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# 1. Background

## 1.1. Purpose of this document

This Initial Auction Information Pack provides information relating to items listed within Section D.3 of the Capacity Market Code for the T-4 Capacity Auction for the Capacity Year 2028/2029. The Auction will be referred to within this document as the 2028/2029 T-4 Capacity Auction. The Capacity Year will be referred to in this document as the 2028/2029 T-4 Capacity Year. All information set out in this document relates solely to the 2028/2029 T-4 Capacity Auction.

In accordance with D.1.1.1 of the Capacity Market Code, the Capacity Year 2028/2029 is the period commencing at the start of the Trading Day beginning at 23:00 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2028 and ending at the end of the Trading Day ending at 23:00 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2029.

In order to participate in a Capacity Auction, a party must be a fully registered and qualified participant in the Capacity Market. Information relating to the registration process can be found via the Capacity Market Registration section of the SEMO website (<https://www.sem-o.com/>).

Please note that information published within this pack may be subject to amendment within the Final Auction Information Pack per Capacity Market Code, Section D.3.1.4. Care has been taken within this document to clearly note where information is final or where it is indicative and subject to change.

The Final Auction Information Pack is due to be published in accordance with the Capacity Auction Timetable, [CAT2829T-4](#). Per Section D.3.1.5 of the Capacity Market Code, before acting in reliance on any information contained within this document, please take care to ensure any amendments after the publication of the Final Auction Information Pack have been taken into consideration.

## 1.2. Units

For quantities specified in MW, 'MW' refers to a megawatt of de-rated capacity, unless otherwise stated.

For prices specified in €/MW per year or £/MW per year, 'year' refers to a 12-month year, unless otherwise stated.

Settlement of prices in units based on a 12-month year is provided for in accordance with paragraph F.17.1.1 of the Trading and Settlement Code.

In this document, unless specifically stated, Euro (€) values will apply to Participants located in Ireland and Sterling (£) values will apply to Participants located in Northern Ireland. The Capacity Auction will be conducted in Euros, with Sterling offers converted to Euros at the Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rate.

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## 2. Capacity Market Code Items

This document contains values for items listed within Section D.3.1.2 of the Capacity Market Code. Information determined by the Regulatory Authorities per Section D.3.1.3 is described as approved.

### 2.1. De-Rating Curves

**D.3.1.2 (a) the final De-Rating Curves, defining De-Rating Factors by unit Initial Capacity and by Technology Class (including for Interconnectors) to be used in the Capacity Auction;**

The Marginal De-Rating Curves approved by the Regulatory Authorities in accordance with Section D.3.1.3 (a) of the Capacity Market Code are set out in Tables 1 to 5.

The Annual Run-Hour Limit (ARHL) De-Rating Factors approved by the Regulatory Authorities in accordance with Section D.3.1.3 (aA) of the Capacity Market Code are set out in Table 6, in accordance with [SEM-22-063](#) and [SEM-24-028](#).

**Table 1 - Initial Capacity Marginal De-Rating Curves by Technology Class and Initial Capacity**

Initial Capacity (IC) (MW not de-rated)	DSU>6 hrs <sup>1</sup>	Gas Turbine	Hydro	Steam Turbine	Interconnector <sup>23</sup>	System Wide <sup>4</sup>
0 ≤ IC ≤ 10	0.614	0.884	0.867	0.616	0.571	0.812
10 < IC ≤ 20	0.607	0.876	0.864	0.609	0.571	0.808
20 < IC ≤ 30	0.601	0.868	0.861	0.604	0.570	0.805
30 < IC ≤ 40	0.596	0.863	0.858	0.599	0.569	0.802
40 < IC ≤ 50	0.591	0.857	0.856	0.595	0.569	0.800
50 < IC ≤ 60	0.587	0.853	0.854	0.591	0.568	0.797
60 < IC ≤ 70	0.582	0.852	0.851	0.586	0.568	0.794
70 < IC ≤ 80	0.577	0.850	0.849	0.582	0.567	0.792
80 < IC ≤ 90	0.572	0.849	0.847	0.577	0.566	0.789
90 < IC ≤ 100	0.567	0.847	0.844	0.573	0.566	0.787
100 < IC ≤ 110	0.562	0.846	0.842	0.568	0.565	0.784
110 < IC ≤ 120	0.557	0.843	0.839	0.564	0.565	0.781
120 < IC ≤ 130	0.553	0.841	0.836	0.559	0.564	0.778
130 < IC ≤ 140	0.548	0.839	0.834	0.555	0.563	0.776
140 < IC ≤ 150	0.543	0.837	0.831	0.550	0.563	0.773
150 < IC ≤ 160	0.538	0.835	0.828	0.546	0.562	0.770
160 < IC ≤ 170	0.533	0.832	0.825	0.541	0.561	0.767
170 < IC ≤ 180	0.528	0.830	0.823	0.537	0.560	0.765
180 < IC ≤ 190	0.523	0.827	0.820	0.532	0.560	0.762
190 < IC ≤ 200	0.518	0.825	0.817	0.528	0.559	0.759
200 < IC ≤ 210	0.514	0.822	0.814	0.523	0.558	0.756
210 < IC ≤ 220	0.509	0.820	0.811	0.519	0.557	0.753
220 < IC ≤ 230	0.504	0.817	0.808	0.514	0.557	0.750
230 < IC ≤ 240	0.499	0.815	0.805	0.509	0.556	0.747
240 < IC ≤ 250	0.494	0.812	0.802	0.505	0.555	0.744
250 < IC ≤ 260	0.490	0.810	0.799	0.501	0.554	0.741
260 < IC ≤ 270	0.485	0.806	0.796	0.496	0.553	0.738
270 < IC ≤ 280	0.481	0.803	0.792	0.492	0.553	0.735
280 < IC ≤ 290	0.476	0.800	0.789	0.488	0.551	0.732
290 < IC ≤ 300	0.472	0.797	0.785	0.484	0.550	0.729
300 < IC ≤ 310	0.467	0.794	0.782	0.479	0.550	0.726
310 < IC ≤ 320	0.463	0.791	0.778	0.475	0.548	0.722
320 < IC ≤ 330	0.458	0.788	0.775	0.471	0.547	0.719
330 < IC ≤ 340	0.454	0.785	0.771	0.467	0.546	0.716

