

SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 62

Location: Ballymascanlon Hotel, Dundalk
Date: Thursday 25th October 2012
Time: 10.30am – 5.30pm

Attendees: Garrett Blaney (GB) (CER) (SEMC Chairman), Dermot Nolan (DN) (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: Paul McGowan (PMcG) (CER), Eugene Coughlan (EC) (CER), Cathy Mannion (CM) (CER), Tanya Hedley (TH) (UR), Jean Pierre Miura (JPM) (UR)
For Item 4: Joe Craig (JC) (UR), Robert O'Rourke (RO'R) (CER)
For Item 5: Brian Mulhern (BM) (UR)
For Items 7 and 8: Sheenagh Rooney (SR) (CER)
For Item 9: Colin Broomfield (CBr) (UR)
For Item 13a): Aoife Crowe (AC) (CER)
For Items 13 b) and c): Colin Broomfield (CBr) (UR)

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

1. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda

The Chairman commenced the meeting by noting that the handover over the Chairmanship to the Utility Regulator commencing from meeting 63 on 29th November 2012. The SEM Committee also discussed requirements for the formal re-appointment to the SEM Committee of both Shane Lynch and Alan Rainey. It was agreed that the current Chairman would issue a letter from the SEM Committee to DETI and DCENR requesting these formal re-appointments.

The Agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 60 on 27th September 2012 and Extra Ordinary Meeting 61 on 19th October 2012

The Minutes of meeting 60 were adopted subject to minor amendments. The Minutes of Extra Ordinary meeting 61 were adopted.

The SEM Committee also noted the Internal Minute of the SEM Strategy day on 26th September 2012.

3. Review of Actions from Meeting 60 on 27th September 2012 and Extra Ordinary Meeting 61 on 19th October 2012

Actions 228, 230 and 233 were completed all other actions were reviewed and updated.

4. TSO Certification

AR as Chair of the SEM Sub Committee on TSO Certification provided an update on the current status of the application process in both jurisdictions.

The SEM Committee discussed related issues unique to each jurisdiction at length and instructed the project team to finalise position papers for discussion by the Sub Committee prior to their meeting with the European Commission.

Actions: Project Teams to prepare and finalise position papers for discussion by the Sub Committee prior their meeting with the European Commission.

5. Firm Access Quantities (FAQs) in NI and ROI Distribution Connected Generators

BM provided background information to matters arising in respect of the treatment of FAQs in the SEM noting that at present there is no documented process for determining the criteria or degree of firm access for generator connections in Northern Ireland.

It was noted that the absence of such a documented process was problematic from the perspective of ensuring alignment of the connections process in Northern Ireland with SEM High Level Design. The SEM Committee therefore welcomed proposals from NIE/SONI to publish a further consultation in relation to connection arrangements in Northern Ireland.

The Committee also requested that documentation setting out the criteria applied and process followed as well as a status report on all generators within the SEM is completed by the TSOs and submitted for discussion by the SEM Committee a future meeting.

6. Energy Markets Review Report Q3 2012

EC provided a brief overview of the Energy Markets Review report. The SEM Committee note the report.

7. Market Integration Update

SR provided an update on current status of the Market Integration project. All actions arising at the discussion by the SEM Committee at the SEM Strategy Day on 26th September were completed. Next Steps consultation paper was completed and advance copies were issued to the Departments, Ofgem and the TSO's. It was noted that further discussion with the departments would take place at the next Joint Steering Group meeting prior to the intended publication of the paper in November. A further update will be provided to the SEM Committee at their meeting in November.

8. Trading and Settlement Code Update

The update was noted.

9. Market Monitoring – Update

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

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

The Update was noted.

11. Updates CER/UR/Independent Members

There were no updates.

12. SEM Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

13. AOB

a) Hybrid Reference Plant

This agenda item was deferred for discussion at a future SEM Committee.

b) Security of Supply for NI

This Agenda item was deferred for discussion at a future SEM Committee.

c) SEMO ABB Contract Renewal (Verbal Update)

CBr provided background information regarding correspondence from SEMO in relation to ABB Contract which is currently due to be renewed. The SEM Committee noted the update.

d) Independent Members

The Chairman acknowledged that this would be the last SEM Committee meeting with the current Independent Member Professor Ignacio Perez-Arriaga (IPA) and the Deputy Independent Member Jose Sierra Lopez (JSL) prior to the commencement of the new Independent Members in November 2012.

The Chairman thanked IPA and JSL on behalf of all those who have worked on SEM over the past 5 years for sharing their vast experience and knowledge which has been invaluable to the Single Electricity Market.

Date of Next Meeting:

SEM Committee 63, Thursday 29th November 2012, CER Offices, Dublin