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FOI 1/22	Journalist	5 th January 2022 Requesting written and electronic communication between the CRU and the DECC regarding large-energy users, including data centres, from 1 July 2021 to present and supplementary emails or memos within the CRU relating to that communication.	3.2.2022	Part-granted
FOI 4/22	Business	20 th January 2022 Requesting data about payments made by the CRU to external suppliers for purchases of goods and services between 2020-01-01 and 2020-12-31. Requesting is a compiled list, ideally in Microsoft Excel format, of the organisation's external suppliers which contains as many of the following variables as possible: 1) The name of the supplier, 2) The supplier's VAT identification number, 3) The supplier's VAT identification number, 4) The total amount paid to the supplier during the year 2020 for purchases of goods and services. The amounts can either be including or excluding VAT. This request only regards suppliers to whom the organisation has paid €5,000 or more during 2020.	2.3.2022	Refused
FOI 6/22	Business	17 th February 2022 Requesting access to all records, containing the information, which relate to the designation of Mulreavy Wind Farm (GU 401930) as "Outturn Unavailable" for settlement purposes under the Code, from 23:00 on 7 December 2021, and specifically (but not limited to):		Withdrawn

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FOI 6/22 continued	Business	1) All correspondence (to include letters, emails, attendance notes of phone calls and meetings (whether held remotely or in-person), and any other documents capturing any such correspondence) between all or any of the CRU, Eirgrid and SEM-O in respect of 1a) the outage of Mulreavy which commenced on or about 31 October 2021, and/or 1b) the designation of Mulreavy as "Outtage Unavailable" for settlement purposes under the Code, by reason of or related to such outage, from 23:00 on 7 December 2021, and 2) All notes of deliberations between all or any of the CRU, Eirgrid and SEM-O in respect of such designation, including any information relating to how the designation decision was made.		Withdrawn
FOI 7/22	Journalist	1 st March 2022 Seeking the following: 1) a copy of the business case, cost benefit analysis, approval or sanction document associated with CRU research into switching by energy customers. 2) a record of how much was spent by CRU on the research.	29.3.2022	Granted
FOI 8/22	Journalist	31 st March 2022 1) copies of any reports, memos, submissions, briefings or other such high-level documents prepared for the Commission Chair with regard to recent price increases announced by Bord Gais and Electric Ireland. 2) copies of any papers or other records prepared for use at Commission meetings relating to the above (request to be limited to records prepared 1 January 2022 to date of request).	27.4.2022	Refused

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FOI 9/22	Business	12 th April 2022 Re: Capacity Market Contracts Awarded to ESB – Corduff, Poolbeg and Ringsend. Requesting any correspondence and/or documents of 1) containing or related to ESB representations to the Regulatory Authorities’ (RAs) for the First Extension and the Second Extension; 2) provided by ESB to SEMO and/or RAs leading up to, or concerning, the Terminations; 3) containing or related to SEMO’s representations to the RAs for the First Extension and the Second Extension; 4) relating to or concerning the RAs deliberations and decisions taken in connection with or leading up to the Terminations; 5) concerning or related to prequalification process for the T-3 2024 – 2025 auction; and 6) ESB’s prequalification applications for the T-4 2002 – 2023 auction and T-3 2024 – 2025 auction.	30.6.2022	Refused
FOI 11/22	Business	5 th May 2022 Requesting information relating to large energy users including data centres seeking a derogation from the dual fuel obligation for supply of energy.		Withdrawn
FOI 13/22	Member of the public	19 th May 2022 Requesting information on the measures and/or decisions taken by the CRU in order to ensure that the licence to act as transmission asset owner has been transferred to ESB Networks limited or another legally separate entity in the ESB group which owns the transmission assets and employs all ESB staff involved in transmission related activities.	24.6.2022	Refused

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FOI 13/22 Continued	Member of the public	Such information will include correspondence with ESB and/or ESB Networks Limited. 2) A copy of the CER request to ESB and Eirgrid for formal submissions as referred to in paragraph 316 of the CER preliminary decision document. 3) A copy of the formal submissions received by the CRU from ESB and Eirgrid referred to in paragraph 316 of the CER preliminary decision document (“the formal submissions”). 4) A copy of the possible alterations considered by the CER on foot of the formal submissions and a copy of the final decision made by the CRU in relation to the formal submissions. 5) Information on the measures taken by the CRU in relation to formalising the arrangements referred to in paragraph 324 of the CER preliminary decision to include a copy of the formalised arrangements. 6) Information on the measures taken by the CRU to insert a further condition into the TAO licence as referred to in paragraph 327 of the CER preliminary decision, including a copy of the further condition, 7) A copy of the detailed plan submitted to the CRU by ESB as per paragraph 330 of the CER preliminary decision document and any decisions and/or recommendations made by the CRU in relation to same.	24.6.2022	Refused
FOI 14/22	Business	31 st May 2022 Requesting a copy of the CRU's most up to date risk register.	28.6.2022	Part-granted

