

## SEM Committee Meeting

### Minutes Meeting No. 116

**Location:** UR Belfast, Belfast

**Date:** Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Time:** 10.30am – 2.45pm

#### Member attendees:

Utility Regulator (UR): Bill Emery (SEMC Chair), Jenny Pyper, Jon Carlton

Commission for Energy Regulation (CER): Garrett Blaney, Aoife MacEvilly, Paul McGowan

Independent members: Odd Håkon Hoelsæter and Professor David Newbery (Deputy)

#### In attendance:

For all Items: Jo Aston (UR), Alan Rainey (Economic Adviser to UR), Brian McHugh (UR) and Keith Holmes (secretariat)

For Item 3: Helen Mounsey (ESP Consulting)

For Item 4: Rodney Doyle (EirGrid), David Stephens (SONI) and Helen Mounsey

For Items 5 and 6: Paul Bell (UR)

For Item 7c: Greg Irwin (UR)

**Apologies:** John Melvin (CER), Laura Brien (CER) and Robert O'Rourke (CER)

**Minutes:** Keith Holmes (secretariat)

**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 115 on 30 March 2017

A number of editorial amendments were proposed and accepted by the committee.

#### 3. I-SEM/DS3 project updates

Helen Mounsey provided a progress update to the committee with regards to the DS3 and I-SEM projects. Key points highlighted to the committee were:

##### DS3

- Overall good progress noted with project milestones on track.
- Positive movement noted with regards to the system services interim and regulated arrangements overall RAG status.
- The ROCOF work stream progressing well.

- An update on project resourcing.

#### I-SEM

- Four papers were issued in April 2017. Project team effort noted.
- Outlook and milestones for the next month were discussed.
- An update was provided with regards to the I-SEM testing stage.

This was followed by a detailed discussion with regards to the progress of each I-SEM work stream, including an update on the key challenges, risks and issues.

The committee noted and thanked all project team members for the great progress made in April.

#### **4. TSO I-SEM progress update**

A verbal update was provided by Rodney Doyle and David Stephens with regards to progress on the I-SEM project. Areas noted and discussed with the committee were:

- Progress summary - position.
- Key project risks and issues.
- Resourcing challenges.
- Vendor performance.
- Market coupling progress update.
- External influences and dependencies on the I-SEM project.
- Market participant and operational readiness.
- Previous market go-live experiences and lessons learned.

The committee endorsed the good project progress achieved to date by the TSO.

#### **5. Q1 2017 RA MMU public report**

The Q1 2017 RA MMU public report was presented to the committee. Paul Bell provided a summary of the key messages, this was followed by a discussion. Feedback was provided with regards to the content of the report.

#### **6. Moyle interconnector high voltage fault update**

An update was presented to the committee by Paul Bell. The committee then discussed the timings for Moyle interconnector representatives to present a more detailed update to the committee.

#### **7. Updates**

##### **A – SEM operational work streams – detailed work plans 2017**

The paper was not presented to the committee.

##### **B – SEMC rules and procedures**

Jo Aston presented a summary of the changes made to the SEMC rules and procedures document. Some editorial changes to the cover sheet were suggested by the committee.

The committee approved the SEMC rules and procedures document.

### **C – SEMC communications strategy update including I-SEM and DS3 hymn sheets**

Greg Irwin and Barbara Stevenson presented an update to the committee. This was followed by a discussion. Items discussed were:

- Scope of the I-SEM communications plan.
- Timings for the next senior stake-holder event.

Some editorial changes were also suggested with regards to the SEMC communications strategy update paper.

### **D – CER/NIAUR/Independent members**

#### CER

- New logo and website under development. The launch is scheduled for Q2 2017.

#### UR

- SONI PC referral to CMA.

#### Independent Members

- Odd Håkon Hoelsæter – no further updates.
- Professor David Newbery – no further updates.

### **8. Review of actions from meeting 115 on 30 March 2017**

Actions were updated.

### **9. SEM correspondence**

Three letters received in respect of another market participant requesting a high-level meeting with the committee were discussed. Correspondence noted by the committee.

### **10. AOB**

No further items discussed.

Signed:   
Bill Emery, SEMC Chair

