

SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 96

Location: CER Offices, Dublin Date: Thursday, 27 August 2015

Time: 9.30am - 16.00pm

Attendees: Jenny Pyper (JP) (Utility Regulator) (UR) (SEMC Chair), Bill Emery (BE) (UR), Garrett Blaney (GB) (CER), Paul McGowan (PMcG) (CER), Aoife MacEvilly (AM) (CER), Odd Håkon Hoelsæter (OHH) (Independent Member), Professor David Newbery (DN) (Deputy Independent Member)

In attendance:

For all Items: Jo Aston (JA) (UR), Laura Brien (LB) (CER), Alan Rainey, (AR) Economic Adviser to UR.

For Items 4: Paul Bell (PB) (UR), Kevin Baron (KB) (UR), Charles Groom (CG) (CEPA)

For Item 5: Clive Bowers (CB) (CER), Kevin Hagan (KH) (CER), Kenny Dane (KD) (UR), Peter Wibberly, (PW) (Yellowood Energy)

For Item 6: Bill Thomson (BT) (EirGrid plc.), Simon Grimes (SG) (EirGrid plc.), Robert McCarthy (RMcC) (EirGrid plc),

For Item 6 & 7: Jean Pierre Miura (JPM) (UR)

For Item 8: James Curtin (JC) (CER), Gonzalo Saenz (GS) (CER), Charles Groom (CG) (CEPA),

Andrei Vladareanu (AV) (CEPA), Attila Hajos (AH) (CEPA)

For Item 10: Paul Bell (PB) (UR)

Minute Taker: Elaine Gallagher (SEMC Secretariat)

1. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved and adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 95 on 30 July 2015

The minutes of meeting 95 on 30 July 2015 were approved subject to minor amendments.

Decision Items

3. Legal Update on I-SEM Developments

An update was provided on I-SEM legislation.

4. Annual Capacity Payment Sum (ACPS) Decision Paper

PB provided an update and overview of ACPS over the last number of years. PB also provided an overview of the responses and bilateral discussions with respondents. The Decision Paper was discussed in detail by SEM Committee. Additional clarifications were sought from CEPA on certain aspects to feed back to the Project Team as soon as possible. Final approval and oversight of the publication of the Decision Paper was delegated to Project Board.

5. I-SEM Energy Trading Arrangements (ETA) Decision Paper

- Building Blocks Decision Paper
- Markets Decision Paper
- Aggregator of Last Resort Decision Paper

A Detailed Design Decision Paper was presented by the Project Team. CB provided an overview of each of the above Decision Papers which were discussed in detail by SEMC. The Committee focussed on aspects of the Markets Decision Paper. CB provided an overview of the I-SEM ETA process to date. Discussion took place around Physical Notifications and whether the bid price or the premium over the imbalance price should be locked in by participants. Start Costs were also discussed.

All three Decision Papers were approved by SEM Committee. Authority to approve publication of all three papers to include minor drafting changes was delegated to I-SEM Project Board.

Discussion Items

6. TSO Presentation on Euphemia Testing

The TSOs provided an update on Euphemia Testing which was welcomed by SEM Committee. A further update is to be provided to SEM Committee at the trialling of commercial bids. DN requested information on the Order types available in other markets which the TSOs agreed to submit to SEM Committee.

7. I-SEM Forwards & Liquidity – Briefing on Consultation

JPM made a slide presentation on the I-SEM Forwards & Liquidity Consultation. Issues were discussed in some detail. A further briefing will be provided to SEMC on this workstream in October.

I-SEM Market Power – Update and Emerging Thinking

The Project Team provided an update on emerging thinking in this workstream as well as outlining next steps. It is envisaged that a Consultation Paper on I-SEM Market Power will be presented to SEMC at the end of September 2015.

9. I-SEM Project Update

LB and JA provided a brief update on the I-SEM Project highlighting that the team is currently meeting timelines and notwithstanding significant challenges, is progressing according to the Plan presented at SEMC 95.

10. DS3 Project Update

The DS3 Project Update was noted by SEMC.

Standing Items

11. Updates

a. SEMC Communications Strategy Update

Progress has been made in relation to procurement of support to develop the AIP website. The UR Comms team is working with the I-SEM Project Manager to align messages and stakeholder engagement.

b. CER/NIAUR/Independent Members

GB provided an update on the Price Control Review carried out by CER with respect to both EirGrid plc. and ESB Networks.

JP provided an update on the SONI Price Control and on the UR Board member recruitment.

12. Review of actions from meeting 95 on 30 July

Items 335 and 336 were noted as completed.

13. SEM Correspondence

A number of pieces of correspondence were discussed in conjunction with Item #4 on the agenda of SEMC 96.

14. AOB

No further items were discussed.

Signed:

Jenny Pyper, Chief Executive Officer, Utility Regulator, SEMC Chair

Date of Next Meeting:

SEM Committee 97, Thursday, 24 September 2015, UR Offices, Belfast.

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