

**SEM Committee Meeting
Minutes Meeting No. 145**

Location: Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk

Date: Thursday, 26th September

Time: 10.30 – 15.45

Member attendees:

Utility Regulator (UR): Bill Emery (SEM Committee Chair), Jon Carlton
Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Paul McGowan
Independent members: Odd Håkon Hoelsæter, Professor David Newbery (Deputy)

In attendance:

For all items: Colin Broomfield (UR), Alan Rainey (Economic Adviser to UR), John Melvin (CRU)

For item 3 and 4: Jean Pierre Miura (UR)

For item 4: Matt Collins (DCCAE), Noel Lavery (DfE)

For item 5: Brian Mulhern (UR)

For item 6: Tom Quinn (CRU), Oisín O’Sullivan (CRU)

For items 7 and 8: Robert O’Rourke (CRU), Dylan Ashe (CRU), Jody O’Boyle (UR), Natalie Dowey (UR), Aidan Short (Neueda)

For item 8: Liam Ryan (Eirgrid), Ian Connaughton (Eirgrid), Bill Thompson (Eirgrid), Sam Matthews (SONI)

Apologies: Aoife MacEvilly (CRU), Jenny Pyper (UR)

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 meeting 144 on 29th August 2019

The minutes from SEM Committee 144 were approved with one minor amendment.

3. Brexit and RA update

The RAs provided an update on preparations for Brexit in respect of the SEM including implications of a no-deal Brexit and feedback from market participants. The recently published statutory consultation on potential electricity and gas modifications by the UR was discussed.

4. Update with Departments

The Committee updated the Department for the Economy and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment on the operation of the SEM and readiness for Brexit.

5. MMU Update

Brian Mulhern presented the market monitoring update including an overview of prices, volume of wind and interconnector flows. The Committee further discussed activity in the day-ahead market and supplier activity.

6. Balancing market and capacity market options decision

Tom Quinn presented an overview of the balancing market and capacity market consultation and detail of consultation responses. Details of the proposed decision were outlined.

The Committee approved the decision paper as presented.

7. DS3 and Wholesale updates

Aidan Short updated the Committee on key workstream progress including CRM, balancing market, repricing and resettling.

The Committee delegated authority to the Oversight Committee to progress decisions in relation to the current repricing and resettling consultation.

Robert O'Rourke updated the Committee on DS3 procurement and RoCoF compliance.

8. TSO DS3 update

The TSOs updated the Committee on the DS3 programme including RoCoF status, control centre tools, project plan, volume capped procurement and volume uncapped. The Committee sought further clarification on the timelines and delays in software development and impacts on the critical path of the project.

The Committee expressed their disappointment at the need for the substantial work required for software development by the TSOs leading to significant delays in market trials and moving to 70% SNSP as scheduled. The Committee sought assurances from the TSOs on the delivery of the DS3 programme including the need for effective project management. The Committee noted the significant progress made by NIEN on RoCoF compliance.

9. Updates

(a) SEMC communications and governance update

Barbara Stevenson updated the Committee on recent communications activities including the commissioning of a SEM annual report and Brexit communications.

(b) CRU/UR/Independent Members

Paul McGowan noted the appointment of the new CRU Commissioner who will take up post on 7 October.

(c) Legal update

John Melvin provided an update to the Committee on the Ministerial Appeal Panel.

10. Review of actions from meeting 144, 29th August 2019

The update on actions was noted.

11. SEMC correspondence

No relevant correspondence to discuss

12. AOB

None

Signed: 

Bill Emery, SEM Committee Chair