

Single Electricity Market

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Document History

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| **Version** | **Date** | **Author** | **Comment** |
| 1.0 | 11 December 2015 | Modifications Committee Secretariat | Issued to Modifications Committee for review and approval |
| 2.0 | 18 December 2015 | Modifications Committee Secretariat | Modifications Committee and observer review complete. |

Distribution List

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| **Name** | **Organisation** |
| 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

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| **Document Name** |
| [Trading and Settlement Code and Agreed Procedures: Version 18.0](http://semopub/MarketDevelopment/Pages/MarketRules.aspx) |
| [Mod\_04\_15 Modification to Relevant Meter Operator Role and support requirements for Meter Communication Channels](http://semopub/MarketDevelopment/ModificationDocuments/Addition%20of%20Meter%20Operator%20Obligations%20to%20the%20TSC.docx) |
| [SEMO presentation on Impact of Meter Errors](http://semopub/MarketDevelopment/ModificationDocuments/SEMO%20presentation%20on%20Impact%20of%20Meter%20Errors.ppt) |
| [SEM Metering Mod 26-11-2015](http://semopub/MarketDevelopment/ModificationDocuments/SEM%20Metering%20Mod%2026-11-2015.pptx) |
| [Mod\_08\_15 Clarification of Outturn Availability](http://semopub/MarketDevelopment/ModificationDocuments/Mod_08_15%20Clarification%20of%20Outturn%20Availability.docx) |
| [Presentation Outturn Availability](http://semopub/MarketDevelopment/ModificationDocuments/Presentation%20Outturn%20Availab_20151201.pptx) |
| [Mod\_09\_15 AP07 Amendment to Update Process re MDP Submission Failure](http://semopub/MarketDevelopment/ModificationDocuments/Mod_09_15%20Amendment%20to%20Update%20Process%20re%20MDP%20Submission%20%20Failure.docx) |
| [CMS Presentation](http://semopub/Publications/General/MODS%20Meeting%2064%20-%2020151015%20-%20Market%20Systems%20V1%200.pdf) |

In Attendance

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| Name | Company | Position |
| **Modifications Committee** | | |
| Adelle Watson | NIE Networks | MDP Member |
| Alastair Cooke | SONI | SO Alternate |
| Barry Hussey | CER | CER Alternate |
| Brian Mongan | AES | Generator Member |
| Catherine McHale | Electric Ireland | Supplier Member |
| Clive Bowers | CER | CER Member |
| Conor Powell | SSE | Supplier Member |
| Eamonn O’Donoghue | Electroroute | Interconnector Member |
| Gerry Halligan | ESB MRSO | MDP Member |
| Jill Murray | Bord Gais | Supplier Alternate |
| Katia Compagnoni | SEMO | MO Member |
| Kevin Hannafin (Chair) | Energia | Generator Member |
| Mary Doorly | IWEA | Generator Member |
| Marc Senouci | EirGrid | SO Alternate |
| Patrick Liddy | Enernoc | MDP Member |
| William Carr | ESBI | Generator Alternate |
| William Steele | Power NI | Supplier Member |
| **Secretariat** | | |
| Esther Touhey | SEMO | Secretariat |
| **Observers** | | |
| Scott Lennox | NI PPB | Observer |
| Cathal Kearney | Eirgrid | Observer |
| Gill Nolan | Eirgrid | Observer |
| Jeffrey Godsell | Eirgrid | Observer |
| Gemma McHale | NIE Networks | Observer |

# SEMO Update

The Minutes from Meeting 64 were read and approved. The final approved version of the minutes is now published on the SEMO website.

**Modifications Committee Meetings 2016**

Secretariat advised that a schedule for the Mods Committee Meetings for 2016 will be issued in January with the first proposed meeting likely to be held in February. Where possible instead of face to face meetings they will be held via conference call or in dual locations with a conference call facility. CER Member advised that a face to face meeting may be required in April at Participant’s request, due to the annual presentation of the Audit findings. Secretariat reiterated that the Committee would be consulted re the timings and mechanism for holding all meetings required and other scheduling commitments will be considered with the aim of maximising the efficiency and time of the members.

**Programme of Work**

Secretariat presented the Programme of Work.

CER Member advised that decisions would be made early 2016 re Mod\_08\_14 & Mod\_02\_13. It was also advised that the Market Monitoring Unit continues to review Make Whole Payments.

In relation to Mod\_21\_12 Amendment to Available Transfer Capacity (ATC) definition – SO Alternate advised that the main objective of this modification should be covered within the new environment of I-SEM and that the modification would not be progressed any further. Secretariat then asked the Committee were they satisfied that this proposal would not be progressed further. The Committee agreed and the Secretariat referred this proposal to the RAs for a Final Decision.

**CMS Update**

MO Member presented the [CMS Update](http://semopub/Publications/General/MODS%20Meeting%2065%20-%2020151203%20-%20Market%20Systems%20V1%201.pptx).

