

SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 108

Location: CER Offices, Dublin
Date: Thursday, 25 August 2016
Time: 10.30am – 4.30pm

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), Laura Brien (CER), Brian McHugh (BMcH) (UR), John Melvin (JM) (CER) Alan Rainey, (AR) Economic Adviser to UR, and Elaine Gallagher (SEMC Secretariat)

For Item 3: Paul Bell (PB) (UR)

For item 4: Brian Mulhern (BM) (UR), David Egan (DE) (CER)

For item 5: Colin Broomfield (CBr) (UR), Philip Newsome (PN) (CER),

For Item 6: Rob Barnett (ECA Consulting), Jean Pierre Miura (JPM) (UR), Gonzalo Saenz (GS) (CER)

For Item 7: Kevin Hagan (KH) (CER)

For Item 8: Stuart Coleman (SC) (CER), Elaine Gallagher (EG) (CER)

For item 9: Helen Mounsey-Baker (HMB) (I-SEM Project Manager, ESP Consulting)

Minutes: 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.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes from meeting 107 on 28 July 2016

A number of amendments were suggested to the version circulated. Proposed amendments were accepted and approved by SEMC.

3. SEMO Price Control 2016 – 2019 Decision Paper

PB highlighted key elements of the SEMO Price Control 2016 which were noted by SEM Committee. The consultation document circulated was approved for publication.

4. Bidding in I-SEM Balancing Market

BM provided an overview of Consultations and sought approval to consult on two options identified within the “Bidding in the I-SEM Balancing Market” Consultation Paper. The Committee delegated authority to I-SEM Project Board to finalise and sign off on this consultation paper.

5. CRM Locational Signals Consultation

The project team provided an overview of the options presented in the CRM Locational Signals Consultation Paper which was recently published. The consultation paper is to be circulated for information purposes to SEM Committee.

6. I-SEM Forwards and Liquidity Within Zone Update

The project team provided an overview of consultation responses. A further update on this issue will take place at SEMC 109 in September, followed by a Decision later in 2016.

7. Information Paper on I-SEM Supplier Chargers (De Minimis Generation)

AMacE informed the SEM Committee of the level of correspondence on this issue. KH outlined the proposed changes impacting on de minimis generation and concerns raised by industry. The SEM Committee concluded that it was appropriate to hold a SEM Committee consultation on this matter to consider the matter fully.

8. NEMO Regulation

SC briefed SEM Committee on NEMO Regulation information Paper, the contents of which were discussed by the Committee.

9. Project Updates

DS3

ROR provided an update on the DS3 project delivery as well as on systems services more generally.

I-SEM

HMB provided an update on I-SEM delivery including progress made and upcoming milestones. A high-level update was also provided on the I-SEM stock-take process. A more detailed discussion will follow at SEMC 109.

10. SEM Committee Updates

GB noted that GB and JP met with Dermot Nolan, Chief Executive of Ofgem to discuss working future working arrangements in the light of Brexit.

JP proposed that the SEM Committee meet with Northern Ireland Economy Minister, Simon Hamilton in the near future. AMacE proposed that an invitation might also be extended to the SEM Committee and the Irish Minister for the Department of Climate Action and the Environment, Denis Naughten. Both of these propositions were endorsed by SEM Committee.

In terms of SEMC Communications, the Committee considered that a consistent approach might be adopted between the RAs in terms of noting stakeholder engagement on the Communications update.

11. Review of Actions from meeting 107 on 28 July 2016

Actions were reviewed and updated.

12. SEM Correspondence

Concerns raised in representations to SEM Committee are being addressed through Project Managers Group.

12. AOB

None

Signed: 

Aoife MacEvilly, Commissioner, CER, SEMC Chair

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 29 September 2016, UR Premises, Belfast