

SEM Committee Meeting
Minutes Meeting No. 130

Location: CRU offices, Dublin

Date: Thursday, 31st May 2018

Time: 10.30 – 14.30

Member attendees:

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

Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Paul McGowan, Aoife MacEivilly

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

In attendance:

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

For item 3: Laura Brien (CRU)

For item 4: Brian Mulhern (UR)

For item 5: Paul Bell (UR)

For item 6: Colin Broomfield (UR), Paul Bell (UR), Karen Shiels (UR), Robert O'Rourke (CRU)

For item 7: Barry Hussey (CRU), Mariela Atanasova (CRU)

For item 8: Helen Mounsey (ESP Consulting), Robert O'Rourke (CRU)

Apologies: Garrett Blaney (CRU), John Melvin (CRU)

Minutes: Maeve Kennedy

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 meeting 129 on 26 April 2018

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 129 were approved subject to minor amendments.

3. Legal Update

Laura Brien provided an update on the Appeal Panel. The Committee welcomed the work that had been done and the quality of the defence that was put together.

4. BMPCOP Contingency Options

Brian Mulhern presented a Memo outlining some of the options open to the SEM Committee should the Viridian appeal be upheld. The Committee discussed the options and requested that the team take legal advice to explore their feasibility.

5. NI Plant Dispatch

Paul Bell updated the Committee on the issue. The MMU will continue to monitor and report on the situation.

6. CRM T-1 Parameters and Initial Auction Pack

A presentation was provided by Karen Shiels detailing the CRM T-1 Auction for CY2019/20. Approval was given by the Committee to publish the Decision paper with the modifications as recommended by the CRM project team. The Committee decided that it would be useful to invite the TSO's to an upcoming SEM Committee meeting to understand the drivers of the 2018 Generation Capacity Statement.

7. Market Rules Team Update

Mariela Atanasova and Barry Hussey provided an update on I-SEM Trading and Settlement Code Modifications.

8. I-SEM/DS3 Project Update

Helen Mounsey updated the Committee on the ISEM project progress including:

- MRC Approval request
- Overall system performance
 - Clean Market Trial will begin on Tuesday 5th June
 - Certification – full end to end testing will commence on 1st June with a review on 15th June.
 - There are Transition Workshops planned for 12th June. Helen will provide an update to SEM Committee over the summer.
- Legal Challenge

DS3

Robert O'Rourke updated the Commission on the DS3 project including:

- SNSP – 65% now operational policy
- Phase 1 - Procurement for 11 services up and running
- Phase 2 – FFR due to go live on 1st September. Market Rules set decision is with PB for final approval, will publish in the coming days.

9. Updates

a. SEMC communications strategy update

No update provided

b. CRU/Utility Regulator/Independent members

Paul McGowan updated the Committee on SMT changes within the CRU and the IEA country review.

Jenny Pyper discussed the potential implications of the ARC 21 appeal decision for the North/South Interconnector planning decision.

The new UR Disputes and Enforcement policy will be published next week.

c. MMU Quarterly Report

Paul Bell provided an update on the report for Q1 2018.

10. Review of actions from meeting 129 on 26 April 2018

No actions discussed.

11. SEM correspondence

Relevant correspondence was considered.

12. AOB

A number of personnel changes were discussed noting any necessary changes to the Scheme of Delegation will follow. Colin Broomfield will replace Tony Doherty on Oversight Committee.

Mark Foley will replace Aidan Skelly as the Chief Executive of Eirgrid.

The Committee thanked Laura Brien for her significant contribution to the ISEM programme and work on the Appeal Panel and wish her well on her career break. It was noted John Melvin will replace Laura Brien until her return.

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Bill Emery, SEM Committee Chair