

Minutes of UR Contestability Working Group (CWG) - Meeting 10

Location	Date
UR Offices, Belfast	26 th January 2016

Attendance:

Tanya Hedley (TH) - UR	Nigel Crawford (NC) – NIE Networks
Naoimh McGovern (NMcG) – UR	Dave Thornton (DT) – NIE Networks
Jody O'Boyle (JO'B) – UR	Caron Malone (CM) – NIE Networks
	Edel Creery (EC) – NIE Networks
Eimear Watson (EW) – SONI	Andrew Prinsloo (AP)
Conan Hodgkinson (CH) - SONI	Mervyn Adams (MA)

Apologies:

Malcolm Robinson (MR) –NIE Networks	Stuart Hall (SH)
Bob Weaver (BW)	Billy Graham (BG)
Gorman Hagan (GH)	Iain Wright (IW)

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	<i>Responsibility - Action Items</i>
1. Previous Minutes	
Previous Minutes (meeting 9) were reviewed and approved to be issued	Noted
2. Matters Arising from Previous Actions	
Meeting 3 Action 2 – AP presented his perception of the GB DNO Connection process to the group and brief discussion took place	Noted
3. UR Presentation	
NMcG provided an update on UR progress to date regarding the introduction of Competition in Connections for NIEN distribution connections. This included initial thoughts regarding: 1) Connections for electricity network in Northern Ireland 2) Contestability summary to date 3) Connections-RAB; followed by brief example pre and post contestability 4) Housing sites followed by brief example pre and post contestability 5) Next steps It was agreed that this was a useful insight to initial thoughts.	Noted
4. NIE Networks / SONI presentation	
DT/ EW informed the group that a draft consultation recommendation report was submitted to UR on Friday 15 th January 2016 for review and comment. In summary:	Noted

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four response to the consultation were received with various comments received on the following topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope of Contestability Application Process Offer and Acceptance Process Connection Process Accreditation Adoption and Contestable Works Consents and Wayleaves Shared Connections and Clusters Charging Arrangements Governance and Disputes <p>It was agreed that the next steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UR to review NIEN / SONI submission UR to reply with comments to NIEN / SONI NIEN / SONI to finalise the consultation recommendation report and submit to UR for publication NIEN / SONI to update and issue the next version of the proposed Implementation Guidelines to UR. 	
5. AOB	
DT requested the industry to consider the impact of safety and the implications of CDM once competition is introduced based on GB experience. In particular, the roles allocated to the customer and the ICP under CDM for design and construction of the contestable works and how design decisions are documented and passed to NIEN at adoption of the contestable works.	Noted
6. Date of Next Meeting	
Date of next meeting to be confirmed by UR, date in March 2016 at UR offices, Belfast.	Noted

Actions Summary from Meeting 3 on 12th February 2015

Action Number	Section	Action	Responsible	Required By
1	Matters Arising	Lloyds Accreditation contact details to be provided to UR	AP	Complete
2	Next Steps	Forward GB DNO connections process map to NIE	AP	Complete
3	Next Steps	Circulate links to GB DNO published engineering specification	JO'B	Complete

Actions Summary from Meeting 4 on 5th March 2015

Action Number	Section	Action	Responsible	Required By
1	WF Discussion	Circulate an example of adoption Certificates or Agreements	BW	Complete
2	WF Discussion	Circulate note to include potential W/L process	IW	Complete
2	WF Discussion	Circulate WPD W/L process policy paper	BW	Complete
4	General Discussion	Circulate the Second Comer paper to the working group	BW	Complete

Actions Summary from Meeting 5 on 12th May 2015

Action Number	Section	Action	Responsible	Required By
1	Next Steps Review	Forward GSOP standards to working group	BW	Complete
2	Next Steps Review	Provide worked examples on different connection types and what activities for each connection are contestable	NIE/UR	Complete
3	Next Steps Review	Explore the possibility of NIE providing a service where requested by the ICP to construct contested distribution O/H lines	NIE/UR	Complete
4	Next Steps Review	Forward proposed timelines to UR for publication as Annex 1 and 2 of Next Steps Paper.	NIE/SONI	Complete
5	Date of Next Meeting	Forward proposed dates to group	RMK	Complete

Actions Summary from Meeting 6 on 2nd June 2015

Action Number	Section	Action	Responsible	Required By
1	Timeline Review	Circulate Eirgrid Implementation Guidelines paper around the group	EW	Complete
2	Timeline Review	Forward to RMK links to Network Security and Planning Standards, Distribution Code and Grid Code	SONI/NIE	Complete
3	Timeline Review	Provide information on NIE's view on risks associated with accreditation	NIE	Complete

Actions Summary from Meeting 7 on 20th June 2015

Action Number	Section	Action	Responsible	Required By
1	UR Feedback on responses to Next Steps Paper	Discuss connection type based on capacity including small scale generation that will provide the best fit for Phase 1 of Contestability	NIE/UR	Completed (additional information to provided in Implementation Guidelines)

Actions Summary from Meeting 8 on 4th August 2015

Action Number	Section	Action	Responsible	Required By
1	UR Discussion re Decision Paper 31 st July 2015	NIE, SONI and UR to discuss timescale for Implementation Guidelines to be produced that will facilitate Phase 1 of Contestability to be introduced	NIE/UR	Completed