

## SEM Committee Meeting

### Minutes Meeting No. 48

**Location:** Utility Regulator, Belfast  
**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
**Time:** 10.30am – 3.00pm

**Attendees:** Ignacio Perez-Arriaga (IP-A) (Independent Member) (SEMC Chairman), Alan Rainey (AR) (Utility Regulator) (UR), Shane Lynch (SL) (UR), Garrett Blaney (GB) (CER), Dermot Nolan (DN) (CER), Jose Sierra Lopez (JS-L) (Deputy Independent Member).

#### Apologies:

#### In attendance:

For all items: Eugene Coughlan (EC) (CER), Tanya Wishart (TW) (UR)  
For Item 4: Sheenagh Rooney (SR) (CER), Philip Newsome (PN) (CER), Clive Bowers (CB) (CER), Jean Pierre Miura (JPM) (UR), Stephen Powell (SP), Andrew Ebrill (AE) (CER), Kevin Hagan (KH) (CER)  
For Item 5: Sheenagh Rooney (SR) (CER), Clive Bowers (CB) (CER)  
For Item 6: Paul Brandon (PB) (CER), Jamie Burke (JB) (CER)  
For Item 7: Jody O'Boyle (JO'B) (UR)

**Minute Taker:** Mignonne Smith (UR)

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

Additional items were added to the Agenda under AOB and the Agenda was adopted.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 47 on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

The SEM Committee suggested amendments to the minutes and requested that they are re-circulated for approval.

**Action:** MS to amend minutes as directed and re-circulate to the Committee for approval by email.

#### 3. Review of Actions from meeting 47 on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011

All actions were reviewed and updated.

#### 4. European Market Integration Consultation Paper

SR provided an overview of draft European Market Integration Consultation Paper requesting approval for publication of the paper in early January 2012.

The SEM Committee discussed implications of all options provided in the draft consultation including advantages and disadvantages of the diverse approaches regarding implementation of the target model at length.

Following the discussion the Committee indicated that the document should clearly establish the authorship of the TSOs' recommendations and suggested careful examination on the TSO's suggestion that whatever option is chosen, the requirement of centralised dispatch of the system remains.

The SEM Committee approved publication of the Consultation Paper in January 2012 for a period of three months, pending approval of agreed amendments by the Project Board. The Committee further approved publication of the SEMO/TSO's report entitled "*SEM Integration Project – Pathways to the Target Model*" in conjunction with the Consultation paper, for information.

**Action:** Project Team to amend and finalise consultation paper prior to approval to publish by Project Board.

**Action:** Project Team to continue analysis of the options, in particular on issue regarding central dispatch, and seek independent advice when necessary.

## **5. Trading and Settlement Code Update**

The SEM Committee noted the update on the Trading and Settlement Code.

## **6. Decision on Curtailment**

The SEM Committee were provided with an update on the Treatment of Tie-Breaks decision paper, which was approved for publication subject to agreed amendments as directed by the SEM Committee at meeting number 47 on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Following recent receipt of a number of submissions from members of the industry regarding the decision on curtailment made at SEM Committee 47, the Project Team requested further guidance on the issue.

The SEM Committee reviewed and discussed submissions from industry and agreed that their original decision remained unchanged.

## **7. MMU December Update**

JO'B provided an overview of the Market Monitoring Unit's December update report. Issues concerning a number of recent outages in Northern Ireland were discussed and concerns regarding security of supply for Northern Ireland, should any further outages occur, were noted.

The SEM Committee noted the update.

## **8. Judicial Review Update**

EC updated the SEM Committee on outcome of the latest Supreme Court Appeal Hearing on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Judges questions have not yet completed and an additional court date will be

required to complete. No date has yet been confirmed, although it is expected that the next court appearance would be some time after 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

#### **9. Reporting of Decisions made by Oversight Committee to the SEM Committee**

The Decisions were noted.

#### **10. Updates CER/NIAUR/Independent Members**

##### CER

DN noted receipt of letter from Eirgrid regarding TSO Certification. The Committee were advised that response had been issued requesting that Eirgrid should address any questions regarding TSO Certification to the SEM Committee as per the Committee's decision that TSO Certification for Ireland was a SEM matter.

##### Utility Regulator

SL provided an update current and recent Price Control processes being carried out by the Utility Regulator.

##### Independent Members

IPA notified the SEM Committee of the Deputy Independent Member's offer to join the Board of Directors of TIGF, a natural gas TSO operating in the South-West Region of France. Both DCENR and DETI have acceded the Deputy Independent member's request.

#### **11. SEM Correspondence**

Response to IBEC CBI – Joint Business Councils letter to be drafted for signature by Chairman.

#### **12. AOB**

##### **a) North South Interconnection Report Update**

TW provided a brief overview of the North South Interconnection Development Report. The SEM Committee noted the update.

##### **b) Deadlines for SEM Committee Meeting Papers 2012**

The SEM Committee discussed deadlines for receipt of papers in respect of SEM Committee Meeting in 2012 and agreed that all papers should be received and circulated by no later than the Friday preceding the agreed meeting dates.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012, CER Offices, Dublin**