



SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 97

Location: Utility Regulator Offices, Belfast

Date: Thursday, 25 September 2015

Time: 10.30am – 16.00pm

Attendees: Jenny Pyper (JP) (Utility Regulator) (UR) (SEMC Chair), Bill Emery (BE) (UR), Garrett Blaney (GB) (CER), Paul McGowan (PMcG) (CER), Aoife MacEivilly (AMacE) (CER), Odd Håkon Hoelsæter (OHH) (Independent Member), Professor David Newbery (DN) (Deputy Independent Member)

In attendance:

For all Items: Jo Aston (JA) (UR), Laura Brien (LB) (CER), Eamonn Murtagh (EM) (CER), Alan Rainey, (AR) Economic Adviser to UR.

For Item 3: Andrew Ebrill (AE) (CER), Jean Pierre Miura (JPM) (UR), James Curtin (JC) (CER), Gonzalo Saenz (GS) (CER),

For Item 4, 7 & 8: Philip Newsome (PN) (CER), Elaine Gallagher (EG) (CER)

For Item 5: Paul Bell (PB) (UR), Brian Mulhern (BM) (UR)

For Item 6: Colin Broomfield (CBr) (UR), Philip Newsome, (PN) (CER), Alistair Greene (AG) (CSP), Andrew Chattrabhuti (AC) (CSP)

For Item 9: Jim McAllister, I-SEM Project Manager

For Item 10: Robert O'Rourke (ROR) (CER), Paul Bell (PB) (UR)

For Item 11b: Paul Bell (PB) (UR)

Minute Taker: Elaine Gallagher (SEMC Secretariat)

1. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved and adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 96 on 27 August 2015

The minutes of meeting 96 on 27 August 2015 were approved subject to minor amendments.

Decision Items

3. Market Power Consultation Paper

LB provided background to a set of slides summarising issues arising in the Draft Market Power Consultation Paper which was circulated to SEMC. The project team sought SEMC guidance on proposed market power mitigations strategy and associated mitigation measures for I-SEM taking into account policy issues and proposals raised in the consultation paper. AE provided detail on issues covered in consultation paper including: relevant geographic market(s) & trading period(s),

PN provided an update on the NEMO Designation decision which will be submitted for approval to the CER Commission and to the Board of the Utility Regulator and which will subsequently be published on 30 September. Although the RAs have collaborated on the NEMO Designation process, this is not a SEM matter.

8. Update on TSO Assignment of Responsibilities under Article 1(3) of CACM

PN also provided an update on assignments of TSO roles and responsibilities under Article 1(3) of CACM, which was noted by the Committee. This is not a SEM matter.

9. I-SEM Project Update

JMcA provided an I-SEM project update, informing the Committee that milestones are currently being met notwithstanding significant challenges. The Committee expressed the view that it was eager for the project managers group to commence meeting.

10. DS3 Project Update

The project team provided an update on DS3 to include a summary of the Competition Metrics Consultation which was noted by SEMC.

11. Updates:

Communications Update:

JP provided a brief update on the SEMC communications hymnsheet and developments with respect to the AIP website. A longer update will be provided at SEMC 98 in October 2015.

CER Update:

GB updated the Committee on PR4 indicating that consultations were ongoing. AMacE noted that on the recent visit of European Commission Vice President, Maros Sefcovic to Ireland, Sefcoviv highlighted the importance of the North-South Interconnector in a speech on infrastructure and energy union.

UR Update:

JP provided an update on the UR Board appointee selection process.

Independent Member Update:

DN made reference to a number of presentations in the markets outlook section of the Northern Ireland Energy Forum.

12. Review of actions from meeting 96 of 27 September 2015

Actions were updated.

13. SEM Correspondence

No items of correspondence were discussed.

14. AOB

No additional items were discussed.

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Jenny Pyper, Chief Executive Officer, Utility Regulator, SEMC Chair

Date of Next Meeting:

SEM Committee 98, Thursday, 29 October 2015, CER Offices, Dublin