

SEM Committee Communication

29 March 2012

On 21 December 2011 the SEM Committee (SEMC) made the decision 'Treatment of Price Taking Generation in Tie Breaks in Dispatch in the Single Electricity Market and Associated Issue' (SEM-11-105) ("the Decision Paper").

In section 3.5 of the Decision Paper on 'Curtailement', the SEMC decided to treat curtailment issues in a tie-break situation on a firm access quantity basis, i.e. applying a grand-fathering approach to curtailment issues.

Since the publication of the Decision Paper, the SEMC received a number of submissions in relation to section 3.5 of the Decision Paper.¹ On 23 February the SEMC met with representatives of IWEA, NIRIG, Meitheal Na Gaoithe and NOW Ireland at the SEMC meeting who presented their views and opinions in relation to Section 3.5 on the treatment of curtailment issues in a tie-breaks situation.

At an Extra Ordinary SEMC Meeting held on 5 March 2012 the SEMC determined that further consultation was necessary to provide an additional opportunity for the public to comment on the merits of the options for the treatment of curtailment issues in a tie-break situation. The SEMC decided that its decision to treat curtailment issues in a tie-break situation on a firm access quantity basis (as set out in Section 3.5 of the Decision) is to be withdrawn.

Please note the following:

- The withdrawal of Section 3.5 of the Decision Paper takes effect as of the date of publication of this communication, being 29 March 2012.
- The SEMC will issue a consultation document in relation to the treatment of curtailment issues in a tie-break situation inviting responses from industry and the public. The SEMC will be seeking evidence and views of all stakeholders on this matter. The process will be set out in the consultation document.
- For the avoidance of doubt, all other parts of the Decision Paper (i.e. Section 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.6) remain as final decisions of the SEMC with full force & effect as and from 21 December 2011.

¹ These submissions were received by the SEM Committee outside of any formal consultative process.