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FOI 15/22	Business	<p>9th June 2022</p> <p>Requesting soft copies of all records held by/under the control of the CRU, including SEM Committee or any of its service providers from 1 January 2020 to date, evidencing recording or relating to the implementation of Article 13 of the Regulation, including the Decision Paper on Dispatch, Redispatch and Compensation pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/943 dated 22nd March 2022 (SEM-22-009) and the consultation papers that preceded the Decision Paper insofar as they relate to Article 13, and evidencing, recording or relating to: 1) the questions of whether the Regulation is directly effective in Member States and the discretion, if any, that the CRU had in relation to the implementation of the Regulation (and Article 13 in particular); 2) the consideration by the CRU of the requirements of Article 13 of the Regulation and the extent, if any that the CRU, had any discretion in relation to the implementation of Article 13; 3) the consideration to which the CRU had regard in making the decisions in the Decision Paper in relation to Article 13; 4) the consideration by the CRU of the impact that the Decision Paper and/or Article 13 of the Regulation might have on the single Electricity Market and/or third parties;</p>	25.7.2022	Refused

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FOI 15/22 Continued	Business	5) the outcome of the above considerations including any comments, analysis or observations made evidencing, recording or relating to Article 13 of the Regulation or the evaluation of submitted responses to the consultation papers; 6) the decision by CRU to give effect to Article 13 of the Regulation in the manner presented in the Decision Paper, and the basis for that decision to include, but no limited to, any draft versions of the Decision Paper, briefing papers, memorandums or notes that evidence the reasons and/or rationale for the particular “decisions” set out in the Decision Paper, and 7) all records shares between the CRU and Utility Regulator in Northern Ireland and/or the SEM Committee evidencing, recording or relating to 1 – 6 above.	25.7.2022	Refused
FOI 16/22	Oireachtas	13 th June 2022 Requesting a copy any applications for discounts of tariffs at entry points for LNG facilities (as mentioned on page 16 of the recent CRU Paper: Gas Transmission Tariff Methodology – Tariff Network Code Article 28 Decision Gas year 2022/23) that have been received by CRU in the past three years.		Withdrawn

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FOI 17/22	Business	<p>20th June 2022</p> <p>Requesting 1) In relation to all CCTV cameras that you have procured from 2017 until the present, please provide: the names of each company and the names of the products including the model numbers; the contracts with each company; the cost per unit and the total costs, and the duration of contracts and/or licenses.</p> <p>2) Please provide records that state the capability of the CCTV cameras (along with their storage and scanning, behaviour analysis, object detection or demographic detection (i.e. age, gender, clothing etc).</p> <p>3) For all CCTV cameras procured between 2019 and present, please also provide the documents and communication (such as letters and emails) involving the company that was awarded the contract. If the records in response to point 1 in this request contain product model/numbers, then point 2 can be removed.</p>		Withdrawn
FOI 18/22	Business	<p>20th July 2022</p> <p>Requesting 1) any records (including correspondence and/or documents) containing or related to ESB's representations to the Regulatory Authorities (RAs) (which term includes the CRU) for the First Extension and Second Extension; 2) any records (including correspondence and/or documents) provided by ESB to SEMO (and in the possession of the CRU) and/or the RAs (which term includes the CRU) leading up to, or concerning, the Terminations;</p>	17.8.2022	Refused

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FOI 18/22 continued	Business	3) any records (including correspondence and/or documents) containing, summarising, particularising or discussing SEMO's representations to the RAs (which term includes the CRU) for the First Extension and the Second Extension; 4) any (including correspondence and/or documents) containing, summarising, particularising or discussing the RA's (which term includes the CRU) deliberations and decisions taken in connection with or leading up to the Terminations; 5) any (including correspondence and/or documents) containing, summarising, particularising or discussing the prequalification's process for the T-3 2024 - 2025 auction, specifically, records of meetings, option or decision papers concerning the criteria for prequalification for the T-3 2024 - 2025 auction; and 6) ESB's prequalification applications for the T-4 2022 - 2023 auction and the T-3 2024 - 2025 auction.	17.8.2022	Refused
FOI 19/22A	Journalist	28 th July 2022 Requesting: Reports prepared by the CRU for the government/DECC on the prospect of gas shortages due to the war in Ukraine between the dates of March 2022 and the current date (28/7).	25.8.2022	Refused

