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**Minutes of meeting of Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation**

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The third meeting of the Authority for Energy Regulation took place on 20 June 2003.

Issues which were discussed included Capacity Payments; the Draft Biomass Manifesto; Postalisation, a common tariff for all gas customers on the transmission system; and an NIE paper giving an update on Sustainable Management of Assets and Renewable Technology (SMART).

Other topics which were discussed included the Authority’s response to the DETI consultation paper on a New Energy Strategy for NI. It was agreed that the response should focus on six key areas namely generation costs, energy efficiency, gas roll out, renewables, combined heat and power and relations with neighbouring energy markets.

After discussion it was agreed that Ofreg should tender for Technical/Engineering expertise to advise on gas matters. It was also agreed that the Chairman would write to CEER requesting the Authority’s continued representation.

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