

SEM Committee Meeting
Minutes Meeting No. 129

Location: Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk

Date: Thursday, 26 April 2018

Time: 10.30 – 15.30

Member attendees:

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

Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Paul McGowan, Garrett Blaney, Aoife MacEvilly

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

In attendance:

For all Items: Jo Aston (UR), Alan Rainey (Economic Adviser to UR), John Melvin (CRU)

For items 1 – 6: Laura Brien (CRU)

For item 3: Gordon Downie (Sheppard and Wedderburn)

For item 4: Colin Broomfield (UR), Lesley Robinson (UR)

For item 5: Colin Broomfield (UR), Lesley Robinson (UR), Karen Shiels (UR), Andrew Chattrabhuti (ESP Consulting)

For item 6: Helen Mounsey (ESP consulting)

For item 8: Michael Manley (DCCAE), Chris Stewart (DfE)

For item 9: John Mills (UR), Andrew McCorrison (UR), Paddy Hayes (ESB), Tom Brown (ESB)

Apologies: Robert O'Rourke (CRU)

Minutes: Barbara Stevenson (SEMC Secretariat)

Declarations of interest: No declarations were made.

1. Approval and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was approved and adopted.

2. Review and approval of minutes from meetings 127 on 29 March 2018 and 128 on 12 April 2018

The minutes from SEM Committee meetings 127 and 128 were approved subject to minor amendments.

3. Legal update

Laura Brien updated the Committee on the challenge before the Appeal Panel including position following the substantive hearing. The Committee discussed next steps, risk management options and timetable.

4. Capacity Market Code

Lesley Robinson presented a paper seeking SEMC confirmation of the interpretation of the Capacity Market Code (CMC) in respect of the transfer of awarded capacity. The Committee discussed the interpretation and link to the absence of the secondary trading arrangements.

The Committee agreed with the interpretation of the Code as outlined in the paper.

5. T-4 consultation – key areas

Colin Broomfield presented an overview of the key issues to be consulted on as part of the upcoming T-4 consultation including transmission constraints, auction format, multi-year pay-as-bid ROs, capacity requirement, enduring ASP, demand curve shape and auction price caps.

The Committee further discussed the auction timetable, process, alignment with DS3, transmission charging and investment certainty. The Committee noted the importance of the TSO Generation Capacity Statement and loss load standard.

The Committee agreed the proposals in the paper noting that a draft copy of the consultation is to be circulated to SEMC for approval prior to publication.

6. ISEM/DS3 project updates

Helen Mounsey updated the Committee on ISEM project progress including:

- The milestone re-programme following the revised go-live date
- Central IT system defects
- Update on change control process and market participant feedback
- FTR auctions

An update on the DS3 project was also provided including:

- SNSP – 65% now operational policy
- Contracts for system services
- Market position ruleset

7. Updates

a. SEMC communications strategy update

Barbara Stevenson updated the Committee on recent communication activities. ISEM and DS3 materials to be updated.

b. CRU/Utility Regulator/Independent members

Paul McGowan updated the Committee on CRU review of Statement of Strategy 2019-2021 which will include stakeholder engagement.

Jenny Pyper provided an update on the development of the new five year UR Corporate Strategy and current gridcode derogation requests.

8. Update with Departments

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and the Department for the Economy joined the meeting and discussed progress on the ISEM project, Brexit, Clean Energy package and north-south interconnector.

9. RoCoF update

Andrew McCorriston updated the Committee on RoCoF compliance for both large and small scale generators.

Paddy Hayes and Tom Brown updated the Committee on the plans to ensure RoCoF compliance for all ESB generating plants including details of compliant plants, technical considerations and plans to ensure delivery. It was noted that all plants are to be compliant by end July 2018. The Committee discussed further grid code compliance and emphasised the importance of delivery by ESB GWM.

10. Review of actions from meeting 127 on 29 March 2018

The actions were noted.

11. SEM correspondence

No correspondence was tabled for discussion.

12. AOB

Jenny Pyper updated the Committee on progress to GDPR compliance by the UR. Steps to ensure SEM Committee compliance including training were discussed noting the necessary co-ordination of the RAs.



Signed: Bill Emery
Bill Emery, SEM Committee Chair