CWG Meeting		Utility Regulator	
Subject: Contestability		Date: 11/11/22	Time: 13.30
Attendees:	Title		Representing
Kenny McPartland	KMP		UR
Jody O'Boyle	JOB		UR
Luke Matchett	LM		UR
Nigel Crawford	NC		NIEN
Dave Thornton	DT		NIEN
Michael Boyle	MB		NEIN
Nigel Watkin	NW		NIEN
Michael Proctor	MP		LRQA
Les Thomas	LT		LRQA
Apologies:	I		
Circulation:			

Item	Main discussion points		
	Intro and comments from previous CWG		
	KMP – welcomed and thanked attendees for joining		
	NC asked if any feedback was received by the group in relation to documentation from the last CWG. These documents included;		
1	 Final minutes of 24-10-2022 meeting (discussed at CWG on 24-10-2022) ICP specific LV Network Access Agreement (discussed at CWG on 24-10-2022) Network Access Agreement (discussed at CWG on 24-10-2022) Weekly whereabouts document (discussed at CWG on 24-10-2022) NIEN's slides on 'Discussion on timings of phase 3' – (discussed at CWG on 06-10-2022) 		
	KMP informed that no feedback was received from CWG members.		
	NC asked if because no feedback was received, does that means that NIEN can take these documents as agreed?		
	KMP informed unless objections are raised, the group is agreeing to progress these.		
	Plan for implementation and steps for Go-Live		
	DT- Highlighted that NIE Networks for next meeting would develop a plan for full implementation of LV works.		

Item Main discussion points

DT- Ran through the steps to get to Go-Live (PP document attached below)

- NIE Networks and LRQA agree the new scopes to be added to the NERS Northern Ireland Requirements Document
- 2. LRQA updates and publishes the revised NERS Northern Ireland Requirements Document
- 3. Providers (ICPs) apply for a Partial Accreditation assessment
- 4. LRQA assesses the ICP and verifies that the ICP's safety documentation deals with NIE Networks' concerns over potential inconsistencies between the NIE Networks' Safety Rules and the ICP's Safety Rules
- 5. ICP gains Partial Accreditation (valid for one year)
- 6. Go-Live
- 7. ICP to notify LRQA of the award of the first contract for a scope of work for which partial accreditation is held
- 8. Full accreditation process

LT clarified that partial accreditation is valid for a year, but the hope is the ICP will move to full accreditation within that year, however, if the ICP hasn't got any work, LRQA will review things at this point and discuss whether extending partial accreditation is possible.

The CWG agreed that at the meeting at the end of November, we will be in a better position as to know what a Go-Live date will be.

The point is flagged by all in the meeting that before Go-Live can occur, an ICP must have gained partial accreditation. It is important that we have engagement with ICPs when defining the Go-Live date.

In relation to Step 2, MP highlights there is some updating needed to the NI NERs document (Appendix 5 similar to GB needs to be included). Once point 1 is decided LRQA can update the document.

MP stated LRQA would hopefully be able to circulate a document before the next CWG meeting.

NIEN will aim to have responded to MP's email sent on Friday 11th by Tuesday 15th November in relation to scope to be included in NI NERs document.

It is agreed amongst the group that the 1st of December Go-Live date is too early, we will aim for 1st of January, but this date cannot be confirmed yet as achieving Go-Live will have steps that are driven by the market (i.e. steps 3 and 5).

UR to share minutes and flag the steps in the process for Go-Live, highlighting the market driven steps.

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	Actions		
	NIE Networks - develop a plan for full implementation of LV works		
	NIE Networks — Respond to MP's by Tuesday 15th November in relation to scope to be included in NI NERs document.		
2	LRQA — Provide a copy of the updated NI NERs document before the next CWG meeting.		
	UR – Highlight in communications to the CWG that before Go-Live can occur, an ICP must have gained partial accreditation.		
	Attachments		
3	P		
	Activities to get us to Go-Live.pptx		