



## **SEM Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes Meeting No. 109**

**Location:** UR Offices, Belfast  
**Date:** Thursday, 29 September 2016  
**Time:** 8.30am – 4.00pm

**Member Attendees:** Aoife MacEivilly (AMacE), Commission for Energy Regulation (CER), SEM Committee Chair, Jenny Pyper (JP), Chief Executive Officer, Utility Regulator (UR), Bill Emery (BE), UR, Jon Carlton (JCI), UR, Garrett Blaney (GB), CER, Paul McGowan (PMcG), CER, Odd Håkon Hoelsæter (OHH), Independent Member and Professor David Newbery (DN), Deputy Independent Member.

#### **In attendance:**

For all Items: Jo Aston (JA) UR, Laura Brien (LB), CER, Brian McHugh (BMcH), UR, John Melvin (JM), CER, Alan Rainey, (AR), Economic Adviser to UR, and Elaine Gallagher (SEMC Secretariat)  
For Item 3: Helen Mounsey-Baker (HMB), I-SEM Project Manager, ESP Consulting, Greg Irwin (GI), UR

For Item 4: Barry Hussey (BH), CER (By conference call)

For Item 6, 7 and 8: Paul Bell (PB), UR

For Item 9: Colin Broomfield (CBr), UR, Philip Newsome (PN), CER, Brian Mulhern (BM), UR,

**Minutes:** 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.

#### **2. Review and Approval of Minutes from meeting 108 on 25 August 2016**

A number of amendments were suggested to the version circulated. Proposed amendments were accepted and approved by SEMC.

#### **3. I-SEM Stock Take**

HMB presented a detailed report on I-SEM delivery against milestones and a preliminary high-level assessment of market participants' readiness based on confidential exchanges with a number of market participants. The report was noted by the Committee, further detail

was requested with respect to a number of elements of the report and this issue will be revisited in SEMC 110 in October.

**4. Balancing Market Principles Statement**

BH provided an overview of the content of the Decision Paper on the Terms of Reference for the Balancing Market Principles Statement. He outlined the rationale supporting the need for the decision. A number of minor changes were suggested by the Committee, the implementation of which are to be overseen by I-SEM Project Board which will provide final approval before publication.

**5. SEMC Scheme of Delegation for SEMOC**

JA informed the Committee that the purpose of the proposed change to the SEM Committee Scheme of Delegation regarding the delegation of certain functions to SEM Oversight Committee, was to add Tony Doherty, who is re-joining the management team at the UR, as a SEMOC Committee Member on behalf of the UR. The SEM Committee welcomed the addition of Tony Doherty to the Utility Regulator and approved the change to the Scheme of Delegation as proposed.

**6. DS3 System Services Qualification Trials**

PB presented on the framework for DS3 System Services Qualification Trials, which was approved by the SEM Committee.

**7. DS3 Update**

PB also presented briefing on this issue as part of a broader update on DS3 incorporating the DS3 Project Update.

**8. I-SEM Forwards and Liquidity Discussion Points**

JA provided a synopsis of the discussion and emerging thinking on the Forwards and Liquidity workstream from the recently held Expert Advisory Group. This issue will be discussed further at SEMC 110 in October 2016.

**9. Briefing on CRM Locational Signals Consultation**

PN and CBr gave an overview of aspects of CRM locational signals consultation. A decision paper will be presented at SEMC 110 on this issue.

**10. Project Updates**

Updates were taken as read, given both that a discussion of both respective projects took place under item 3 (I-SEM Stock-Take) and under item 7 with respect to DS3.

## 11. Updates

### (a) MMU Quarterly Report

PB brought the SEM Committee through the market monitoring unit's quarterly update as well as highlighting issues arising from outages on EWIC.

### (b) SEMC Communications Strategy Update and I-SEM and DS3 Hymn Sheets

This update was taken as read. It was noted that GI is to liaise with Karl Richardson of the CER to update the document with respect to any additional stakeholder engagement by the CER Commissioners or the CER more generally.

### (c) CER/UR/ Independent Members

JP informed the Committee that an internal audit of governance procedures had taken place within UR and that the findings would be circulated to GB. JP and GB will discuss any actions arising as appropriate.

JP also noted the recent addition of Tony Doherty to the management team at the Utility Regulator.

GB highlighted the importance of the European Commission's Winter Package which is to be published later this year.

DN provided an update on a recent Cambridge event considering the energy policy implications of Brexit, and at which Aoife MacEvilly and Jenny Pyper were both in attendance.

## 12. Review of Actions from meeting 108 on 25 August 2016

Actions were updated.

## 13. SEM Correspondence

One representation was delegated to project board to consider and respond.

## 12. AOB

None

Signed: 

Aoife MacEvilly, Commissioner, CER, SEMC Chair

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 27 October 2016, CER Premises, Dublin**