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FOI 19/22B	Journalist	28 th July 2022 Requesting: Reports prepared by the CRU for the government/DECC between the dates of March 2022 and the current date (28/7) on the power supply shortage facing the country.	25.8.2022	Refused
FOI 20/22	Journalist	2 nd August 2022 Requesting: Copies of all correspondence between the CRU and its parent department with regard to the following decision: https://www.rte.ie/news/business/2022/0729/1313005-electricity-bills-to-fall-slightly-as-pso-levy-reduces/	25.8.2022	Granted
FOI 21/22	Business	10 th August 2022 Regarding: The Decision paper on Dispatch, Redispatch and Compensation pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/943 dated 22 March 2022 (SEM-22-009) (the "Decision paper"). Requesting copies of all records held by/under the control of the CRU, including SEM Committee, or any of its service providers from 1 January 2020 to date, evidencing recording or referring to the following: 1) whether the Regulation is directly effective in Member States; 2) the discretion, if any, that the CRU had in relation to the implementation of the Regulation (and Article 13 in particular); and 3) the factors considered by the CRU when formulating the decisions in the Decision Paper in relation to Article 13(7) of the Regulation.	7.10.2022	Refused
FOI 22/22	Journalist	16 th August 2022 Requesting: 1) copies of all emails sent to the email oireachtas@cru.ie from TDs and Senators in the months June, July and August (so far) 2022. 2) copies of all correspondence sent in response to emails to oireachtas@cru.ie from TDs and Senators in the months June, July and August (so far) 2022.	12.9.2022	Part-granted
FOI 23/22	Journalist	19 th August 2022 Requesting: 1) All emails and letters exchanged between the DECC and the CRU regarding CRU's proposals to charge large electricity users' additional tariffs at peak periods. 2) All the emails and letters exchanged between the CRU and DECC regarding the Government's Statement on the role of Data Centres in Ireland Enterprise Strategy (published July 2022). Both FOI requests to cover the period from 1 st January 2022 to 19 th August 2022.	19.9.2022	Refused

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FOI 24/22	Journalist	29 th August 2022 Requesting: 1) Correspondence with the following bodies regarding the issue of energy costs for business: Department of Enterprise, Ibec, ISME, Small Firms Association, American Chamber of Commerce, IDA Ireland, Eirgrid 2) During 2022.	6.10.2022	Refused
FOI 26/22	Member of the public	13 th September 2022 Requesting: How many household customers per year change their electricity supplier, gas supplier for 2017,2018,2019,2020,2021?		Withdrawn
FOI 27/22	Journalist	13 th September 2022 Requesting: records of all payments made by the Department to companies in respect of wind farms in Donegal in the past five years. Requesting 1) the name of each company, 2) The location of the wind development, 3) how much they were paid on each occasion and 4) the date each payment was made.	27.9.2022	Refused
FOI 28/22	Journalist	19 th September 2022 Requesting: 1) All emails and letters exchanged between the DECC and CRU regarding CRU's proposals to charge large electricity users' additional tariffs at peak periods. 2) All the emails and letters exchanged between the CRU and DECC regarding the Government's Statement on the role of Data Centres in Ireland Enterprise Strategy (published July 2022). Both FOI requests to cover the period from January 1 2022 to September 19th 2022.	14.10.2022	Part-granted

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FOI 29/22	Journalist	20 th September 2022 Requesting: 1) Copies of any non-public briefing papers or reports related to assessments, inspections or audits of any electricity generation plants and/or units (thermal and renewables) by the Energy Safety Division since 1 January 2021; 2) Copies of any non-public reports, briefing papers, or assessments in relation to the overall functioning of the capacity market and/or specific capacity auctions since 1 January 2017.	24.11.2022	Part-granted
FOI 30/22	Member of the public	20 th September 2022 Requesting: Any information available through Minutes, Notes, Emails or other forms of communication concerning the following matter: The gas connections contracted by GNI which are related to “islanded” data centres that require a direct gas connection for on-sit power generation with limited or no connection to the electricity grid.	20.10.2022	Part-granted
FOI 31/22	Journalist	21 st September 2022 Requesting: 1) Copies of any progress reports, update reports, and/or briefing papers provided by ESB Group (or any other ESB entity) in relation to new capacity units proposed for Ringsend, Poolbeg and Corduff that were successful at the 2022/2023 T-4 Capacity auction in 2019; 2) Copies of any minutes of meetings with the ESB and/or Eirgrid in relation to any issues in delivery of ESB's new capacity units proposed for Ringsend, Poolbeg and Corduff that were successful at the 2022/2023 T-4 Capacity auction in 2019; 3) Copies of any internal briefing papers or assessments in relation to any issues in delivery of ESB's new capacity units proposed for Ringsend, Poolbeg and Corduff that were successful at the 2022/2023 T-4 Capacity auction in 2019.	30.11.2022	Part-granted