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with SEM Committee Decision SEM-18-030, DSUs with a Maximum Down Time of more than 6 hours should apply the appropriate Marginal De-Rating Factor based on the values set out in Table 1. DSUs with a Maximum Down Time of 6 hours or less should apply the appropriate Marginal De-Rating Factor based on the values set out in Table 4.

<sup>2</sup> The Marginal De-Rating Factor for Interconnectors to Great Britain has been adjusted by an External Market De-Rating Factor of 0.60.

<sup>3</sup> Compliance with Art 26 and the associated ACER decision 36/2020 is currently under consideration by the Regulatory Authorities in respect of any proposed interconnector to another European Union Member State. Any proposed interconnector to another European Member State that is likely to be available in the Capacity Year is expected to be considered as non-participating capacity in the 2028/2029 T-4 Capacity Auction.

<sup>4</sup> New Technology (i.e. a technology for which there is currently no technology class) should use the System Wide derating curve.

Initial Capacity (IC) (MW not de-rated)	DSU>6 hrs <sup>1</sup>	Gas Turbine	Hydro	Steam Turbine	Interconnector <sup>23</sup>	System Wide <sup>4</sup>
340 < IC ≤ 350	0.450	0.782	0.768	0.462	0.545	0.713
350 < IC ≤ 360	0.445	0.778	0.764	0.458	0.544	0.710
360 < IC ≤ 370	0.441	0.775	0.761	0.454	0.543	0.707
370 < IC ≤ 380	0.436	0.772	0.757	0.449	0.542	0.703
380 < IC ≤ 390	0.432	0.769	0.754	0.445	0.541	0.700
390 < IC ≤ 400	0.427	0.766	0.750	0.441	0.540	0.697
400 < IC ≤ 410	0.423	0.763	0.747	0.437	0.539	0.694
410 < IC ≤ 420	0.418	0.760	0.744	0.432	0.538	0.691
420 < IC ≤ 430	0.414	0.757	0.740	0.428	0.537	0.688
430 < IC ≤ 440	0.410	0.753	0.737	0.424	0.536	0.685
440 < IC ≤ 450	0.405	0.750	0.733	0.420	0.535	0.682
450 < IC ≤ 460	0.401	0.747	0.730	0.415	0.534	0.678
460 < IC ≤ 470	0.396	0.744	0.726	0.411	0.533	0.675
470 < IC ≤ 480	0.392	0.741	0.723	0.407	0.532	0.672
480 < IC ≤ 490	0.387	0.738	0.719	0.403	0.531	0.669
490 < IC ≤ 500	0.383	0.735	0.716	0.398	0.530	0.666
500 < IC ≤ 510	0.379	0.731	0.712	0.394	0.529	0.662
510 < IC ≤ 520	0.375	0.728	0.708	0.391	0.527	0.659
520 < IC ≤ 530	0.372	0.724	0.704	0.387	0.526	0.656
530 < IC ≤ 540	0.368	0.720	0.700	0.384	0.524	0.653
540 < IC ≤ 550	0.365	0.717	0.696	0.380	0.523	0.649
550 < IC ≤ 560	0.361	0.713	0.692	0.377	0.522	0.646
560 < IC ≤ 570	0.357	0.709	0.688	0.373	0.520	0.643
570 < IC ≤ 580	0.354	0.706	0.684	0.369	0.519	0.639
580 < IC ≤ 590	0.350	0.702	0.680	0.366	0.518	0.636
590 < IC ≤ 600	0.347	0.698	0.676	0.362	0.517	0.633
600 < IC ≤ 610	0.343	0.695	0.672	0.359	0.515	0.630
610 < IC ≤ 620	0.340	0.691	0.668	0.355	0.514	0.626
620 < IC ≤ 630	0.336	0.687	0.664	0.351	0.512	0.623
630 < IC ≤ 640	0.332	0.684	0.660	0.348	0.511	0.620
640 < IC ≤ 650	0.329	0.680	0.656	0.344	0.509	0.616
650 < IC ≤ 660	0.325	0.676	0.652	0.341	0.508	0.613
660 < IC ≤ 670	0.322	0.673	0.648	0.337	0.506	0.610
670 < IC ≤ 680	0.318	0.669	0.644	0.334	0.505	0.607
680 < IC ≤ 690	0.315	0.665	0.640	0.330	0.504	0.603
IC > 690	0.311	0.662	0.636	0.326	0.502	0.600

Table 2 - Initial Capacity Marginal De-Rating Curves for Pumped Hydro Storage Units