# Review of Actions

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| Actions recorded at previous meeting | |
| Mod\_04\_15 Modification to Relevant Meter Operator Role and support requirements for Meter Communication Channels | * Meter Data Operator to liaise with proposer and revert to Committee in June with financial impact/cost-benefit analysis of implementation of the proposal**- Closed** |

# Deferred Modification Proposals

## I. Mod\_04\_15 MODIFICATION TO RELEVANT METER OPERATOR ROLE AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR METER COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

*Proposer: EirGrid*

MO Member delivered a [presentation](http://semopub/MarketDevelopment/ModificationDocuments/SEMO%20presentation%20on%20Impact%20of%20Meter%20Errors.ppt) detailing impacts on the SEM. Cathal Kearney of Eirgrid delivered a [presentation](http://semopub/MarketDevelopment/ModificationDocuments/SEM%20Metering%20Mod%2026-11-2015.pptx) showing cost/benefit analysis and options going forward. Generator Member welcomed the detail and the information but raised the question of the impact on those already going through the connection process and how any new changes would affect them.

Meter Data Provider advised that a number of these areas were already addressed in the current connection agreement process for metering provision. Generator Member raised concerns as equipment could already have been procured prior to any new changes or processes. Generator Member asked as to whether a more robust process existed in NI. SO Alternate advised that SONI & NIE had undertaken a project to address similar issues and that they were attempting to keep up to date with new technologies that ultimately resulted in the end users reducing their costs. Generator Member also asked about what is tehe practice for older installation and SO Member advised that a number of legacy sites have been dealt with already and there are provisions for continuing to apply this process in all others. This is made easier by the fact that greater clarity on specifications of meter requirements are included in both the NI Metering Code and the SONI Grid Code. Proposer advised that fewer communications options were specified as available in ROI new connections.

Generator Member advised that a robust metering system was required for I-SEM. Generator Member raised the issue of harmonisation of metering processes and systems across NI & ROI. Supplier Member asked if this proposal should be progressed through the Modifications Committee or should this be captured through metering codes.

Proposer advised that a version of the modification proposal maybe still required clarifying the definitions relating to the Meter Data Operator and Meter Data Provider in the T&SC, and that these roles will become clearer through the Metering working Group for the ISEM over the next 6-12 months. SO Alternate also clarified that the direction received by the RAs was to progress remedial actions independently from the Modifications because current provisions in 3.77 and Generators Connections Agreements already allows for this to be carried out. Both TSO and DSO have been requested by the RAs to provide an update on the changes and timelines for implementation.

Actions

* Cost/benefit analysis to be circulated in advance of Meeting 65 – Closed
* Timeline to be developed and communicated back to the RAs to show overall plan for the development of process changes in metering installation- Open

Decision

* The proposal was deferred

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| **Deferred** |

# new modifications proposals

## I. Mod\_08\_15 clarification of outturn availability

*Proposer: EirGrid*

Secretariat welcomed Gill Nolan and Jeffrey Godsell from Eirgrid TSO who were in attendance to propose this modification. Proposer delivered a [presentation](http://semopub/MarketDevelopment/ModificationDocuments/Presentation%20Outturn%20Availab_20151201.pptx) detailing the rationale behind this modification.

Generator Member enquired as to the implementation timescale for RA Decision. Proposer advised that the principles were to be implemented from January 2016, as per the TSOs understanding of the intent of the SEMC, unless advised otherwise by the RAs. Proposer confirmed that the principles relate to scheduled outages and declaring technical availability. Generator Member confirmed that this principle resulted in declaring zero for up to 5 days. Proposer confirmed that this was in the instance of scheduled annual maintenance and zero availability for 5 days.

Generator Member asked how this could be enforced without legislation. Proposer referred Grid Code SCD 1.4.3.2 & 1.4.3.3 specifically the use of the exception clauses. It was advised that this process was already in practice. It was confirmed that this does not apply to legacy generators.

It was suggested that there are different practices in NI & ROI and these should be reviewed. Proposer asked that should there be comments and wording proposals they would be welcome. Generator Member advised that they felt no obligation to comply with this. Chair observed that Grid Code proposal was not accepted by all parties as ‘custom and practice’ in ROI as reflected in responses to the consultation process that preceded the SEM Committee Decision SEM-15-071 and also stressed that this matter should be considered in the context of I-SEM as this posed as major risk to generators under reliability options and potentially administered scarcity pricing.

Supplier Alternate raised the point that the Trading & Settlement Code should not refer to the Grid Code for a definition and asked why this definition couldn’t be defined. MO Member advised that this was common practice. Also the Grid Code definitions contained additional references to GC sections and terminology that is not defined in the T&SC therefore such inclusions in the T&SC would be inappropriate. It was also felt that this proposal could not be progressed until the Grid Code Modification Proposal was developed.

Proposer advised that the Grid Code proposal was in progress and this would then feed back to the Modifications Proposal process. Supplier Member asked if the Trading & Settlement Code needed to change to implement these principles. The question was raised as to the RAs implementation timescale. RA Member advised that he was not aware of that detail but that he would take the action to look into the matter.

