

Extraordinary SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 128

Location: Clayton Hotel, Dublin Airport

Date: Thursday, 12 April 2018

Time: 15.30 – 17.00

Member attendees:

Utility Regulator (UR): Bill Emery (SEM Committee Chair), Jenny Pyper, Jon Carlton
Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Paul McGowan, Garrett Blaney, Aoife MacEvilly

Independent members: Odd Håkon Hoelsæter (by video conference), Professor David Newbery (Deputy)

In attendance:

For all Items: Jo Aston (UR), Alan Rainey (Economic Adviser to UR), Laura Brien (CRU), John Melvin (CRU), Kevin Hagan (CRU), Helen Mounsey (ESP Consulting), Ken Murray (Coisrig), Robin McCormick (SONI), Rodney Doyle (EIRGRID), Aidan Skelly (EIRGRID)

Apologies: none

Minutes: Barbara Stevenson (SEMC Secretariat)

Declarations of interest: No declarations were made.

1. Approval and adoption of the agenda

The single item agenda was approved and adopted.

2. ISEM market readiness including go-live decision

a. RA and TSO update

The project team and TSOs updated the Committee on progress to ISEM go-live and confirmed the 23 May go-live date was no longer feasible due to ongoing issues with the central IT systems.

Rodney Doyle provided an update on IT system defects and feedback from the software provider. He confirmed that some central systems had not yet been delivered and as such a revised go-live date was required.

Feedback to the TSOs from market participants was reflected. This included the need for a clean period of testing after all defects had been fixed, preference for the first of the month and end of quarter start date.



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An update on the availability of EPEX was discussed.

The Committee pressed the TSOs on the ability of the software provider to correct the defects and sought assurance that the systems would be delivered to the revised timetable. The TSOs highlighted their commitment to ensuring systems delivery by 30 May which would allow for the necessary market trialling and cutover period for a 1 October go-live date.

Further options for a new go-live date were discussed. The implications of any revision to the go-live timetable on all market participants were considered as well as the impact on consumers. Ongoing discussions with the Departments were reflected.

The Committee discussed the project change control process and the need for any revision of the go-live date to be consulted on through this mechanism.

b. EAI feedback

The Committee noted the presentation from Electricity Association Ireland (EAI) given at the project board meeting on 10 April. Correspondence from EAI was also noted.

Ken Murray updated the Committee on the feedback from EAI at the recent project board noting market participant comments including need for two month clean market trial, cutover period, contingency period, holiday considerations and communications.


The Committee discussed the feedback in conjunction with market participant correspondence including preference for 1 October go-live date.

c. Go-live decision

The Committee confirmed their approval of the revision of the ISEM go-live date to 1 October 2018 subject to the completion of the formal ISEM change control process.

3. AOB

None

Signed: 
Bill Emery, SEM Committee Chair