Initial Capacity (IC) (MW)	Hours of Storage <sup>5</sup>												
	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0
0 ≤ IC ≤ 10	0	0.053	0.097	0.137	0.180	0.220	0.261	0.301	0.337	0.370	0.404	0.467	0.505
10 < IC ≤ 20	0	0.051	0.095	0.136	0.178	0.218	0.258	0.297	0.333	0.367	0.401	0.458	0.494
20 < IC ≤ 30	0	0.050	0.094	0.135	0.177	0.217	0.256	0.294	0.330	0.365	0.398	0.450	0.485
30 < IC ≤ 40	0	0.049	0.093	0.135	0.176	0.215	0.254	0.292	0.327	0.363	0.396	0.444	0.478
40 < IC ≤ 50	0	0.048	0.092	0.134	0.175	0.214	0.252	0.289	0.325	0.361	0.394	0.438	0.471
50 < IC ≤ 60	0	0.047	0.091	0.133	0.174	0.213	0.250	0.287	0.322	0.358	0.392	0.433	0.465
60 < IC ≤ 70	0	0.047	0.091	0.133	0.173	0.212	0.249	0.285	0.320	0.356	0.389	0.428	0.459
70 < IC ≤ 80	0	0.046	0.091	0.132	0.172	0.210	0.247	0.283	0.318	0.353	0.386	0.423	0.454
80 < IC ≤ 90	0	0.046	0.090	0.132	0.171	0.209	0.245	0.282	0.316	0.350	0.384	0.418	0.449
90 < IC ≤ 100	0	0.045	0.090	0.131	0.170	0.208	0.244	0.280	0.314	0.348	0.381	0.413	0.443
100 < IC ≤ 110	0	0.045	0.090	0.130	0.169	0.206	0.242	0.278	0.312	0.345	0.378	0.409	0.438
110 < IC ≤ 120	0	0.045	0.089	0.130	0.168	0.205	0.241	0.276	0.309	0.342	0.374	0.404	0.433
120 < IC ≤ 130	0	0.045	0.089	0.129	0.168	0.204	0.240	0.274	0.307	0.339	0.371	0.400	0.428
130 < IC ≤ 140	0	0.045	0.089	0.129	0.167	0.203	0.238	0.272	0.305	0.336	0.367	0.396	0.423
140 < IC ≤ 150	0	0.045	0.088	0.128	0.166	0.202	0.237	0.270	0.302	0.333	0.364	0.392	0.418
150 < IC ≤ 160	0	0.045	0.088	0.128	0.165	0.201	0.235	0.268	0.300	0.330	0.360	0.387	0.413
160 < IC ≤ 170	0	0.045	0.088	0.127	0.164	0.200	0.234	0.266	0.298	0.327	0.357	0.383	0.408
170 < IC ≤ 180	0	0.045	0.087	0.127	0.163	0.199	0.232	0.264	0.295	0.324	0.353	0.379	0.403
180 < IC ≤ 190	0	0.045	0.087	0.126	0.163	0.197	0.231	0.262	0.293	0.321	0.350	0.375	0.398
IC > 190	0	0.045	0.087	0.126	0.162	0.196	0.229	0.261	0.290	0.319	0.346	0.371	0.393

<sup>5</sup> For non-half hour values of Hours of Storage, the De-Rating Factor shall be interpolated between the two closest De-Rating Factors. Where Hours of Storage > 6 hours, the De-Rating Factor shall be interpolated between the 6-hour De-Rating Factor in Table 2 and the 24-hour System Wide De-Rating Factor in Table 1. For example, a 100 MW 12-hour Pumped Hydro Storage Unit would have a De-Rating Factor of  $0.443 + (12 - 6) * (0.787 - 0.443) / (24 - 6) = 0.557$ .

**Table 3 - Initial Capacity Marginal De-Rating Curves for Other Storage Units**

Initial Capacity (IC) (MW)	Hours of Storage <sup>6</sup>												
	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0
0 ≤ IC ≤ 10	0	0.044	0.080	0.114	0.149	0.183	0.217	0.250	0.279	0.307	0.335	0.387	0.419
10 < IC ≤ 20	0	0.043	0.079	0.113	0.148	0.181	0.214	0.246	0.276	0.304	0.332	0.379	0.409
20 < IC ≤ 30	0	0.041	0.078	0.112	0.147	0.180	0.212	0.244	0.273	0.302	0.330	0.372	0.401
30 < IC ≤ 40	0	0.041	0.077	0.112	0.146	0.178	0.210	0.241	0.271	0.300	0.327	0.367	0.395
40 < IC ≤ 50	0	0.040	0.076	0.111	0.145	0.177	0.209	0.239	0.268	0.298	0.325	0.362	0.389
50 < IC ≤ 60	0	0.039	0.075	0.111	0.144	0.176	0.207	0.237	0.266	0.296	0.323	0.357	0.383
60 < IC ≤ 70	0	0.039	0.075	0.110	0.143	0.175	0.206	0.236	0.264	0.293	0.321	0.353	0.378
70 < IC ≤ 80	0	0.038	0.075	0.109	0.142	0.174	0.204	0.234	0.262	0.291	0.318	0.348	0.374
80 < IC ≤ 90	0	0.038	0.075	0.109	0.141	0.173	0.203	0.232	0.260	0.289	0.316	0.344	0.369
90 < IC ≤ 100	0	0.038	0.075	0.108	0.141	0.171	0.201	0.231	0.258	0.286	0.313	0.340	0.364
100 < IC ≤ 110	0	0.037	0.074	0.108	0.140	0.170	0.200	0.229	0.256	0.284	0.310	0.336	0.359
110 < IC ≤ 120	0	0.037	0.074	0.107	0.139	0.169	0.199	0.227	0.254	0.281	0.307	0.332	0.355
120 < IC ≤ 130	0	0.037	0.074	0.107	0.138	0.168	0.197	0.225	0.252	0.278	0.304	0.328	0.350
130 < IC ≤ 140	0	0.037	0.073	0.106	0.138	0.167	0.196	0.224	0.250	0.276	0.301	0.324	0.346
140 < IC ≤ 150	0	0.037	0.073	0.106	0.137	0.166	0.195	0.222	0.248	0.273	0.298	0.320	0.341
150 < IC ≤ 160	0	0.037	0.073	0.105	0.136	0.165	0.193	0.220	0.246	0.270	0.295	0.317	0.337
160 < IC ≤ 170	0	0.037	0.072	0.105	0.135	0.164	0.192	0.219	0.244	0.268	0.292	0.313	0.333
170 < IC ≤ 180	0	0.037	0.072	0.105	0.135	0.163	0.191	0.217	0.242	0.265	0.289	0.310	0.329
180 < IC ≤ 190	0	0.037	0.072	0.104	0.134	0.162	0.190	0.215	0.240	0.263	0.286	0.306	0.324
IC > 190	0	0.037	0.072	0.104	0.133	0.161	0.188	0.214	0.238	0.260	0.282	0.302	0.320