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FOI 32/22	Journalist	30 th September 2022 Requesting: 1) Copies of any bi-annual or annual report to the Minister as may be required under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies to cover the period 2018-present; and 2) Any internal non-technical reports, briefings, or analyses written between 2014 and 2018 in relation to data centre energy/electricity usage/requirements and (potential) impact on the country's energy/electricity demand and/or grid infrastructure.	17.11.2022	Part-granted
FOI 33/22	Journalist	3 rd October 2022 Requesting: Copies of all complaints emailed by members of the public to the Commission for the month of September 2022 specifically on the rising costs of their energy bills.	8.11.2022	Refused
FOI 34/22	Journalist	3 rd October 2022 Requesting: copies of any correspondence between the CRU and energy companies with regard to the introduction of a moratorium on disconnections for end 2022/start 2023, and copies of any correspondence between the CRU and DECC with regard to the above.	18.11.2022	Part-granted
FOI 35/22	Journalist	3 rd October 2022 Requesting the re-release of records released with the following FOI requests: 1. FOI 22/21; 2. FOI 23/21; 3. FOI 1/22; 4. FOI 18/22	5.10.2022	Granted

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FOI 36/22	Member of the Oireachtas	6 th October 2022 Requesting: 1) Any correspondence with or from electricity and gas utilities in relation to the enhanced consumer protection measures that were announced in August in relation to prepaid meters. 2) Correspondence with or from electricity and gas utilities in relation to measures for customers with prepaid meters since the announcement of the enhanced protection measures on 25 August. 3) Correspondence with or from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications in relation to enhanced consumer protection measures for people with prepaid meters in relation to the decision to the announcement on 25 August and since. 4) Minutes and agendas of any meetings, internal to the CRU or with others such as government departments and utility companies, that discussed the enhanced consumer protection measures that were announced on 25 August and since.	16.11.2022	Part-granted
FOI 38/22	Journalist	7 th October 2022 Requesting: Minutes from, presentations delivered at, and/or non-technical briefings provided for any Gas & Electricity Emergency Planning Group meetings in the past 36 months specifically concerning issues that may impact electricity supply (security of supply, transmission, generation capacity, etc).	24.11.2022	Part-granted
FOI 39/22	Journalist	10 th October 2022 Requesting: Copies of minutes of all Security of Supply (SoS) meetings between Eirgrid and the CRU; Copies of any letters from Eirgrid to CRU as per security of supply obligations set out in Reg 28(10) of SI 60/2005, and any additional follow-up correspondence between the two authorities and/or separately with DECC (formerly DCCAE), including to Ministerial level.	8.11.2022	Refused

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FOI 40/22	Journalist	<p>10th October 2022</p> <p>Requesting: 1) For the following meetings: A) Minister Ryan briefing on Security of Supply 24.11.21 (Commissioners listed in Commission minutes 915 as representatives), B) Microsoft Datacentre meeting 20.8.21 (Karen Trant listed in Commission minutes 902 as representative), C) Microsoft meeting re: data centres 14.06.21 (Jim Gannon, John Melvin and Karen Trant listed in Commission minutes 893 as representatives), D) IDA Meeting re data centres circa May 2021 (Jim Gannon and Karen Trant listed in Commission minutes 890 as representatives), E) Briefing to Minister Ryan on Security of Supply 01.04.21 (Commissioners, John Melvin and Karen Trant listed in Commission minutes 880 as representatives), F) Amazon Meeting 21/01/2021 (Jim Gannon and John Melvin listed in Commission minutes 874 as representatives),G) Meeting with Facebook 4.11.20 (Karen Trant listed in Commission minutes 860 as representative), H) Meeting with EirGrid re data centre connection policy 21.10.20 (Karen Trant and John Melvin listed in Commission minutes 858 as representative).</p> <p>2) Also seeking the following records: meeting minutes; briefing papers; presentations; correspondence, including attachments, resulting directly from the meeting (such as a letter of reply, substantive discussion between staff in relation to issues raised at the meeting and/or where an analysis, briefing or assessment carried out following the initial meeting is included in the correspondence) but excluding correspondence in relation to the setting up or organising of physical or virtual meetings.</p>	11.11.2022	Granted

