



SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 101

Location: UR Offices, Belfast

Date: Thursday, 28 January 2016

Time: 10.30am – 2.30pm

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

Apologies:

In attendance:

For all Items: Jo Aston (JA) (UR), Brian McHugh (BMcH) (UR), Alan Rainey, (AR) Economic Adviser to UR, Eamonn Murtagh (EM) (CER), Laura Brien (LB) (CER);

For Item 3: Elaine Gallagher (CER);

For Items 4: Andrew Ebrill (AE) (CER), Brian Mulhern (BM) (UR), Gonzalo Saenz (GS) (CER)

For Item 5: Jim McAllister, I-SEM Project Manager;

For Item 6: Andrew McCorriston (AMcC) (UR)

Minute Taker: Elaine Gallagher (SEMC Secretariat)

Preliminaries:

Declarations of Interest:

The chair invited members to make 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 100 on 14 December 2015

Minutes were approved subject to minor editorial amendments.

Decision Items

3. SEM Forward Work Plan 2016

The SEM Committee endorsed the Forward Work Plan for 2016 while acknowledging changes which have been made to business as usual workstreams to prioritise timely delivery of I-SEM. It was noted that budgetary estimates will be brought before the Committee at a later date for noting.

Discussion/ Information Items

4. I-SEM Market Power Update on Consultation Responses and Discussion on Balancing Market

AE provided an update on working assumptions for the Balancing Market, endeavouring to ensure maximum optionality in systems development for the TSOs. The Committee noted no objections to the approach outlined in the project team's presentation.

5. I-SEM Project Update

JMcA updated the Committee on the status of the workstreams within the I-SEM project with particular reference to ongoing planning and gap analysis work being completed by the Project Office. JMcA updated the Committee on critical path issues which were raised at PM meeting. SEM Committee welcomed a stock-take of detailed planning in June 2016.

6. DS3 Project Update

AMcC updated the Committee on the recent DS3 Advisory Council Meeting. The SEM Committee welcomed the work of the RAs and TSOs in terms of the trial movement to 55% SNSP. AMcC also updated the Committee on forthcoming issues for consideration before SEMC in Q1 2016.

Standing Items

7. Updates

- Communications

This item was taken as read. The SEM Committee noted the good progress that was being made on the development of the SEM Committee website and acknowledged the steps taken by the respective communications and IT teams within the RAs' Communications and IT teams.

- UR

JP provided an update on the NI Retail Tariff process.

- CER

GB drew the Committee's attention to the publication of the Energy Bill 2016 in Ireland which proposes to update the definition of SEM to take account of developments with respect to the European Target Model as will be implemented through 'I-SEM'. It also proposes a change of name for CER to 'Commission for Regulation of Utilities'.

- Independent Members

DN provided an update on an article by Karsten Neuhoff entitled '*Balancing Responsibility: What model works for Europe*', which is a Draft report from a workshop on the Future Power Market Platform. DN noted that report stated that periodic auctions in the Inter Day market reduced volatility and increased liquidity.

8. Review of actions from meeting 100 on 28 January 2016

Actions were reviewed and updated.

9. SEM Correspondence

One piece of correspondence was reviewed by the Committee which was delegated to SEM Oversight Committee. DS3, CRM and Market Power workstreams will contribute to providing a response.

10. AOB

An update was provided on the North-South Interconnector which was noted by the Committee.

JP noted that Jon Carlton has been appointed as Board Member of the Utility Regulator and who will be attending SEMC meetings going forward in his capacity as an observer, pending his appointment as a member of the SEM Committee. The SEM Committee welcomed this development.

Signed:



Aoife MacEvilly, Commissioner, CER, SEMC Chair