**Table 4 - Initial Capacity Marginal De-Rating Curves for DSUs with Maximum Down Time ≤ 6 hours**

Initial Capacity (IC) (MW)	Hours of Demand Reduction Capability												
	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	≤ 6.0
0 ≤ IC ≤ 10	0	0.043	0.075	0.104	0.128	0.149	0.167	0.181	0.193	0.207	0.220	0.238	0.256
10 < IC ≤ 20	0	0.041	0.073	0.102	0.126	0.146	0.164	0.179	0.192	0.205	0.218	0.236	0.253
20 < IC ≤ 30	0	0.040	0.072	0.101	0.124	0.144	0.162	0.177	0.190	0.203	0.217	0.234	0.251
30 < IC ≤ 40	0	0.039	0.072	0.100	0.123	0.143	0.160	0.175	0.189	0.202	0.216	0.233	0.250
40 < IC ≤ 50	0	0.038	0.071	0.098	0.121	0.141	0.158	0.174	0.188	0.201	0.214	0.232	0.248
50 < IC ≤ 60	0	0.037	0.070	0.097	0.120	0.140	0.157	0.173	0.187	0.200	0.214	0.231	0.246
60 < IC ≤ 70	0	0.037	0.069	0.096	0.119	0.139	0.157	0.172	0.186	0.199	0.214	0.230	0.245
70 < IC ≤ 80	0	0.036	0.069	0.096	0.119	0.138	0.156	0.172	0.186	0.199	0.213	0.229	0.244
80 < IC ≤ 90	0	0.036	0.068	0.095	0.118	0.138	0.155	0.171	0.185	0.199	0.213	0.228	0.243
90 < IC ≤ 100	0	0.036	0.067	0.094	0.117	0.137	0.154	0.170	0.184	0.198	0.213	0.227	0.241
100 < IC ≤ 110	0	0.035	0.067	0.093	0.116	0.136	0.154	0.169	0.184	0.197	0.212	0.226	0.240
110 < IC ≤ 120	0	0.035	0.066	0.093	0.115	0.135	0.153	0.168	0.182	0.196	0.211	0.225	0.238
120 < IC ≤ 130	0	0.035	0.066	0.092	0.114	0.134	0.152	0.167	0.181	0.195	0.210	0.223	0.236
130 < IC ≤ 140	0	0.035	0.065	0.091	0.114	0.133	0.151	0.166	0.180	0.194	0.208	0.222	0.235
140 < IC ≤ 150	0	0.034	0.065	0.091	0.113	0.132	0.150	0.165	0.179	0.193	0.207	0.220	0.233
150 < IC ≤ 160	0	0.034	0.064	0.090	0.112	0.131	0.149	0.164	0.178	0.192	0.206	0.219	0.232
160 < IC ≤ 170	0	0.034	0.064	0.089	0.111	0.131	0.148	0.163	0.177	0.191	0.204	0.217	0.230
170 < IC ≤ 180	0	0.034	0.063	0.089	0.111	0.130	0.147	0.162	0.176	0.190	0.203	0.216	0.228
180 < IC ≤ 190	0	0.034	0.063	0.088	0.110	0.129	0.146	0.161	0.174	0.188	0.202	0.214	0.227
IC > 190	0	0.034	0.063	0.087	0.109	0.128	0.145	0.160	0.173	0.187	0.200	0.213	0.225

**Table 5 - Initial Capacity Marginal De-Rating Factors for Wind and Solar**

Wind	Solar
0.056	0.041

**Table 6 - Annual Run-Hour Limit (ARHL) De-Rating Factors**

Initial Annual Run Hour Limit	New Gas Turbine	New Steam Turbine	Demand Side Units	Other
≤ 500 hours	0.14	0.14	0.14	1
> 500 ≤ 1500 hours	0.43	0.43	0.43	1
>1500 hours	1	1	1	1

<sup>6</sup> For non-half hour values of Hours of Storage, the De-Rating Factor shall be interpolated between the two closest De-Rating Factors. Where Hours of Storage > 6 hours, the De-Rating Factor shall be interpolated between the 6-hour De-Rating Factor in Table 3 and the 24-hour System Wide De-Rating Factor in Table 1. For example, a 100 MW 12-hour Other Storage Unit would have a De-Rating Factor of  $0.364 + (12 - 6) * (0.787 - 0.364) / (24 - 6) = 0.505$ .

## 2.2. Final Capacity Requirement

### D.3.1.2 (b) the final Capacity Requirement for the Capacity Year to be used in the Capacity Auction;

The Capacity Requirement is determined by the Regulatory Authorities in accordance with Section D.3.1.3 (b) of the Capacity Market Code. The approved Capacity Requirement is set out in Table 7.

Table 7 - Capacity Requirement

Capacity Requirement (MW)
7,120

N.B. The actual capacity to be auctioned is subject to adjustment to account for a number of considerations and will be set out in the final Demand Curve and Locational Capacity Constraint Required Quantities set by the Regulatory Authorities and published in the Final Auction Information Pack.