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FOI 41/22	Journalist	20 th October 2022 Requesting any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records in relation to a meeting held between CRU Director Philip Hemmingway and New Fortress Energy on 14th of June 22.	23.11.2022	Part-granted
FOI 42/22	Journalist	20 th October 2022 Requesting any emails, notes, memos, briefings and/or records in relation to a meeting held between Iberdrola and CRU Director Karen Trant on 31st May, 2022.	25.11.2022	Part-granted
FOI 43/22	Journalist	21 st October 2022 Requesting records (specifically meeting minutes, briefing papers for meeting attendees and/or specific records directly mentioned in the meeting minutes not already publicly available) related to the following meetings as outlined in CRU minutes: A) Meeting with Cloud Infrastructure Ireland (as stated in Commission Meeting 919); B) Meeting with Ernst and Young on CRM Review circa February 2022 (as stated in Commission Meeting 923), C) Meeting with the Minister (unnamed but presumed to be Minister Eamon Ryan) on energy security circa 28 April 2022 (as stated in Commission Meeting 936); D) Meeting with Amazon circa 4 May 2022 (as stated in Commission Meeting 936); E) Meeting with the EPA and DECC circa 20 June 2022 (as stated in Commission Meeting 945); F) Meeting with the IDA circa 21 June 2022 (as stated in Commission Meeting 945).	18.11.2022	Part-granted
FOI 44/22	Journalist	24 th October 2022 Requesting the following records: A copy of the Business Case for Consultancy Support for Sos [presumed to be Security of Supply] Programme mentioned in Commission Meeting 934.	21.11.2022	Part-granted

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FOI 45/22	Journalist	24 th October 2022 Requesting the following records: A copy of the Investigation Report on ESB submission of incorrect Commercial Offer Data to the market as mentioned in Commission Meeting 941.		Withdrawn
FOI 46/22	Journalist	1 st November 2022 Requesting a database/spreadsheet/record of all complaints received by CRU in the most recent twelve-month period. This record can be anonymised to remove names/addresses while leaving information relating to the nature of the complaint, its date, its status etc.		Withdrawn
FOI 47/22	Business	10 th November 2022 Requesting copies of 1) any communication between 1.1.2021 to 10.11.22 relating or referring to the STEP Project, SLNG, NFE or LNG developments in general (but excluding any communications solely referring to other LNG projects) between the CRU and the following bodies: The DECC including Dept. officials, the Dept. Minister and advisors to the Minister; GNI; Eirgrid; any other regulatory body or state agency; any non-govt organisation; any other dept. of Govt including any subsidiary units, committees, working groups or agencies. This includes emails, letters, notes and minutes of meetings. 2) Any documents, created between 1.1.21 to 10.11.22, held by or on behalf of the CRU relating or referring to the STEP Project, SLNG, NFE or LNG developments in general (but excluding any documents specifically created for other LNG projects) which do not already fall within 1 above.		Withdrawn

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FOI 49/22	Member of the public	18 th November 2022 Requesting records of length of time the wind turbines in Galway Wind Park in Connemara were required to switch off and cease generating electricity because of a surplus in the national grid, as well as records of any compensation paid by the state as a result of the requirement to switch off the wind turbines dating from January 2022 to the present.		Withdrawn
FOI 50/22	Member of the public	18 th November 2022 Requesting the letter that the "Commission for Energy Regulation wrote to utility providers about the impact of top up charges on customers, particularly those who received pay as you go meters due to financial hardship". The letter was sent between April 2014 and September 2014 according to the Times article to utility providers in Ireland.	13.12.2022	Refused
FOI 51/22	Member of the public	29 th November 2022 Requesting: 1) Number of MFDs (Multi-functional devices) & photocopiers at CRU; 2) Name of incumbent; 3) Start/end date of contract (if expired, when does the CRU expect to revisit the marketplace); 4) Details of any extension options; 5) What framework / Route to market used; 6) Does the CRU share this contract/use the same arrangement with another organisation. If yes, please name who; 7) Number of regular/desktop printers (in addition to above); 8) Is there a support contract on above, if yes please state start/end date; 9) Does the CRU have a Print Room; 10) If yes, name of supplier, number of devices and start/end date of contract, also details of any extension options; 11) Total annual print/copy volumes including, if applicable CRU's Print Room, for (a) mono (b) colour; 12) What Print software does the CRU run; 13) The CRU's total annual spend on print; 14) Name of person responsible for the running of MFDs and, if applicable, your Print Room.		Withdrawn