



SEM Committee Meeting

Minutes Meeting No. 112

Location: CER Offices, Dublin

Date: Thursday, 15 December 2016 **Time:** 10.30am – 2.45pm

Member attendees:

Utility Regulator (UR): Bill Emery (SEMC Chair), Jenny Pyper, Jon Carlton,
Commission for Energy Regulation (CER): Garrett Blaney, Aoife MacEvilly (previous SEMC Chair), Paul McGowan
Independent Members: Odd Håkon Hoelsæter, and Professor David Newbery (Deputy)

In attendance:

For all Items: Laura Brien, CER, John Melvin, CER, Brian McHugh, UR, Alan Rainey, Economic Adviser to UR, and Elaine Gallagher (SEMC Secretariat)
For Item 3 and 4: Paul Bell, UR, Robert O'Rourke, CER, Mo Cloonan, CER
For Item 7: Helen Mounsey-Baker, I-SEM Project Manager, ESP Consulting, Greg Irwin, UR
For Item 9: Paul Bell, UR

Minutes: Elaine Gallagher (SEMC Secretariat)

Preliminaries: The committee noted that the chairmanship of the SEM committee has moved to the Utility Regulator and welcomed Bill Emery as committee chair for the following 12 months. Bill Emery and the committee thanked Aoife MacEvilly for her skilled chairmanship over the previous 12 months.

Declarations of interest: No declarations were made.

1. Approval and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Review and approval of minutes from meeting 111 on 24 November 2016

A number of editorial amendments were proposed and accepted by the committee. The amended minutes were approved for publication.

3. DS3 Project Update

Mo Cloonan provided an update on system services and RoCoF noting milestones and achieved. It was noted that the SNSP trialing may need to be extended. It was also noted that the wind security assessment is now operating on a 5-minute cycle. The project team also drew the committee's attention to the DS3 Advisory Council which will be held on 19 January, inviting any members who might be available to attend.

4. DS3 Re-Plan

The committee noted the importance of considering both ISEM and DS3 together in terms of interactions and dependencies. The committee noted the importance of resourcing the DS3 project to ensure delivery and of incentivising the TSOs to deliver DS3 including procurement. In terms of interim tariffs, two options were presented and discussed. The committee agreed to continue with SEM-14-108 decision of €235 million cap distributed on a glide path basis. The team agreed further work to mitigate the risk of the cap becoming a budget. The committee highlighted the importance of accelerating long-term investment signals. Garrett Blaney and Jenny Pyper committed to collectively look at the issue of resources in the DS3 context.

5. Memo on CRM Sector Inquiry

LB outlined the involvement of CER and DCCAE in CRM sector inquiry and impact assessment of cross-border participation in capacity mechanisms. JP noted the importance of the report and acknowledged contribution of Ireland to this process.

6. Summary of Responses received on ISEM Offers in ISEM Balancing Market Consultation

David Egan provided a summary of responses received on ISEM Balancing Market Consultation (SEM-16-059), which was followed by a discussion. The project team informed the committee that a decision paper will be brought to SEM Committee at the February meeting (SEMC 114).

7. ISEM Project Update

HMB updated the committee on milestones achieved and status updates with respect to the various ISEM delivery workstreams.

8. TSC Quarterly Update

The committee noted the update.

9. MMU Quarterly Update

The committee noted the update which was presented by Paul Bell. The committee further noted that the format of the published quarterly MMU report would be revised in the near future.

10. Updates

Garrett Blaney informed the committee of various implications regarding the Clean Energy Package. An update was also given on the EWIC draft application for certification.

Jenny Pyper provided an update on the GNI Price Control.

11. Review of actions from meeting 111 on 24 November 2016

Actions were updated.

12. SEM Correspondence

No additional pieces of correspondence were noted.

13. AOB

SEM Committee approved a slight modification to the SEMC Scheme of Delegation, hard copies of which were circulated at meeting SEMC 112.

The SEM Committee noted the contribution of Elaine Gallagher to the work of the committee over the last number of years, and wished Elaine well in her new role in the Retail Markets Division of the CER.

Signed: 

Bill Emery, SEMC Chair