10WDs to request data by Trading Period for selected dates. When in agreement of all amounts, Settlement would issue a single self-billing document per payment phase.

Generator Member sought confirmation that this would be covered through imperfections and if it would be spread out over a number of years. SEMO confirmed that they were open to either possibility the Imperfection Team would include an analysis of the impact on Imperfection whether paid in one year or spread over multiple years, for the SEMC to decide. It was noted that 2021 and 2022 had the highest prices and once the analysis is finalized, they could see what impact it has on the Imperfection Tariffs.

There was concern among some Members about voting on a proposal that pointed to an external document that had not been seen before this meeting. SEMO reassured that the vote was only with regard to the undisputed objective of the Modification while the external process was flexible and open to comments and adjustments. SEMO could not have put that to the vote but had provided as many details as possible in advance for people to start their consideration and start providing comments. The reliance on existing process of data formatting was trying to simplify as much as possible this ad-hoc process.

Decision

This Proposal was Recommended for Approval.

Recommended for Approval by Majority Vote		
Stacy Feldmann (Chair)	Generator Member	Approve
Eoin Murphy	Assetless Member	Approve
Nick Brown	Supplier Alternate	Approve
David Caldwell	Supplier Member	Approve
Sean McParland	Generator Member	Abstain
Robert McCarthy	DSU Member	Approve
Eoghan Cudmore	Supplier Alternate	Approve
Andrew Burke	Renewable Generator Member	Approve
David Hargadon	Flexible Participant Member	Approve
John Paul McFeely	Supplier Member	Approve
Richard Crowley	Generator Alternate	Approve
Bryan Hennessy	Supplier Member	Approve
Paraic Higgins	Generator Member	Approve

Actions:

- Secretariat to draft a Final Recommendation Report – **Open**
- SEMO to publish detailed process for comments - **Open**

MOD_11_23 SDP_02 BATTERY INTEGRATION

The Proposer gave a [presentation](#) on this Modification Proposal and a background on the Scheduling and Dispatch Program. The Proposer advised that the purpose of discussing this proposal at Meeting 119 was not to seek a vote but to introduce the main principles that it will be voted on at Meeting 120 on 5th December 2023.

The Proposer went through the slides in detail noting the main point of interest in terms of fixed initiatives, system limitations or treatment of Technical Offer Data. It was noted that this proposal focused specifically on batteries while Non-Priority Dispatch Renewable would be addressed at the next meeting. It was advised that the biggest issue was vendor limitation in the ability to optimize state of charge control which is a worldwide issue not limited to the SEM.

Concerns were raised over a number of issues such as changes to current practice of 'trickle down', treatment of Uninstructed Imbalance, risks to Generators that could be reflected in Simple Cods, and the interpretation of the EBGL guidelines for which a SEMC decision was still outstanding. RA Member, noting that the Proposer's presentation outlined that *"Participants can reflect any commercial risk in their Simple COD, including prices which indicate the desire (or not) of being dispatched by the TSOs away from PNs"*, stated that the RAs would need to consider the implications of this and that a definitive statement cannot be made on this at this stage.

It was considered that the magnitude of this proposal and that the 2-month timeline may not be enough to get it progressed. It was suggested by some Members to split this up into smaller proposals with those changes that could be agreed submitted first while the others needing more discussion could progress separately. This would also allow for other proposals by Committee to be included in Release N. There were also a number of smaller queries on the details of legal drafting that a Generator Member was invited to be raise separately. It was advised by the Chair to hold further stand-alone meetings to discussions before the next Modifications Meeting. The SO Observer advised that there is a meeting already scheduled for the 1st November but they could consider holding sections for specific topics should it be needed.

Decision

This Proposal was deferred.

Action:

- Proposer to liaise with Secretariat to arrange further Industry Calls to discuss Modification Proposals further – **Open**.

4. AOB/UPCOMING MODIFICATIONS

Secretariat noted the Chair elections would take place following this meeting and an email for expressions of interest would issue shortly. It was advised that Modifications Meeting 120 would take place on Tuesday, 5th December 2023 with expected new Modification of Non-Priority Dispatch Renewables and a Settlement clarification in the Start Up calculation.

APPENDIX 1 – PROGRAMME OF WORK AS DISCUSSED AT MEETING 119		
Status as of 19 October 2023		
Modification Proposals ‘Recommended for Approval’ without System impacts		
Title	Sections Modified	Sent
Mod_01_23 Remuneration of Commissioning Unit	D,F,G,K	Sent for RA Decision 15/06/23
Mod_07_22 Indexation to calculation of Capacity Payments for New Capacity	F.17	Sent for RA Decision 22/11/22
Modification Proposals ‘Recommended for Approval’ with System impacts		
Mod_02_23 DSU Energy Payments	B, F, G, H AP01 Section 2.3 & Appendix 3	Sent for RA Decision 16/03/23
Modification Proposals ‘Recommended for Rejection’		
N/A	N/A	N/A
RA Decision ‘Further Work Required’		
N/A	N/A	N/A
RA Decision Approved Modifications with System Impacts		
Title	Sections Modified	Effective Date
Mod_17_22 System Action Re-pricing	E.3.4.2	Following system implementation
Mod_05_23 Market Compensation for Firm Curtailment	F, G, Glossary	Following system implementation
Mod_08_23 Archiving Part A&C of the TSC	Part A & Part C	Following website upgrade project
RA Decision Approved Modifications with no System Impacts		
Title	Sections Modified	Effective Date
Mod_06_23 SEMO Housekeeping 2023	F.2.7.2, F.10.1.4, Glossary, AP04 2.7.1, 2.7.2	28 th July 2023
Mod_07_23 Collection of Monies M+4 Update	G.2	28 th July 2023
RA Decision Rejected		
N/A	N/A	N/A
RA Direction		
Mod_08_20 Imbalance prices to reflect the real-time value of energy	D.4.4.12	Decision letter received – 29/10/20
AP Notifications		
N/A	N/A	N/A
Withdrawal Notifications		

Mod_10_22 Strike Price Volatility Modifier	F	20 th April 2023
Mod_18_22 Mitigating risks of settlement of units running on secondary fuel in security of supply scenarios	N/A	20 th April 2023
Modification Proposal Extensions		
N/A	N/A	N/A
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