

Minutes of UR Contestability Working Group (CWG) - Meeting 9

Location	Date
UR Offices, Belfast	9 th September 2015

Attendance:

Tanya Hedley (TH) - UR	Nigel Crawford (NC) – NIE
Ronan McKeown (RMK) – UR	Dave Thornton (DT) – NIE (Telephone)
Eimear Watson (EW) – SONI	Nigel Wray (NW) – NIE
Edel Creery (EC) - NIE	Bob Weaver (BW)
Billy Graham (BG)	Iain Wright (IW)
Gorman Hagan (GH)	Andrew Prinsloo (AP)
Jody O'Boyle (JO'B) – UR	Mervyn Adams (MA)

Apologies:

Malcolm Robinson (MR) -NIE	Stuart Hall (SH)
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	<i>Responsibility - Action Items</i>
1. Previous Minutes	
Previous Minutes were reviewed and approved	Noted
2. Matters Arising from Previous Actions	
Meeting 3 Action 2 – Outstanding from AP	Noted
Meeting 5 Action 3 – Agreed that this had been explored and agreed to close action	
Meeting 7 Action 1 – Agreed that additional information will be provided within the proposed implementation guidelines and to close action	
Meeting 8 Action 1 – Agreed that UR / SONI / NIE are in discussions and that the action can be closed	
3. Joint NIE / SONI Presentation	
NIE and SONI made a presentation to the group regarding the proposed Implementation Guidelines document providing an update on progress to date. This included initial thoughts regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of Contestability • Application and Offer process • Connection process • Accreditation • Shared Connections • Clusters • Governance / Disputes 	Noted

	<i>Responsibility - Action Items</i>
<p>It was agreed that this was a useful insight to initial thoughts.</p> <p>NIE / SONI confirmed that it was their intention to complete this document by end Sept / early Oct that would allow UR to complete the necessary 4 week consultation.</p>	Noted
4. AOB	
<p>TH informed the group that RMK would be leaving UR and joining NIE in approximately 3 months although he would still be involved with the introduction of Contestability until he leaves. TH stated that if anyone felt conflicted by passing information to RMK that they could send the information directly to TH or JO'B</p> <p>Contestability workshop date to be agreed with UR following submission of Implementation Guidelines by NIE / SONI</p>	Noted
5. Date of Next Meeting	
<p>Date of next meeting to be confirmed by UR, date in November 2015 at UR offices, Belfast.</p>	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	Ongoing
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