Generator Member strongly suggested that these principles are not implemented for 1 Jan 2016. DSU Member made the point that the exception clause already in existence still remains. Proposer advised that the exception clause could be removed in light of the additional clarifications being proposed to give certainty to Generators and that the Grid Code Modification is being further developed.

On a separate note RA Member raised concerns relating to branding material used for the slide presentation. Secretariat advised that this would be noted and communicated internally and that the branding across the group and the various entities was being looked at.

Actions

* Establish RAs implementation timescale – Open
* Develop both Grid Code Proposals - Open

Decision

* The proposal was deferred

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| **Deferred** |

## II. Mod\_09\_15 AP07 amendment to update process re mdp submission failure

*Proposer: EirGrid*

MO Member discussed the rationale behind this proposal advising that this was the result of a minor finding in the Annual Audit. It was noted that in the event of MDP Meter Submission Failure time didn’t always allow for the process step of filling specific section of the Meter Submission Failure form in AP07 and fax submission. The Committee was not happy with the proposed wording change of ‘*if time allows’* as it is not clear whether the requirement should be carried out at a later stage or not. There was a consensus to remove the fax submission completely. MO Member advised that the legal drafting could be changed to reflect this. The Committee were happy to vote on this proposal subject to legal drafting.

Actions

* MO Member to develop legal drafting - **Open**
* Secretariat to draft AP Notification – **Open**

Decision

* The proposal was Recommended for Approval by Unanimous Vote subject to legal drafting.

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| **Recommended for Approval by Unanimous Vote** | | |
| Katia Compagnoni | MO Member | Approved |
| Marc Senouci | SO Alternate | Approved |
| Eamonn O’Donoghue | Interconnector Member | Approved |
| Gerry Halligan | MDP Alternate | Approved |
| Patrick Liddy | DSU Member | Approved |
| Mary Doorly | Generator Member | Approved |
| Alastair Cooke | SO Alternate | Approved |
| Conor Powell | Supplier Member | Approved |
| Catherine McHale | Supplier Member | Approved |
| Adelle Watson | MDP Member | Approved |
| William Steele | Supplier Member | Approved |
| Brian Mongan | Generator Member | Approved |
| Kevin Hannafin | Generator Member (Chair) | Approved |

# AOB/upcoming events

Calendar updates

* 2016 Meeting Schedule to be distributed Jan 2016

# Appendices

## Appendix 1 - Secretariat Programme of Work as discussed at meeting 65

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| **Status as at 3 December 2015** | | | | | |
| **FRRs ‘Recommended for Approval’ without systems impacts awaiting RA Decision** | | | | | |
| **Title** | | **Sections Modified** | | **Sent** | |
| Mod\_18\_11 Definition of ‘Availability’ | | T&SC Glossary | | 08 September 2011 | |
| Mod\_08\_14 Clarification of SEM Collateral Reserve Accounts | | T&SC 6.19 | | 20 May 2015 | |
| **Modification Proposals ‘Recommended for Approval’ with system impacts** | | | | | |
| N/A | | N/A | | N/A | |
| **Modification Proposals ‘Recommended for Approval’ without system impacts** | | | | | |
| Mod\_02\_13 Registration of Charges | | T&SC Section 2 and Section 6, AP 1, AP 9 AP 17 , Glossary | | 02 October 2015 | |
| **Modification Proposals ‘Recommended for Rejection’** | | | | | |
| Mod\_10\_14 Make Whole Payments to Interconnector Units | | N/A | | 27 March 2015 | |
| Mod\_11\_14 Pay-as-bid/Paid-as-bid Interconnector Units | | N/A | | 27 March 2015 | |
| Mod\_12\_14 Amendment to Make Whole Mechanism to remove Settlement Periods of simultaneous import and export flows. | | N/A | | 08 May 2015 | |
| **RA Decision ‘Further Work Required’** | | | | | |
| Mod\_21\_12 Amendment to Available Transfer Capacity (ATC) definition | | | T&SC Section 5; T&SC Appendix K | | 21 November 2012 |
| **RA Decision Approved Modifications with System Impacts** | | | | | |
| **Title** | | **Sections Modified** | | **Effective Date** | |
| Mod\_12\_13 Amendment to Special Units Pumped Storage definition to include Energy Storage | | T&SC Section 2; T&SC Section 4; T&SC Section 5; T&SC Appendix H; T&SC Appendix I; T&SC Appendix M; T&SC Appendix N; T&SC Appendix O; T&SC Glossary | | 12 November 2015 | |
| **RA Decision Approved Modifications without System Impacts** | | | | | |
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| **AP Notifications** | | | | | |
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| **Withdrawal Notifications** | | | | | |
| **n/a** | **n/a** | | | | **n/a** |
| **Modification Proposal Extensions** | | | | | |
| Mod\_04\_15 Modification to Relevant Meter Operator Role and support requirements for Meter Communication Channels | | **Request sent 2 Dec 2014** | | **6 month extension requested** | |
| * **Mods Submission Deadline – 28th January 2016** * **Meeting 66 – 11th February 2016, proposed Conference Call – to be confirmed** | | | | | |