

SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 64

Location: Utility Regulator Offices, Belfast
Date: Monday 10th December 2012
Time: 10.30am – 3.30pm

Attendees: Alan Rainey (AR) (Utility Regulator) (UR) (SEMC Chairman), Dermot Nolan (DN) (CER), Garrett Blaney (GB) (CER), Shane Lynch (SL) (UR), Odd Håkon Hoelsæter (OHH) (Independent Member), Professor David Newbery (DNew) (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: Paul Brandon (PB) (CER), Robert O'Rourke (RO'R) (CER), Joe Craig (JC) (UR),
For item 5: Paul Brandon (PB) (CER)
For item 6: Aoife Crowe (AC) (CER), Andrew McCorriston (AMcC) (UR)
For items 7 and 8: Sheenagh Rooney (SR) (CER)
For item 9: Karen Shiels (KS) (UR)
For item 10: Colin Broomfield (CBr) (UR)

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

1. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 63 on 29th November 2012

The minutes were approved subject to agreed amendments.

3. Review of Actions from Meeting 63 on 29th November 2012

Action 229 was completed all other items were amended and updated.

4. TSO Certification

GB as chair of the Sub Committee provided a brief update on the current status of the TSO Certification Process for Ireland and Northern Ireland. The Project Teams provided detailed summaries of the draft Preliminary Decision Papers for both jurisdictions. Approval was also sought from the SEM Committee to circulate the preliminary Decisions to the respective applicants and the related transmission licensees in each jurisdiction, for their comment prior to being submitted for decision by the European Commission.

Following a discussion at length, the SEM Committee decided to approve both papers (draft preliminary decision on ESB application and draft preliminary decision on NIE application) subject to some amendments suggested by Committee members. Authority was delegated to the SEM Sub Committee to review and approve the amendments to the draft Preliminary Decision Papers on TSO Certification for both Ireland and Northern Ireland prior to circulating the respective preliminary Decisions to each applicant and related transmission licensee for their comment. It was also agreed that following circulation of the preliminary Decisions, the SEM Sub Committee would follow this up with bilateral meetings with the applicants and related transmission licensees. The views of the companies will then be considered and the papers finalised for formal submission to the European Commission.

Action: SEM Sub Committee and Project Teams to amend draft Preliminary Decisions as agreed and make arrangements for bilateral meetings with all relevant parties following the circulation of the preliminary Decisions to the applicant and the related transmission licensees in each respective jurisdiction.

5. Treatment of Curtailment in Dispatch – Update

PB provided an update on the current status of the Proposed Decision on Treatment of Curtailment in Dispatch following the closure of a recent public consultation (SEM-12-090) on this issue. An initial summary of responses to the consultation was provided and the Project Team noted that the next steps would include a full review of all responses, consideration of the issues raised and options for decision on this matter. It is planned that a submission of a draft final Decision will be made for consideration by the SEM Committee at their meeting on 7th February 2013.

The SEM Committee noted the update.

6. Hybrid Reference Plant

a) Options on impact of Northern Ireland Legislation

TH updated the SEM Committee on status of the legislation in Northern Ireland in respect of the treatment of Energy from Waste Plants. AC then provided further background information in relation to issues arising due to the introduction of this legislation and on qualification of hybrid status and gave a summary of options for moving forward with a Decision.

The SEM Committee noted the update and decided that it would be appropriate to maintain its existing decision on this matter.

b) Hybrid Reference Plant Decision Paper

AMcC provided a summary of the Decision in respect of criteria for qualification of hybrid plant for priority dispatch in the SEM and sought approval for the publication of this Decision Paper.

The SEM Committee suggested amendments to the paper and gave approval to publish subject to agreed amendments being made.

7. Market Integration Verbal Update

SR provided a verbal update on the current status of the Market Integration Project. Developments in the project since the last update were as follows:

- RAs attended a meeting at Ofgem along with DETI, DCENR and DECC. Consensus was reached at this meeting on closer working on this project to ensure implementation of the agreed timeframe to publish the next steps decision by early February 2013.
- RAs attended a Joint Steering Group meeting along with DETI and DCENR
- Project Team are arranging meetings with stakeholders prior to 21 December.

The SEM Committee noted the update.

8. Trading and Settlement Code Update

The update was noted.

9. SEMO Price Control High Level Principles

KS provided a detailed overview of the high level principles in relation to the SEMO Price Control which is due to be effective from 1 October 2013. Approval was also sought to publish the high level principles for consultation.

The SEM Committee discussed and agreed the proposed principles for the SEMO Price Control noting that a final decision paper would be submitted for their consideration at their meeting on 28 February 2013. Approval was granted for the publication of the High Level Principles for a period of consultation.

10. Market Monitoring Update

CBr provided an overview of the SEM Market Monitoring Report for December 2012. The SEM Committee noted the update.

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

The update was noted.

12. Updates CER/UR/Independent Members

CER

CER had no updates.

Utility Regulator

Utility Regulator had no updates.

Independent Members

The Independent Members had no updates.

13. SEM Correspondence

There was no correspondence

14. AOB

No further Items were discussed.

Date of Next Meeting:

SEM Committee 65, Thursday 7th February 2013, Utility Regulator Offices, Belfast