

**SEM Committee Meeting
Minutes Meeting No. 124**

Location: CRU Offices, Belfast

Date: Tuesday 19th December 2017

Time: 10.15 – 15.00

Member attendees:

Utility Regulator (UR): Bill Emery (SEM Committee Chair), Jenny Pyper, Jon Carlton (by phone)

Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU): Paul McGowan, Garrett Blaney, Aoife MacEvilly

Independent members: Professor David Newbery (Deputy)

In attendance:

For all Items: Jo Aston (UR), Alan Rainey (Economic Adviser to UR), Laura Brien (CRU), John Melvin (CRU)

For item 3: Elaine Cassidy (UR), Joanne McDowell (Shepherd and Wedderburn) John Grady (Shepherd and Wedderburn) (by phone)

For item 4: Colin Broomfield (UR), Robin McCormick (SONI), Bill Thompson (EirGrid), Rodney Doyle (EirGrid)

For item 5: Tony Doherty (UR), Joe Craig (UR), Gina Kelly (CRU)

For item 6: Helen Mounsey (ESP Consulting), Andrew McCorriston (UR – by phone)

Apologies: Odd Håkon Hoelsæter

Minutes: Maeve Kennedy (CRU)

Declarations of interest: No declarations were made.

1. Approval and adoption of the agenda

The agenda was approved and adopted.

2. Review and approval of minutes from meeting 123 on 30 November 2017

The minutes from SEM Committee meeting 123 were approved.

3. Legal update

Laura Brien provided an update on legal matters and noted the update from Shepherd and Wedderburn (S&W). In the Judicial Review, the appellant had agreed to the request to change to the Commercial Courts with the next court date for the second week in January. Notification was received from the appeal panel that the appellant is required to make a



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submission on their grounds for appeal by the 8th January with a hearing on the 10th January. Laura Brien also provided an update on the legal advice received from counsel.

4. CRM T-1 Auction

Colin Broomfield provided an overview of the first CRM capacity auction process and timelines. This included an overview of the next steps and the process for finalising and issuing the auction results.

Rodney Doyle provided a summary of the provisional auction results.

The SEMC discussed these results and noted the final results will be presented to the SEMC for approval at the January meeting. The SEMC also noted that the completion of the first CRM auction represents a significant milestone in the introduction of the new I-SEM arrangement and acknowledged the considerable effort put in by the TSOs in this regard.

The SEMC further discussed the TSOs Plant Closure Process proposals and agreed them in principle. Final endorsement prior to publication by the TSOs was delegated to the I-SEM Sub Committee.

5. NEMO Price Control Decision

Tony Doherty, Gina Kelly and Joe Craig discussed the Publication of Final Determination for SEMOpX's price control. Committee approved the paper subject to minor editorial comments and final sign off from the I-SEM Sub Committee meeting.

6. ISEM/DS3 project updates

Helen Mounsey provided an update on I-SEM and informed the committee that the programme is running well.

The Committee noted the significant work being done by the TSOs. Helen updated the Committee on market testing and market trials

Andrew McCorriston provided an update on DS3, in particular the delay in procurement for fixed contracts, TSO's consultation - due to be published in March 2018, RoCoF – consultation paper has issued, closing date 22nd January.

7. Updates

a. SEMC communications strategy update

SEMC noted the communications update.

b. CRU/UR Independent Members

Paul McGowan and Laura Brien met with Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Richard Harrington (BEIS), had a discussion on I-SEM.

c. MMU Quarterly report

8. Review of actions from meeting 123 on 30 November 2017



The actions were noted.

9. SEM correspondence

No items of correspondence were tabled for discussion.

10. AOB

Signed: Bill Emery
Bill Emery, SEM Committee Chair

