

SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 60

Location: CER Offices, Dublin
Date: Thursday 27th September 2012
Time: 10.30am – 3.00pm

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

In attendance:

For all items: Eugene Coughlan (EC) (CER), Cathy Mannion (CM) (CER), Tanya Hedley (TH) (UR), Jean Pierre Miura (JPM) (UR)

For Item 5: Joe Craig (JC) (UR), Paul Brandon (PB) (CER), Robert O'Rourke (RO'R) (CER)

For Item 6: Colin Broomfield (CBr) (UR)

Minute Taker: Mignonne Smith (MS) (SEMC Secretariat)

1. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was amended and adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 58 on 30th August 2012 and Extra Ordinary Meeting 59 on 10th September 2012

The Minutes of meeting 58 and extra ordinary meeting 59 were adopted subject to minor amendments.

3. Review of Actions from Meeting 58 on 30th August 2012 and Extra Ordinary Meeting 59 on 10th September 2012

Actions 205 and 216 were completed all other actions were reviewed and updated.

4. Market Integration Update

GB reviewed decisions made by the SEM Committee in relation to their discussion at the SEM Strategy Day regarding the Market Integration Project Next Steps Decision paper. The Committee approved the paper subject to comments from SL and IPA and agreed that relevant Government Departments and Bodies would be provided with an advance copy of both the paper and the report review central dispatch in the SEM for their information and comment prior to publication of the Next Steps Decision Paper in late October.

5. TSO Certification Decision Update

The Project Teams presented updates on current status of ESB and NIE's applications for TSO Certification in Ireland and Northern Ireland respectively. The SEM Committee discussed relevant issues with the certification process in each jurisdiction at length and requested further information and legal advice from the Project Teams.

The Committee requested the organisation of an Extra Ordinary SEM Committee meeting to be arranged for mid October to discuss additional information and legal advice. Agreement was also reached to arrange a further meeting with the European Commission following the Extra Ordinary meeting and subject to the provision of minded to decision papers for TSO Certification in both Ireland and Northern Ireland by the Project Teams.

Actions: Project Team to seek further information and legal advice as requested. MS to arrange Extra Ordinary SEM Committee Meeting for mid October.

6. Market Monitoring – Update

CBR provided an overview of the Market Monitoring Update Report for September. The SEM Committee noted the update.

7. Reporting of Decisions made by Oversight Committee to SEM Committee

The Update was noted.

8. Updates CER/UR/Independent Members

CER

DN noted increases in Gas prices due to exchange rate issues. CER preparing to take on the responsibility of regulating Irish Water.

Utility Regulator

SL noted recent drop of 14% in domestic electricity prices by Power NI and Airtricity in Northern Ireland. UR will also be publishing its final determination for the RP5 Price Control of NIE T&D on 25th October.

Independent Members

The Independent Members had no updates.

9. SEM Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10. AOB

a) Hybrid Reference Plant

TH provided an update on the SEM Committee's decision on Hybrid Reference Plants which has not yet been published. Issues have arisen in relation to DETI's recent consultation on

proposed legislation changes that would provide priority dispatch for Energy from Waste Plants in Northern Ireland.

It was noted that these changes should be considered in responses to recently received correspondence on the matter.

Action: DC and TH to discuss further prior to issuing responses to correspondence on the matter and provide an update at the next SEM Committee meeting in October.

b) SEM Meeting Schedules 2013

The SEM Committee approved the proposed meeting schedule for 2013.

Date of Next Meeting:

**Extra Ordinary SEM Committee 61, Friday 19th October, Conference Call
SEM Committee 62, Thursday 25th October, Utility Regulator Offices, Belfast**