

SEM Committee Meeting
Minutes Meeting No. 131

Location: UR offices, Belfast

Date: Thursday, 28th June 2018

Time: 10.30 – 14.30

Member attendees:

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

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

In attendance:

For all Items: Jo Aston (UR), John Melvin (CRU), Alan Rainey (Economic Adviser to UR),
For item 3: Elaine Cassidy (UR)

For item 4: Colin Broomfield (UR), Karen Shiels (UR), TSOs – Rodney Doyle, Philip O'Donnell, Noelle Ameijenda, Sarah Freidel

For item 5: Paul Bell (UR), Kevin Lenaghan (UR)

For item 6: Helen Mounsey (ESP Consulting), John Mills (UR), Andrew McCorriston (UR)

Apologies: Bill Emery (UR),

Minutes: Barbara Stevenson (SEMC Secretariat)

Declarations of interest: No declarations were made.

1. Approval and adoption of the agenda

Following minor changes to the agenda timings, the agenda was approved and adopted.

2. Review and approval of minutes from meeting 130 on 31st May 2018

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 130 were reviewed. Amendments to the minutes are to be approved by correspondence.

3. Legal Update

Elaine Cassidy provided an update on the Appeal Panel noting the timelines and information relating to the publication of the Panel decision. Implications of the decision are to be considered fully by SEMC once the decision has been published.

4. T-4 Auction timetable and Generation Capacity Statement

Colin Broomfield and Karen Shiels presented a paper outlining the proposed timelines for the CRM T-4 CY2022/23 Capacity Auction Timetable. The Committee discussed the key dates and proposals as outlined in the paper and approved the timetable as presented.

Colin Broomfield updated the Committee on the ongoing development of the Generation Capacity Statement (GCS) 2018-2027 by the TSOs including detail of the current draft, variances and developments since the publication of the last GCS as well as an update on liaison with the TSOs.

The TSOs joined the meeting and provided an update on the figures and assumptions made in the draft GCS including key drivers for the changes in the demand forecasts. The Committee challenged the TSOs on the assumptions made, variances in and understanding of methodology, consistency, level of risk and direct relationship with the CRM. The Committee also reinforced the importance of delivering the statement as soon as possible following the further scrutiny which is required by the Regulatory Authorities.

5. Capacity Market Code modification consultation

Paul Bell and Kevin Lenaghan provided detail of the proposed consultation paper on Capacity Market Code modifications. The Committee considered the differences between the trading and settlement code change process and the CMC modification process as well as an overview of the proposals.

The Committee approved the consultation paper for publication.

6. ISEM DS3 project updates

Helen Mounsey updated the Committee on:

- Market Regional Coupling approval
- Financial transmission rights auction
- Appeal decision
- Market trial
- Certification

Andrew McCorrison and John Mills updated the Committee on progress in the DS3 programme including updates on:

- Procurement for fixed contracts
- Rate of change of frequency

7. Updates

a. SEMC communications strategy update

Barbara Stevenson updated the Committee on recent communication activity and ongoing engagement between the Regulatory Authorities.

b. CRU/Utility Regulator/Independent members

Paul McGowan and Jenny Pyper updated the Committee on security of supply and derogation requests. Odd Håkon Hoelsæter reflected on the recent Energy Ireland conference.

c. SEMC Governance

Barbara Stevenson noted an ongoing SEMC governance review with papers to be considered at the July meeting.

8. Review of actions from meeting 130 on 31st May 2018

No actions discussed.

9. SEM correspondence

Relevant correspondence was considered.

10. AOB

Garrett Blaney and Jenny Pyper updated the Committee on Brexit related matters undertaken by the Regulatory Authorities.

Signed: 
Bill Emery, SEM Committee Chair