

SEM HIGH LEVEL DESIGN (HLD) REVIEW GROUP (1)

Overview

Location: Queen's House, Belfast
Date: 30th October 2013
Time: 2-5 pm

Attendees:

RAs: Tanya Hedley (Chair), Jean Pierre Miura, Natalie McCurry, Jo Aston, Joe Craig, Clive Bowers, Eugene Coughlan, Leigh Greer, Peter Wibberley (Yellowwood Consulting)

Poyry¹: Gary Keane, Kostas, Haans, Stephen Woodhouse

Members: Dr Mary Doorly (IWEA), Sam Matthews (SONI), Brendan O'Sullivan (Eirgrid), Peter O'Shea (ESB), Patrick Liddy (Activation Energy Ltd), Ian Luney (AES), Paddy Larkin (Mutual Energy), Iain Wright (SSE), William Steele (Power NI), Jill Murray (Bord Gais Energy), Seamus Downey (CBI), David Vaughan (Tynagh Energy Ltd), Dr Neil Walker (IBEC)

Format of meetings:

Attendees gave introductions. The RAs explained that the purpose of the SEM HLD Review Group meetings is to provide assistance, voice opinions, speak openly and engage at each stage of development of thinking, the sessions are not intended to be a form of consultation and should not be treated as such.

The RAs explained that the format of the meetings will include presentations by the RAs with the bulk of technical information presented by supporting consultants, Poyry. Meetings will be chaired by the RAs. Any documentation presented at the meetings will not be sent to members in advance to ensure that the most up-to-date thinking is discussed, however where possible materials will be presented 1 day in advance of the next HLD Review Group meeting.

Following each meeting, the RAs noted that a high level note (overview) of the discussion will be published on the AIP website, accompanied by any materials which were presented. The RAs reaffirmed that the project has a tight timeline with a deadline of 2016. If attendees want to take part in a bilateral meeting with the RAs, they should contact Natalie McCurry (Natalie.Mccurry@uregni.gov.uk) to arrange.

Overview of Discussion:

Poyry explained that a number of "approaches" for a high level market design would be presented. Poyry explained that none are fully formed but today's dialogue needs to be constructive. The approaches presented would be discussed at HLD, with feedback

¹ Poyry are the RAs' appointed consultants

provided to SEMC. SEMC would then give a clear indication of how many of these approaches should be developed. Attendees were asked for initial views on what they are looking for from a new market design.

Six high level approaches were presented by Poyry (see published presentation). The meeting provided an open forum to voice perceived pros and cons of each proposed approach and to ask questions for clarification.

The meeting concluded by asking attendees to summarise their views and concerns.

The next SEM HLD Review Group meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 18th November 10.30am in CER, The Exchange, Belgard Square North, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Additional publications: RAs slides, Poyry slides

Update from SEMC meeting on 31st October 2013:

The SEMC directed that the 'SEM As Forward' option for a new market design should be discounted from further considerations.