## 2.3. Indicative Demand Curve

### D.3.1.2 (c) an indicative Demand Curve to be used in the Capacity Auction;

The Demand Curve is determined by the Regulatory Authorities in accordance with section F.3 of the Capacity Market Code. The approved indicative Demand Curve is set out in Table 8:

Table 8 - Indicative Demand Curve to be used in the Capacity Auction

De-Rated Capacity (MW)	Demand Curve Point (€/MW per year)
TBC	TBC
TBC	TBC
TBC	TBC
TBC	TBC

N.B. The final Demand Curve will be set by the Regulatory Authorities prior to the issue of the Final Auction Information Pack and shall be confirmed within the Final Auction Information Pack.

## 2.4. Locational Capacity Constraints

### D.3.1.2 (d) for each Locational Capacity Constraint for the relevant Capacity Year to be used in the Capacity Auction, the final nodes on the Transmission System (and the Distribution System, as applicable) to which the Locational Capacity Constraint applies;

In accordance with Section C.2 of the Capacity Market Code and the approved Locational Capacity Constraints methodology ([SEM-17-040](#)), the System Operators calculate and submit to the Regulatory Authorities any Locational Capacity Constraints applicable to the Capacity Year for their determination. The approved Level 1 and Level 2 Locational Capacity Constraints are set out in Table 9 and Table 10.



Table 9 - Level 1 Locational Capacity Constraints

Level	Locational Capacity Constraint Area Name	Associated Level 2 Locational Constraint Area(s)	Locational Capacity Constraint Area Nodes	Required Quantity (MW)
1	L1-1: Northern Ireland		All nodes within Northern Ireland	Value to be provided in Final Auction Information Pack
1	L1-2: Ireland	L2-1: Greater Dublin	All nodes within Ireland	Value to be provided in Final Auction Information Pack

Table 10 - Level 2 Locational Capacity Constraints

Level	Locational Capacity Constraint Area Name	Associated Level 1 Locational Constraint Area	Locational Capacity Constraint Area Nodes	Required Quantity (MW)
	L2-1: Greater Dublin	L1-2: Ireland	Adamstown 110 kV [ADM] Airton 110 kV [ATN] Artane 110 kV [ART] Aungierstown 110 kV [AUN] Baltrasna 110 kV [BAL] Barnakyle 110 kV [BKY] Belcamp 220/110 kV [BLC] Blackrock 110 kV [BLA] Bracetown 220 kV [BRT] Cabra 110 kV [CAB] Castlebagot 110 kV [CBT] City West 110 kV [CTW] Cloghran 110 kV [CLG] Clonee 220 kV [CLE] College Park 110 kV [COL] Cookstown 110/38 kV [COO] Corduff 220/110 kV [CDU] Corkagh 110 kV [CKG] Cromcastle 110 kV [CRM] Cruiserath 220 kV [CRH] Dardistown 110 kV [DTN] Darndale 110 kV [DND] Finglas 220/110 kV [FIN] Fortunestown 110 kV [FTT] Francis Street 110 kV [FRA] Glasmore 110 kV [GLA] Grange 110 kV [GRA] Grange Castle 110 kV [GCA] Harolds Cross 110 kV [HAR] Heuston Square 110 kV [HEU] Huntstown 220 kV [HUN] Inchicore 220/110 kV [INC] Irish Town 220 kV [ISH] Kilmahud 110 kV [KUD] Kilmore 110 kV [KLM] Macetown 110 kV [MCE] McDermott 110 kV [MCD] Milltown 110 kV [MIL] Misery Hill 110 kV [MHL] Nangor 110 kV [NAN] Newbury 110 kV [NBY] North Quays 110 kV [NQS] North Wall 220 kV [NWX] Pelletstown 110 kV [PTN] Poolbeg 220/110 kV [PB] Poppintree 110 kV [POP] Ringsend 110 kV [RE] Ryebrook 110 kV [RYZ] Shellybanks 220 kV [SHL] Snughborough 110 kV [SNU] Stephenstown 110 kV [SVN] Trinity 110 kV [TRN] Wolfe Tone 110 kV [WOL] Whitebank 110 kV [WBK]	Value to be provided in Final Auction Information Pack

## 2.5. Awarded Capacity

D.3.1.2 (e) at the date of the Initial Auction Information Pack, how much Awarded Capacity has already been procured for the relevant Capacity Year;

The Awarded Capacity for Capacity Year 2028/2029 is set out in Table 11.

Table 11 - Awarded Capacity

Awarded Capacity (MW)	
L1-1: Northern Ireland	683.403
L1-2: Ireland	3117.801
L2-1: Greater Dublin	1041.566

## 2.6. Auction Price Cap

### D.3.1.2 (f) the final Auction Price Cap to be used in the Capacity Auction (in Euro and Sterling);

As set out in the SEM Committee decision [SEM-24-028](#), the approved Auction Price Caps are set out in Table 12.

Table 12 - Auction Price Caps

Auction Price Cap (€/MW per year)	Auction Price Cap (£/MW per year)
230,000.00	210,496.00

## 2.7. Existing Capacity Price Cap

### D.3.1.2 (g) the final Existing Capacity Price Cap to be used in the Capacity Auction (in Euro and Sterling);

As set out in the SEM Committee decision [SEM-24-028](#), the approved Existing Capacity Price Caps are set out in Table 13.

Table 13 - Existing Capacity Price Caps

Existing Capacity Price Cap (€/MW per year)	Existing Capacity Price Cap (£/MW per year)
55,678.00	50,956.51

## 2.8. New Capacity Investment Rate Threshold

### D.3.1.2 (h) the final €/MW rate of the New Capacity Investment Rate Threshold to be used in the Capacity Auction;

As set out in the SEM Committee decision [SEM-24-028](#), the approved New Capacity Investment Rate Thresholds are set out in Table 14.

