



SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 90

Location: Commission for Energy Regulation Offices, Dublin

Date: Thursday, 26 February 2015

Time: 10.30am – 15.30pm

Attendees: Jenny Pyper (JP) (Utility Regulator) (UR) (SEMC Chair), Bill Emery (BE) (UR), Garrett Blaney (GB) (CER), Paul McGowan (PMcG) (CER), Aoife MacEivilly (AMacE) (CER), Odd Håkon Hoelsæter (OHH) (Independent Member), Professor David Newbery (DN) (Deputy Independent Member)

Apologies: Jo Aston (JA) (UR)

In attendance:

For all Items: Laura Brien (LB) (CER), Alan Rainey (AR) (UR) (Economic Adviser to UR)

Paul Bell (PB) (UR)

For Items 3 & 4: AE

For Item 5: Paul Brandon (PBr) (CER)

Minute Taker: Elaine Gallagher (EG) (SEMC Secretariat)

1. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was amended and adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 89 on 29 January 2015

The minutes were approved for publication, subject to a few minor amendments.

Decision Items

3. SEM 2015/2016 Forward Work Plans

AE provided a high level overview of the SEM 2015/2016 Operational Workstreams and Forward Work Plans which were noted and endorsed by SEMC.

4. 2015 SEM, I-SEM and DS3 Budget

AE provided an overview of the revised I-SEM programme timeline which was noted by SEMC. The associated budget requirements were discussed and endorsed by SEMC as was the usual 50:50 approach to cost-sharing between the CER and UR. SEMC noted that the amendments to the I-SEM timetable were not expected to affect the overall achievement of go-live by Q4 2017.

5. I-SEM Roles and Responsibilities Consultation Paper

PN presented the I-SEM Roles and Responsibilities Consultation Paper to the SEMC, which was discussed at length and approved for publication subject to a number of minor amendments. Oversight of the publication was delegated to Project Board.

Discussion/Information Items

6. I-SEM ETA Briefing

KH presented a number of slides on the I-SEM ETA Markets Consultation Paper Briefing. The presentation covered Day Ahead Market, Intraday Market, Balancing Market and Imbalance Settlement. A general discussion of the key concepts to be contained in the Consultation Paper ensued. The content of the ETA "Markets" consultation briefing was noted by the SEM Committee.

7. I-SEM Project Update

AE provided an update of recent milestones and engagement:

- The Joint Project Board met on 26th January and 19th February, focussing on programme planning/ timelines, TSO procurement processes, costs incurred by the TSOs for the I-SEM project and stakeholder engagement going forward. The RA/ TSO working reams continue to meet via conference call on (at least) a weekly basis to discuss any updates and the joint risk register.
- Recent publications include:
 - o An I-SEM Quarterly Update of the project plan on the AIP website;
 - o Forwards & Liquidity Scoping Paper;
 - o ETA Building Blocks Consultation;
- I-SEM directors joined the most recent Joint Steering Group meeting with the Departments in ROI and NI on 17 February to provide an update on the I-SEM project and to highlight key issues.
- Further Energy Trading Arrangements workshops on the "Markets" element were held throughout February with stakeholders from industry.
- It was noted that the Framework panel of consultants to support the I-SEM workstreams is close to completion. In parallel, a process is being followed to appoint an external Project Manager.
- The I-SEM Roles and Responsibilities Consultation paper is due to be published at the beginning of March.
- Meeting between Ofgem/RAs/Departments to take place in mid-March in London.

This update was noted by the SEM Committee.

8. DS3 Project Update

PB provided an overview of the DS3 project update report which included a review of progression of work to date on this project and of expected next steps. Points of note included:

- An internal RA DS3/CRM workshop took place on 25 February 2015;
- TSOs are to submit the next version of Project Plans and TSO Procurement Strategy to RAS by 5 March;
- RAs team to prepare PID and preview project plans.
- Project plans, PID, project approach and TSO procurement strategy are to be approved by SEM Committee on 26 March 2015.

The SEM Committee noted the update.

9. SEMC Communications Strategy

SEMC considered and welcomed the outline paper and agreed to discuss a more developed paper at the next meeting.

Standing Items

1. Updates

a. CER/ NIAUR/ Independent Members Updates

CER Update

GB provided an update on the status of the North- South Interconnector.

Utility Regulator Update

JP advised SEMC of the recent tariff decreases in both gas and electricity in NI.

SEM Independent Members Updates:

None

2. Review of Actions from Meeting 90 on 29 January 2015

Actions 326, 328, 329 and 330 to be deleted.

3. SEM Correspondence

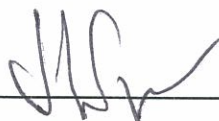
There was no correspondence.

4. AOB

The Chair raised the importance for all members of SEMC of maintaining a gift register in conformity with the RAs' policies on receipt of gifts and hospitality.

Action: Guidance note on Gift and Hospitality Policy to be circulated by the Secretariat.

Signed: _____



Jenny Pyper, Chief Executive Officer, Utility Regulator, SEMC Chair

Date of Next Meeting:

SEM Committee 91, Thursday, 26 March 2015 at 10.30am – 3.30pm, UR Offices, Belfast