

SEM Committee Meeting Minutes Meeting No. 152

Location: Video conference

Date: Thursday 30th April 2020

Time: 10.30 – 13.00

Member attendees:

Utility Regulator (UR): Bill Emery (SEM Committee Chair), Jenny Pyper, Jon Carlton
Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Aoife MacEvilly, Jim Gannon
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), Barry Hussey (CRU), Jean Pierre Miura (UR)

For item 4: Paul Bell (UR), Kevin Lenaghan (UR),

For item 5: Brian Mulhern (UR)

For item 6: Robert O'Rourke (CRU)

For item 7: Karen Kavanagh (CRU), Rachel Strong (CRU)

For item 7 (part only): Andrew Waghorn (Deloitte), Walter Carlton (Deloitte)

Apologies: Paul McGowan (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 meeting 151 26th March 2020

The minutes from SEM Committee 151 were approved with minor amendments.

3. COVID-19

Colin Broomfield updated the Committee on the RA response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in relation to the Single Electricity Market. Ongoing market monitoring activities were outlined including an analysis of market impacts. An outline of engagement with market participants and key stakeholders was provided as well as an overview of market participant and RA business continuity arrangements.

The Committee discussed the publication of a market update statement and considered a first draft. Following Committee comments, a revised draft is to be circulated to the Committee for approval and publication on the SEM Committee website.

4. CRM T-4 CY2023/24 auction provisional results update

Paul Bell provided an update on the CRM T-4 CY2023/24 capacity auction which took place on 27 April 2020. Feedback from the TSOs and RAs indicated that the auction ran successfully.

Kevin Lenaghan provided a summary of the auction results including successful new investment, unsuccessful capacity, auction costs and feedback from the system operator.

The Committee discussed next steps including publication plans and timetable for the approval of the auction results.

5. MMU update

The MMU update was noted and Brian Mulhern provided further detail of market prices, demand, wind availability and gas prices. The Committee discussed further interconnector flows and market trends.

Enhanced reporting in light of the COVID 19 pandemic was also noted and welcomed.

6. DS3 update

Robert O'Rourke summarised the progress of the system services procurement consultation based on the principles and objectives presented previously to the Committee. Transitional considerations were discussed in the move from regulated to competitive procurement arrangements.

An update on the RoCoF trial was provided noting that the relevant conditions have been met for the trial to commence however it has been delayed as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. The Committee stressed the need to progress the RoCoF trial when possible in light of the ongoing necessary precautionary arrangements.

7. 2018/19 TSC market audit final report

Rachel Strong presented the Trading and Settlement Code 2018/19 market audit and key findings for consideration by the Committee.

The Committee discussed the terms of the audit and were joined by Andrew Waghorn and Walter Carlton of Deloitte who provided a summary of the findings. The Committee further discussed engagement with the TSOs and SEMO and steps to be taken to address the findings in the report

The Committee approved the report for presentation to the Trading and Settlement Code Modifications Committee and subsequent publication.

8. FWP update

The Committee noted the FWP update.

9. Updates

(a) SEMC communications and governance update

Barbara Stevenson updated the Committee on communications activities in relation to COVID 19 and the capacity auction.

(b) CRU/UR/Independent Members

Aoife MacEvilly provided an update on:

- progress to form a government following the election in RoI
- the CRU response to the COVID 19 pandemic
- the Greenlink interconnector
- the RESS auctions

Jenny Pyper updated the Committee on:

- the UR response to the COVID 19 pandemic
- progress of the developing NI energy strategy
- ongoing workstreams with other regulators
- progress on the Clean Energy package.

David Newbery noted the appointment of Dermot Nolan as the Chair of the EPRG Advisory Committee.

(c) Legal update

There was no legal update to note.

(d) Brexit

The Committee discussed ongoing work following Brexit on 31 January 2020 including liaison with government departments.

10. Review of actions from meeting 151 26th March 2020

No open actions to discuss



11. SEMC correspondence

None

12. AOB

The Committee thanked Bill Emery for his significant contribution to the work of the Committee through his long service as Chair. His invaluable stewardship of the Committee during the development and delivery of the ISEM was highlighted. Jim Gannon is to take on the role of Chair from the next meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bill Emery'.

Signed: _____

Bill Emery, SEM Committee Chair