

14th May 2013

Renewables Grid Liaison Group

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees	
Utility Regulator	Tanya Hedley (TH), Sarah Friedel (SF), Kevin O'Neill(KON), Brian Mulhearn (BM)
NIRIG	Michael Harper (MH), Meabh Cormacain (MC), Donogh O'Brien (DOB), Mervyn Adams (MAd),
NIE	Robert Wasson (RW), Gerry Hodgkinson (GH), Michael Atkinson (MA), Lisa McClean (LMC)
SONI	Dick Lewis (DL)
Apologies	David de Casseres (DdC)

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1	Apologies David de Casseres sent his apologies for not being able to attend. Robert Wasson apologised that he would need to leave 10minutes early.	
2	Minutes from meeting on 12th March DL pointed out that in section No.5 '3' was missing in the second line and re-circulate. [check flow of this line again] All other parts of the minutes were agreed. Actions from meeting on 12th March [12th March] All actions were reviewed and a number were discussed further during the meeting. Any actions still ongoing were kept on the action list.	NIE
3	Cluster Charging Update Recently approved Statement of charges is now published on NIE website. UR is going to put a link to the SOC on their webpage. NIE have circulated cluster timeline examples to NIRIG as requested at the previous minutes. NIRIG are going to review these and discuss separately with NIE. NIE has developed a formula to take re-quotes forward. NIE now plans to meet with developers and, subject to alignment with the FAQ process, have re-quotes to them within 3months.	UR NIE
4	Generation Connection – FAQ process Consultation is now closed. SONI and NIE are preparing a report of consultation responses which will be considered at the June SEM board meeting. SONI stated that this was independent of off shore consultation.	NIE/SONI
5	Offshore Consultation Offshore consultation closes on the 30 th of May. NIE stated that they are preparing their response at present.	
6	Small Scale Generation – 11kV Network Access NIE informed the group that a comprehensive workshop had been held with NIRIG, small scale developers, UR and DETI last week, to discuss the wider issues facing small scale generation connections along with the specific issues impacting access to the 11kV network. It was decided at this meeting	

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	that a small focus group should be set up to deal with these issues. NIRIG/NIE expects to convene this sub-group meeting by early June.	
7	<p>Rebate policy extending beyond domestic customers</p> <p>The UR has written to DETI regarding this and DETI have informed UR that they can not sign off on this. DETI would need to make a change to legalisation in order for UR to be able to do so.</p> <p>The UR supports in principle this amendment and therefore has sent a formal request to DETI for this amendment to be made. DETI have responded that they will look into this and respond in due course.</p>	
8	<p>AOB</p> <p><u>Renewable Level Report Format</u></p> <p><i>1. Renewable Integration Status Report</i></p> <p>NIE explained that this report was still in draft format and should not be circulated beyond the RGLG members until the report had been signed off internally by NIE.</p> <p>It was explained that the report was split into the following project categories: short term plan, medium term plan, RIDP, clusters, N-S and large connections. For each project category the report provides a description of associated projects and their status.</p> <p>The UR suggested that the introduction should be reviewed as the draft could be read as if there is no problem on the network to 2023.</p> <p>The UR asked when RIDP report would be published. NIE explained that a final completion report is being prepared for NIAUR. NIE however do not intend to publish a public document for RIDP. The Network 25 report will however take account of RIDP findings.</p> <p>UR suggested that the official cluster definition should be used.</p> <p>It was recommended that the table 2 should be dated / time stamped, and extended to the year 2020. NIE expressed their concerns about putting timescales on projects which are not already in the pre-construction phase. The UR suggested that NIE include these projects but put a caveat in place. Different colour schemes could be considered for approved/non approved i.e. bold/Pastel.</p> <p>NIE to edit the report to take account of UR suggestions</p> <p>NIRIG stated that they still have to review the report in detail and would provide comments once their review was completed.</p> <p><i>2. SONI Renewable Quarterly Report</i></p> <p>SONI expressed their concerns about publishing this report as they know the data is incomplete and therefore it not portraying the correct picture. SONI feel that it is DETI responsibility to publish such a report as they have access to all the ROC data.</p> <p>It was agreed that the figures that are uncertain should not be included in the first report to be published and that the UR should raise SONI's query to DETI.</p>	<p>NIE</p> <p>NIRIG</p> <p>UR</p>

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	<p><i>3. Potential Large Scale On-shore Wind (>5MW) Connection Over Next 5 years Graph</i></p> <p>NIE presented the graph and explained that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The red line equates to the level of on shore required to meet the 2020 target (based on consumption) • While the blue line shows the level of on shore MW NIE has in planning (i.e. expected dates of completion of clusters as it is expected that the wind farms connecting to them will be ready to connect) <p>It was agreed by the group that there would be little value in publishing this graph. Instead it would be better to state in the introduction to the Renewable Integration Status Report what level of all renewable is connected at present and what the value of MW would need to be installed by 2015 in order to meet the target.</p> <p>NIE to circulate a final version of the Renewable Integration Status Report within circa two to three weeks for the group to review within one week before being published on the website.</p> <p>The UR will bring forward this report to DETI for information prior to it being published.</p> <p><u>Offshore Planning Consultation</u></p> <p>NIE and SONI had previously decided to review the transmission planning standards. Since then the UR has asked NIE to review both the transmission and distribution planning standards. NIE plan to prioritise the transmission planning standards and have them finalised by the end of 2013.</p> <p><u>Other Consultations</u></p> <p>NIRIG asked if there were any more consultations due.</p> <p>SONI informed them that, 'The Generator Output Reduction Paper' will be published within 6-8 weeks.</p> <p>The UR is currently in discussion with NIE around additional annual reporting</p> <p>SONI asked why the UR had not responded to Fund 3. UR stated that they responded as part of the final determination which is now part of the Competition Commission process.</p> <p><u>Date of the next meetings</u></p> <p>It was agreed that, in order to accommodate members holidays, the meeting scheduled for the 9th of July should be brought forward to the last week in June. The UR to reschedule this meeting.</p>	<p>NIE</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>UR</p> <p>UR</p>
9	<p>Dates for next meetings</p> <p>Dates agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9th July 2013 (Agreed to be changed) ▪ 10th Sept 2013 ▪ 12 Nov 2013 	

No	Item	Action
1.	Make suggested changes to minutes dated the 12 th March and re-circulate	NIE
2.	Add a link to the NIE's SOC on UR webpage.	UR
3.	Arrange meetings with developers regarding re-quotes.	NIE
4.	Prepare a report of consultation responses for consideration at the June SEM board meeting.	SON/NIE
5.	Renewable Integration Status Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="347 521 1054 551">i. Edit the report to take account of UR suggestions <li data-bbox="347 568 1262 663">ii. State in the introduction what level of renewable generation (all types) is connected at present and what the value of MW would need to be installed by 2015 in order to meet the target. <li data-bbox="347 680 927 710">iii. Provide comments to NIE on the report. <li data-bbox="347 728 1262 797">iv. Circulate final version of Renewable Integration Status Report within two to three weeks. <li data-bbox="347 815 1262 884">v. Review the Renewable Integration Status Report within one week and provide comments. 	NIE NIE NIRIG NIE All
6.	Raise SONI query regarding ROC data and renewable reporting with DETI	UR
7.	UR re-schedule the next RGLG meeting to the last week in June	UR