Table 14 - New Capacity Investment Rate Thresholds

New Capacity Investment Rate Threshold (€/MW)	New Capacity Investment Rate Threshold (£/MW)
300,000.00	274,560.00

As set out in the SEM Committee decision [SEM-24-035](#), the approved Intermediate Contract Investment Rate Threshold (ICIRT) for Intermediate Length Contracts are set out in Table 15.

Table 15 - Intermediate Contract Investment Rate Thresholds

Intermediate Contract Investment Rate Threshold (€/MW)	Intermediate Contract Investment Rate Threshold (£/MW)
100,000.00	91,520.00

## 2.9. Annual Stop-Loss Limit Factor

### D.3.1.2 (i) the final Annual Stop-Loss Limit Factor applicable to Awarded Capacity allocated in the Capacity Auction;

As set out in the SEM Committee decision [SEM-24-028](#), the approved Annual Stop-Loss Limit Factor is set out in Table 16.

Table 16 - Annual Stop-Loss Limit Factor

Annual Stop-Loss Limit Factor
1.5

## 2.10. Billing Period Stop-Loss Limit Factor

### D.3.1.2 (j) the final Billing Period Stop-Loss Limit Factor applicable to Awarded Capacity allocated in the Capacity Auction;

As set out in the SEM Committee decision [SEM-24-028](#), the approved Billing Period Stop-Loss Limit Factor is set out in Table 17.

Table 17 - Billing Period Stop-Loss Limit Factor

Billing Period Stop-Loss Limit Factor
0.5

## 2.11. Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rate

### D.3.1.2 (k) the indicative Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rate applicable to Awarded Capacity allocated in the Capacity Auction;

The approved indicative Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rates are set out in Table 18.

Table 18 - Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rates

Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rate (£/€)	Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rate (€/£)
€1 = £0.9152	£1 = €1.0926

The Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rate is calculated average of the annual forward rate for five consecutive working days from 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The annual forward rate is calculated as the average of the forward exchange rates for the last Friday of each month of the Capacity Year 2028/2029 taken on each of these five days.

The Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rate in Table 18 has been used to convert Euro values of the Auction Price Cap, the Existing Capacity Price Cap and the New Capacity Investment Rate Threshold into Sterling values.

N.B. The final Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rate will be included in the Final Auction Information Pack. This rate has been calculated using the same approach that was used for calculating the SEM Annual Capacity Exchange Rate.

## 2.12. Increase and Decrease Tolerance

**D.3.1.2 (l) the final allowed Increase Tolerance and Decrease Tolerance by Technology Class that may be applied by a Participant in its Application for Qualification to Capacity Market Unit de-ratings;**

As set out in the SEM Committee decision [SEM-24-028](#), the approved Increase and Decrease Tolerances are set out in Table 19.

Table 19 - Increase and Decrease Tolerances per Technology Class

Technology Class	INCTOL(%)	DECTOL(%)
All except DSUs	0	0
DSUs	0	100

The DECTOL for the DSU Technology Class also applies to any demand reduction component of a Candidate Unit that is part of an Autoproducer Site (where the demand reduction component is calculated as the Autoproducer Demand Reduction Volume / Maximum Export Capacity).

In accordance with SEM Committee decision [SEM-24-028](#), where satisfactory evidence is provided to the System Operators, the DECTOL shall be 100% for a Candidate Unit that, due to relevant emissions legislation, has its running hours restricted to an extent that would reasonably be considered to prevent reliable delivery of their De-rated Capacity at times of scarcity, e.g. the 500 hour limits set out in Annex V of the Industrial Emission Directive (2010/75) in relation to NOx emissions.

## 2.13. Performance Securities

**D.3.1.2 (m) in respect of Performance Securities:**

- (i) the final Performance Security Posting Dates/ Events applicable to Awarded New Capacity allocated in the Capacity Auction; and
- (ii) for each Performance Security Posting Date/ Event, the final €/MW rate to be applied in setting Performance Securities applicable to Awarded New Capacity allocated in the Capacity Auction;

As set out in the SEM Committee decision [SEM-24-028](#), the final Performance Security Posting Dates / Events and final Performance Security Rates are set out in Table 20.

Table 20 - Performance Security Dates and Rates

Date / Event	Performance Security Rate (€/MW)
From Capacity Auction completion to 27 months prior to the beginning of the Capacity Year	20,000
27-13 months prior to the beginning of the Capacity Year	30,000
From 13 months to beginning of Capacity Year	40,000
From beginning of Capacity Year	50,000

In accordance with paragraph 4.1.3 of SEM Committee Decision Paper SEM-24-063, Performance Security Rate for Refurbished Capacity is set at €0/MW.

## 2.14. Termination Charge Rates

### D.3.1.2 (n) the final €/MW fee rates for calculating Termination Charges applicable to Awarded New Capacity allocated in the Capacity Auction;

As set out in the SEM Committee decision [SEM-24-028](#), the final Termination Charge rates are set out in Table 21.

Table 21 - Termination Charge Rates

Date / Event	Termination Rate (€/MW)
From Capacity Auction completion to 27 months prior to the beginning of the Capacity Year	20,000
27-13 months prior to the beginning of the Capacity Year	30,000
From 13 months to beginning of Capacity Year	40,000
From beginning of Capacity Year	50,000

In accordance with paragraph 4.1.3 of SEM Committee Decision Paper SEM-24-063, Termination Payment Rates for Refurbishing Capacity are set at €0/MW.

