

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY
REGULATION (THE 'AUTHORITY') HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 JULY 2020 BY VIDEO
CONFERENCE AT 11.30 A.M.**

Present:

Bill Emery (Chairman), Jenny Pyper (Chief Executive), Jon Carlton, Alex Wiseman, Teresa Perchard, David de Casseres, Claire Williams

In attendance:

SMT – Tanya Hedley, Kevin Shiels, Roisin McLaughlin, John Mills, Elaine Cassidy, Greg Irwin

Alistair Green and Jonathan Ashcroft (ESP – agenda item 3)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Donald Henry, Colin Broomfield.

1.2 The board convened to consider two items.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 None.

3. SONI GOVERNANCE REVIEW

3.1 Roisin McLaughlin introduced this item which provided an overview of the current situation in respect of the SONI governance review.

3.2 Jenny Pyper briefed the board on the facilitated engagement with SONI and EirGrid. She outlined key areas of discussion and provided an overview of progress in each area.

3.3 Board members availed of the opportunity to clarify issues and items of detail in respect of governance arrangements proposals, the ongoing engagement with SONI and EirGrid and the governance review process.

3.4 In wider discussion board members explored the issues of SONI board composition, the relationship between the SONI board and EirGrid and progress in respect of additional assurances and transparency.

3.5 The board agreed that, while there remained some issues to be resolved and a further submission was required from SONI and EirGrid, progress was sufficient to continue with the facilitated engagement as part of the review.

4. BROCKAGHBOY LITIGATION LEGAL SERVICES AND EXPENSES - ADDENDUM TO BUSINESS CASE

4.1 Elaine Cassidy introduced this item in respect of a request to approve additional expenditure for legal services and related expenses as an addendum to the business case previously approved by the board in 2019.

4.2 The board approved the additional expenditure as proposed for the Brockaghboy litigation legal services.

4.3 There being no other business, the board meeting concluded at 12.50 p.m.