

Extra Ordinary SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 59

Location: Conference Call
Date: Monday 10th September 2012
Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm

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: Tanya Hedley (TH) (UR), Jean Pierre Miura (JPM) (UR), Cathy Mannion (CM), Eugene Coughlan (EC) (CER), Denis Cagney (DC) (CER)
For item 2: Joe Craig (JC) (UR), Paul Brandon (PB) (CER), Robert O'Rourke (RO'R) (CER)

Minute Taker: Mignonne Smith (SEM Committee Secretariat)

1. Approval and Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was agreed and adopted.

2. TSO Certification

AR as Chair of the SEM Sub Committee on TSO Certification, provided an overview of the TSO Certification process for Ireland and Northern Ireland to date. Key issues regarding the applications received from ESB and NIE for Ireland and Northern Ireland respectively were discussed at length.

The SEM Committee discussed the need for further legal advice prior to the Sub Committee's pre-arranged meeting with the European Commission on Friday the 14th September. It was anticipated that following this meeting the Project Team would further develop the draft decision papers regarding TSO Certification for both Ireland and Northern Ireland for approval by the SEM Committee at their meeting in September.

Actions: Subject to guidance received by the SEM Sub Committee following their meeting with the European Commission the Project Team are to further develop Decision papers regarding TSO Certification for Ireland and Northern Ireland for discussion by the SEM Committee at their meeting in September. The relevant applicants are to be provided an opportunity to respond to any legal advice or provide their own legal advice which will be considered by the SEMC, in making its preliminary decision on the matter. The Project Team took an action to prepare a note summarising the legal advice which it has received on the applications; SEMC members

to provide written queries to the Project Team on any areas they wished to be addressed in advance of the next SEMC deadline.

3. **AOB**

a) **Hybrid Reference Plant**

TH provided background information regarding an ongoing consultation by DETI in relation to proposed changes to the legislation on Northern Ireland Renewables Obligations in 2013.

The SEM Committee discussed potential implications of this consultation and the impact it may have on the SEM Committee's decision on the criteria for qualification of Hybrid Plant for priority dispatch in the SEM.

The Committee delegated authority to the Oversight Committee to prepare a draft response to DETI's Consultation on behalf of the SEM Committee for approval by the SEM Committee at their meeting on 27 September.

Action: Project Team to prepare draft SEM Committee response to DETI's consultation on proposed changes to the legislation on Northern Ireland Renewables Obligations in 2013 for review by the Oversight Committee prior to submitting to the SEM Committee for approval to issue at their meeting on 27 September.

Date of Next Meeting:

SEM Strategy Day Wednesday 26th September, Jurys Inn, Custom House, Dublin
SEM Committee 60 Thursday 27th September, CER Offices, Dublin