## 2.15. Administered Scarcity Price

### D.3.1.2 (o) anticipated values for the Full Administered Scarcity Price and the Reserve Scarcity Price Curve applicable to the Capacity Year;

As set out in the SEM Committee Decision [SEM-24-028](#), the anticipated values of the Full Administered Scarcity Price and the Reserve Scarcity Price Curve are set out in Table 22.

Table 22 - Anticipated Administered Scarcity Price Curve

Short Term Reserve (MW)	Administered Scarcity Price (€/MWh)
Demand Control	25% of VoLL
0	25% of VoLL
500	RO Strike Price

## 2.16. Strike Price

D.3.1.2 (p) anticipated values for the parameters listed in paragraph F.16.1.1 and F.16.1.5 of the Trading and Settlement Code to be applied in determining the Strike Price in accordance with the Trading and Settlement Code for the Capacity Year; and

The approved anticipated values to be applied in determining the Strike Price are set out in Table 23.

Table 23 - Anticipated Strike Price calculation components.

Strike Price Component	Value	Unit
PCARBON <sub>m</sub>	PCARBON <sub>m</sub> Index	€/tCO2e
PFUELNG <sub>m</sub>	[PFUELNG <sub>m</sub> Index (p/therm) x 0.01 (£/p) + PFUELNG <sub>m</sub> Transport (£/therm)] x Exchange Rate (€/£) x 9.48 (therm/GJ) x 3.6 (GJ/MWh)	€/MWh
PFUELO <sub>m</sub>	[PFUELO <sub>m</sub> Index (\$/t) x Exchange Rate (€/£) + PFUELO <sub>m</sub> Transport (£/t)] x 0.025 (t/GJ) x 3.6 (GJ/MWh)	€/MWh
PCARBON <sub>m</sub> Index	ICE ECX EUA Futures - EUA - (monthly) <sup>7</sup>	€/tCO2e
PFUELNG <sub>m</sub> Index	ICE UK Natural Gas Index (monthly)	p/therm
PFUELNG <sub>m</sub> Transport	0.0424 <sup>8</sup>	£/therm
PFUELO <sub>m</sub> Index	Platt's Forward Curve (monthly) for monthly swap transactions for 1% sulphur free on board (FOB) fuel oil cargoes in North West Europe (NWE) for the relevant month (AAEGR00)	\$/t
PFUELO <sub>m</sub> Transport	50 <sup>9</sup>	€/t
FTHEORYPU <sub>y</sub>	15	%
FCARBONING <sub>y</sub>	0.202	tCO2e/MWh
FCARBONINO <sub>y</sub>	0.277	tCO2e/MWh
PTHEORYDSU <sub>y</sub>	500	€/MWh
Exchange Rate (€/£)	The Trading Day Exchange Rate as defined in the Trading and Settlement Code	€/£
Exchange Rate (€/£)	The rate set at 17:00 the day before the Trading Day, from the same source as used for the Trading Day Exchange Rate	€/£
therm per GJ	9.48 <sup>10</sup>	therm/GJ
LSFO calorific value	0.025 <sup>11</sup>	t/GJ

<sup>7</sup> The December price for a given year will apply to all months falling within that year.

<sup>8</sup> NI natural gas transport adder used in I-SEM PLEXOS Forecast Model 2016-17.

<sup>9</sup> Based on ROI LSFO transport adder used in I-SEM PLEXOS Forecast Model 2016-17.

<sup>10</sup> I-SEM PLEXOS Forecast Model 2016-17

<sup>11</sup> I-SEM PLEXOS Forecast Model 2016-17

## 2.17. Capacity Auction Timetable

### D.3.1.2 (q) the final Capacity Auction Timetable as it relates to events after the publication of the Initial Auction Information Pack (subject to section D.2).

The approved Capacity Auction Timetable is set out in Table 24.

Table 24 - Capacity Auction Timetable

	Event	Date
1	Initial Auction Information Pack Date: the last publication date for the Initial Auction Information Pack	02/05/2024
2	Opt-out Notification Date: the last date a Participant can submit an Opt-out Notification	17/05/2024
3	Exception Application Date: the last time a Participant can make an Exception Application to the Regulatory Authorities	04/06/2024
4	Qualification Application Date: the last date a Participant can submit an Application for Qualification in respect of the Capacity Auction	04/06/2024
5	Provisional Qualification Results Date: the date by which the System Operators are expected to inform persons who submit Applications for Qualification of Provisional SO Qualification Decisions in respect of the Capacity Auction	31/07/2024
6	Final Qualification Submission Date: the date by which the System Operators are expected to provide Final Qualification Results in respect of the Capacity Auction to the Regulatory Authorities for approval	15/10/2024
7	Final Qualification Results Date: the date by which the System Operators are expected to inform persons who submit Applications for Qualification of Final Qualification Decisions in respect of the Capacity Auction	07/11/2024
8	Qualification Results Publication Date: the date by which the System Operators are expected to publish the total Qualified capacity in respect of the Capacity Auction	07/11/2024
9	Date for finalising the Locational Capacity Constraint Limits for the Capacity Auction	07/11/2024
10	Final Auction Information Pack Date: the date by which the System Operators are expected to publish the Final Auction Information Pack for the Capacity Auction	07/11/2024
11	Capacity Auction Submission Commencement: the earliest date and time that Participants may submit Capacity Auction Offers in respect of Capacity Market Units Qualified to participate in the Capacity Auction	21/11/2024
12	Capacity Auction Submission End: the last date and time until Participants may submit Capacity Auction Offers in respect of Capacity Market Units Qualified to participate in the Capacity Auction	28/11/2024 10:00
13	Capacity Auction Run Start: the day and time that the System Operators initiate the run of the software program referred to in paragraph F.8.5.1 in respect of the Capacity Auction	28/11/2024 12:00
14	Capacity Auction Completion Date: the date by which the System Operators are expected to complete the Capacity Auction (including the Capacity Auction Monitor's review)	03/12/2024
15	Capacity Auction Provisional Results Date: the date by which the System Operators are expected to provide provisional Capacity Auction results to Participants	03/12/2024
15A	Capacity Auction Provisional Results Publication Date: the date by which the System Operators are expected to publish provisional Capacity Auction Results	10/12/2024
16	Capacity Auction Approval Date: the date by which the Regulatory Authorities are expected to approve the Capacity Auction results	17/12/2024
17	Capacity Auction Results Date: the date the System Operators are expected to publish the Capacity Auction results	17/12/2024
18	Performance Security Date: the last date for Participants to provide Performance Securities to the System Operators for Awarded New Capacity allocated in the Capacity Auction	11/02/2025

