

SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 105

Location: CER Offices, Dublin Date: Thursday, 26 May 2016
Time: 8.30am – 3.30pm

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

In attendance:

For all Items: Jo Aston (JA) (UR), Brian McHugh (BMcH) (UR), Alan Rainey, (AR) Economic Adviser to UR, and Laura Brien (LB) (CER);

For Item 3: Elaine Gallagher (CER) (SEMC Secretariat)

For Item 4: Colin Broomfield (CBr) (UR), Natalie Dowey (ND) (UR); and Alistair Greene (AG), ESP Consulting:

For Item 5: Jean Pierre Miura (JPM) (UR), Joe Craig (JCr) (UR), James Curtin (JCn) (CER); René Beune (E-Bridge), Rob Barnett (ECA);

For Item 6: Robert O'Rourke (ROR) (CER), Paul Bell (PB) (UR), Mo Cloonan (MC) (CER), and Andrew McCorriston (AMcC) (UR);

For item 7: Gordon Downey (GD) (S&W), Elaine Cassidy (EC) (UR), Róisín McLoughlin (RMcL) (UR);

Minute Taker: Elaine Gallagher (SEMC Secretariat)

Preliminaries:

Declarations of Interest:

The chair invited members to make declarations of interest. No declarations were made.

1. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved subject to minor amendments.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from meeting 104 on 28 April 2016

Minutes approved subject to minor editorial amendments. Matters arising from the minutes were discussed.

Decision Items:

3. Schemes of Delegation

Amendments approved in principle. Revised drafts of Schemes of Delegation to be circulated by Secretariat in advance of SEM Committee meeting 105 on 30 June.

4. Emerging Thinking on CRM Auction Design

AG led a presentation on the emerging thinking on the CRM auction design and a detailed discussion ensued. The SEM Committee will discuss the need for strong all-island locational GTUoS signals at the T-4 auctions, at SEMC 106 in June. It was also noted that further engagement with the TSOs with respect to CRM auction delivery would be of benefit.

5. I-SEM Forwards and Liquidity Within Zone Consultation paper

The I-SEM Forwards and Liquidity within zone Consultation Paper was approved for publication subject to editorial amendments and final sign-off by I-SEM Project Board.

6. DS3 Project Update

ROR provided a brief synopsis of developments on RoCoF and the wider DS3 programme. The project team agreed that a paper considering DS3 Interim Arrangements be presented at SEMC in the context of security of supply.

With respect to volume requirements and to local constraints, the SEM Committee considered that a more detailed discussion should take place on this issue in the light of an interim stock-take with regard to I-SEM.

7. Presentation on REMIT Enforcement and Market Power

SEMC legal advisers discussed and provided legal advice to SEM Committee with respect to proposed further cooperation and engagement by the CER and by the Utility Regulator with each other in the context of REMIT. A Memorandum of Understanding is to be prepared by Shepherd & Wedderburn for discussion by the RAs. It was noted by the Committee that the working arrangements around any proposed Memorandum of Understanding should be considered at I-SEM Project Board in tandem with a discussion on the proposed content of the MoU.

8. I-SEM Project Update

A summary report was briefly discussed by the Committee. A stock-take will feature as part of SEMC 106 on 30 June 2016 which will consider the achievement of key milestones in the I-SEM and DS3 projects, as well as reflecting on developments to date.

Standing Items

9. Updates

The SEM Committee acknowledged the significant contribution of Clive Bowers to the work of the Commission for Energy Regulation and more recently to the work of the SEM RAs in the development of the I-SEM project. The Committee wished Clive every success in his new role.

The Committee also acknowledged the contribution of Jim McAllister, I-SEM Project Manager to the work of the RAs over the last year. The Committee wished Jim success in his new endeavours.

GB noted the appointment of Denis Naughten as Minister for Communications, Climate Change and Natural Resources in Ireland. GB also drew the Committee's attention to the focus on renewables in the new Programme for Government in Ireland and highlighted engagement with the European Commission on the winter package.

JP provided an update on recent ministerial appointments in Northern Ireland including the appointment of Simon Hamilton as Economy Minister and the appointment of Chris Hazzard as Minister at the Department of Infrastructure.

JP also provided an update on the establishment and development of a number of Memoranda of Understanding, firstly between the Utility Regulator and the Competition and Markets Authority and secondly between the Utility Regulator and the Trading Standards Board, to maximise consumer protection by the Utility Regulator.

10. Review of actions from meeting 104 on 28 April

Actions were updated.

11. SEM Correspondence

No new representations were discussed.

12. AOB

Signed:

Aoife MacEvilly, Commissioner, CER, SEMC Chair

Date of Next Meeting: SEM Committee 106, Thursday, 30 June 2016, CER Offices, Dublin