



## SEM Committee Meeting

### Minutes Meeting No. 93

**Location:** Utility Regulator Offices, Belfast

**Date:** Thursday, 28 May 2015

**Time:** 10.30am – 15.20pm

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

**Apologies:** Paul McGowan (PMcG) (CER)

#### **In attendance:**

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

For Item 6: Jim McAllister, I-SEM Project Manager

For Item 7: Colin Broomfield (CBR) (UR), Philip Newsome, (PN) (CER),

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

#### **1. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved and adopted.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 93 on 28 May 2015**

The minutes of meeting 92 on 30 April 2015 were approved subject to minor amendments.

### **Decision Items**

#### **3. DS3 Scheme of Delegation**

The SEM Committee discussed and approved the DS3 Scheme of Delegation as circulated.

## **Discussion/Information Items**

### **4. DS3 Project Update**

LB gave an update on the DS3 project. It was noted that the DS3 Project Plan was published on 30 May 2015. It was also noted that the TSOs are in the process of finalising their procurement strategy document on which the Regulatory Authorities have provided feedback, and which is due to be published at the end of May 2015. The next steps for the DS3 project include the issuing of a Request for Tender for consultancy support and project team meetings with the TSOs to develop an approach on key work streams as well as guiding documents.

### **5. EIL Certification Update**

LB outlined the process for EIL certification as well as the content of the EIL application including State ownership. The issue of 'conflicts of interest' was raised in this context. It was considered that further engagement with the TSOs should take place on the issue of perceived 'conflict of interest' in parallel with an invitation to EIL in June to submit an application for Certification. The SEM Committee noted the position and sought an update in July.

### **6. I-SEM Project Update**

JMcA provided the I-SEM project update and noted some recent milestones:

- The ETA work stream now has consultants on board for the remainder of the detailed design phase.
- A public forum was held in Dundalk on the Markets Consultation Paper. The forum was well attended and there was good discussion on the issues.
- An emerging thinking paper on Building Blocks and AoLR issues will be brought to SEMC in June.
- The CRM work stream held its first stakeholder forum on 8 May 2015 and is currently on target to publish Consultation 1 on 26 June 2015.
- The Forwards and Liquidity work stream is currently engaged in detailed planning activity to align with other work stream deliverable dates and Go Live date.
- A detailed discussion paper has been published by the Market Power work stream for consultation on 8 May 2015.
- The Governance and Licencing work stream jointly published an invitation to candidates to apply for the role of Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO) with submissions due to be received by 24 June 2015.

The next priorities are for the project team to meet with TSOs to align project plans for deliverables and target dates and for detailed planning to be completed by the I-SEM Project Manager. SEMC stressed the importance of developing a detailed plan for publication following consideration of the overall project plan at the June meeting.

## 7. CRM Presentation

The CRM team provided an overview of a number of issues regarding the CRM delivery and a discussion took place on issues including interaction with DS3, CRM Auctions, eligibility and participation of wind. The SEMC considered that additional time should be given to discussion of CRM at the subsequent SEMC meeting in June 2015.

## 8. Updates:

### Communications Update:

A very brief oral update was provided by JP noting that progress was ongoing and further engagement was to take place between the IT and Communications teams of UR and CER.

### CER Update:

The following updates were noted:

- JP as SEMC Chair together with GB, Commissioner, CER are to speak at Joint Oireachtas Committee.
- An update was provided on the North-South Interconnector.

### UR Update:

The following updates were noted:

- An update was provided on DETI's consultation on the proposed new UK support mechanism for renewables (CfDs).
- JP noted that a SEMC/ UR board dinner is to take place in September and that the secretariat should liaise with Greg Irwin on this matter.

### Independent Member Update:

DN provided an update with respect to system operator interaction with Euphemia in GB.

## 9. SEM Correspondence

Consideration was given to a letter received with respect to DS3. A response from the project team was read and approved subject to minor amendments.

## 10. AOB

No additional items were discussed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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

**Date of Next Meeting:**

**SEM Committee 94, Thursday, 25 June 2015, CER Offices, Dublin**

