

Minutes of UR Contestability Working Group (CWG)

Location	Date
Queens House, Belfast	28th January 2015

Attendance:

Tanya Hedley (TH) - UR	Billy Graham (BG)
Jody O'Boyle (JO'B) – UR	Gorman Hagan (GH)
Ronan McKeown (RMK) – UR	Iain Wright (IW)
Malcolm Robinson (MR) -NIE	Bob Weaver (BW)
Eimear Watson (EW) – SONI	Andrew Prinsloo (AP)

Apologies:

Nigel Crawford (NC) – NIE	Stewart Hall (SH)
Mervyn Adams (MA)	

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	<i>Responsibility - Action Items</i>
1. Previous Minutes	
<p>This was the second meeting regarding this subject arranged to take opportunity of all members being invited to, and most attending, the Contestability Workshop. The purpose of meeting was primarily limited to a quick update on the status of position papers from the various Workflows.</p> <p>The Minutes from Meeting 1 were agreed to be correct with the small amendment of including a comment by AP regarding NIE's accreditation to ISO 9001. Following this amendment the Minutes will be passed and published.</p> <p>Action 1. Amend Minutes from meeting 1 to include the point raised concerning NIE having ISO 9001 accreditation.</p>	MR
2. Introductions	
<p>TH thanked everyone for attending, and apologised for the lack of an agenda, but explained the meeting was really only to get updated on the status of each of the Workflow Papers.</p>	Noted
3. Workflow 1 (WF1)– Comparison of ICP vs NIE/SONI	
<p>AP confirmed the first draft of WF1 has been completed and circulated round the group for comment.</p> <p>AP asked TH the question if UR has a view on a limit to which contestability will apply based on voltage. TH said the UR did not think there would be a limit but did point out with connections at 275KV being none existent in Northern Ireland there wouldn't be a lot of time spent developing detailed procedures for 275kV connections.</p> <p>AP then stated that we are all in agreement that contestability will apply to all voltages and all technologies. The group agreed with this.</p> <p>AP highlighted the high costs associated with achieving Lloyds ICP accreditation, he gave the example of his company currently having spent £100k from Spring time last year but the real cost being more, this is for accreditation for up to 132kV. Accreditation for something smaller like street light connections is approx £3k.</p> <p>Action 2. The group will make comment on all WF's within the next 5 days.</p>	All

	<i>Responsibility - Action Items</i>
4. Work Flow 2 (WF2) Scope of Contestability Aspects	
<p>BG confirmed the first draft for WF2 has been completed and circulated.</p> <p>BG asked the question is there a difference between large scale generation and small scale generation as far as contestability is concerned. His point being not many small scale developers will be interested in building overhead lines but would be interested in cable laying and civil works associated with ground mounted plant.</p> <p>This was discussed with the feeling of the group being there would be no difference between large and small scale generation contestability.</p> <p>MR commented that due to a proposed change in CDM regulations the Health and Safety Risks associated with construction will be carried by the designer. Therefore it will not be possible for designs to be carried out by NIE and construction carried out by an ICP or the other way round. MR pointed out there may be room for bundling works together for example NIE could design and build the overhead line with the contestable element of the connection being limited to the underground cable and plant installation. The ICP would take responsibility for the design of the contestable element.</p> <p>EW made a comment on there not being a lot of difference between WF2 and WF3 (Contestable / None Contestable Split). The group agree WF3 would merge into WF2. EW would take the responsibility for WF2 with BG providing assistance.</p> <p>Action 3. Details of CDM changes to be circulated round the group.</p>	MR
5. WF3 Contestable / Non-Contestable	
See WF2 Update above	
6. WF4 Construction Ability / Technical Compliance	
BW confirmed the first draft of WF4 has been circulated to the group.	Noted
7. WF5 – Environmental Aspects re Pre-construction abilities	
It was decided by the group WF5 was a future requirement and will progress when required.	Noted
8. AOB	
<p>TH asked if there was anything further to add to the TOR and with no further comments this was agreed to be published on UR website.</p> <p>AP was asked if it would be possible for him to get an indication of accreditation costs from Lloyds. AP did point out there would be other costs associated with accreditation which is difficult to put an exact figure on, but he would produce some figures from Lloyds to provide the group with an idea of what's required for becoming an ICP</p> <p>TH discussed dates of next meetings and that although it was agreed at the previous group meeting the 2nd Thursday of every month, this may not exactly work out so dates will be issued by UR over the next few days to firm up on dates for meeting over next 6 months.</p> <p>Action 4. TOR to be published on UR Website</p> <p>Action 5. Provide an indication of costs from Lloyds for getting ICP accreditation</p> <p>Action 4 from meeting 1. Provide dates of Working Group Meetings for next 6 months</p>	<p>TH</p> <p>AP</p> <p>TH</p>

Actions Summary From Meeting 1 on 16th January 2015

Action Number	Section	Action	Responsible	Required By
1	Minutes	NIE to issue draft and agreed pdf. format of minutes for all meeting associated with this topic.	NC	Completed
2	Terms of Reference	Following some discussion it was agreed that UR would amend the TOR and circulate to the working group.	RMK	Complete
3	CMG Workstreams	Named individuals to complete initial assessment and circulate	AP, BG, EW, BW	Complete
4	Dates for meeting	UR to suggest meeting for next 6 months for diaries	RMK	19 Jan

Actions Summary From Meeting 2 on 28th January 2015

Action Number	Section	Action	Responsible	Required By
1	Previous Minutes	Amend Minutes from meeting 1 to include the point raised concerning NIE having ISO 9001 accreditation.	MR	Complete
2	WF1 Update	The group will make comment on all WF's within the next 5 days.	ALL	4 Feb
3	WF2 Update	Details of CDM changes to be circulated round the group	MR	Complete
4	AOB	TOR to be published on UR Website	TH	6 Feb
5	AOB	Provide an indication of costs from Lloyds for getting ICP accreditation	AP	12 Feb