## 2.18. Timeframe for Reviewable Decisions and Qualification Disputes

### Appendix C: Table B: Timeframe for Reviewable Decisions and Qualification Disputes.

The approved timetable for Reviewable Decisions and Qualification Disputes is set out in Table 25.

Table 25 - Timeframe for Reviewable Decisions and Qualification Disputes

	Event	Date
1	Timeframe within which Applications for Review must be lodged	02/08/2024
2	Timeframe within which System Operators may reject a non-complying Application for Review	07/08/2024
3	Timeframe within which Participant must comply with a request for further information	16/08/2024
4	Timeframe within which System Operators must notify Participant of outcome of their reconsideration	29/08/2024
5	Latest date for giving a Dispute Notice in relation to a Qualification Dispute	03/09/2024
6	Latest date by which the CMDRB shall give its decision in relation to a Qualification Dispute	09/10/2024

## 2.19. Early Delivery Incentive Start Date

In accordance with paragraph 4.1.3 of SEM Committee Decision Paper SEM-24-063, the Early Delivery Incentive Start Date shall commence at the start of the Trading Day beginning at 23:00 on 30th September 2027.

## 2.20. Implementation Progress Reporting Schedule

### J.4.2.3 The System Operators shall publish:

- (a) the reporting schedule for Awarded New Capacity initially in the applicable Capacity Auction Timetable; and
- (b) any amended reporting schedule within two Working Days of receiving the schedule or amended schedule from the Regulatory Authorities.

Table 26 lists the Implementation Progress Reporting Schedule for the 2028/2029 T-4 Capacity Auction.



**Table 26 - Implementation Progress Reporting Schedule**

Report Name	Date
Implementation Progress Report 1	11/02/2025
Implementation Progress Report 2	12/08/2025
Implementation Progress Report 3	10/02/2026
Implementation Progress Report 4	11/08/2026
Implementation Progress Report 5	11/02/2027
Implementation Progress Report 6	10/08/2027
Implementation Progress Report 7	15/02/2028
Implementation Progress Report 8	15/08/2028
Implementation Progress Report 9	13/02/2029
Implementation Progress Report 10	14/08/2029

The obligation also remains on the Participant with Awarded Capacity to report upon achieving the following Milestones (where applicable):

- (i) Substantial Financial Completion;
- (ii) Commencement of Construction Works; and
- (iii) Substantial Completion.

## 2.21. Substantial Financial Completion Period

**D.3.1.2 The Initial Auction Information Pack for a Capacity Auction shall set out:**

**(r) The Substantial Financial Completion Period.**

Table 27 includes the Substantial Financial Completion Period applicable to this Capacity Auction.

**Table 27 - Substantial Financial Completion Period**

Substantial Financial Completion Period
18 months

## 2.22. Long Stop Date

In accordance with SEM Committee Decision [SEM-24-028](#), Table 28 includes the Long Stop Dates applicable to this Capacity Auction.

Table 28 - Long Stop Date

For Capacity awards with a capacity duration of one year	For Capacity awards with a capacity duration greater than one year
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2028	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2030

In accordance with paragraph 4.1.3 of SEM Committee Decision Paper SEM-24-063, addition of 12-month Long Stop Date for Refurbished Capacity is 30th September 2029.

## 2.23. Final Capacity Aggregation Threshold

In accordance with D.3.1.2 (s) of the Capacity Market Code, Table 29 includes the Final Capacity Aggregation Threshold applicable to this Capacity Auction.

Table 29 - Final Capacity Aggregation Threshold

Final Capacity Aggregation Threshold (MW)
10

# 3. Capacity Market Code Items Change Table

Information contained within this Initial Auction Information Pack (IAIP) may be subject to change during the publication of the Final Auction Information Pack (FAIP). The FAIP is due to be published in accordance with the Capacity Auction Timetable 30 provides a breakdown of Capacity Market Code items which are deemed to be Final/Indicative and Anticipated.

**Table 30 - Capacity Market Code Items Change Table**

Code Item	IAIP	FAIP
De-Rating Curves	Final	Final
Capacity Requirement	Final	Final
Indicative Demand Curve	Indicative	Final
Locational Capacity Constraint Areas	Final	Final
Locational Capacity Constraint Quantities	Values not included in IAIP	Final
Awarded Capacity	Indicative	Final
Auction Price Cap	Final	Final
Existing Capacity Price Cap	Final	Final
New Capacity Investment Rate Threshold	Final	Final
Annual Stop-Loss Limit Factor	Final	Final
Billing Period Stop-Loss Limit Factor	Final	Final
Annual Capacity Payment Exchange Rate	Indicative	Final
Increase and Decrease Tolerance	Final	Final
Performance Securities	Final	Final
Termination Charge Rates	Final	Final
Administered Scarcity Price	Anticipated	Anticipated
Strike Price	Anticipated	Anticipated
Capacity Auction Timetable	Indicative	Final
Final Capacity Aggregation Threshold	Final	Final