

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION (THE 'AUTHORITY') HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2014 IN QUEENS HOUSE, BELFAST AT 9.30 A.M.

Present:

Bill Emery (chairman), Richard Rodgers, Bill Cargo, Teresa Perchard, Harry McCracken, David Strahan, Jenny Pyper (chief executive),

In attendance:

SMT - Brian McHugh, Greg Irwin (board secretary/communications manager)

Karen McConnell

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 None

1.2 The Chairman in his introductory remarks noted that this board meeting was convened to discuss one agenda item which required the board's approval under the scheme of delegation.

2. FIRE DRILL

2.1 The board members were informed of the evacuation procedures which apply at Queens House in the event of a fire.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 None.

4. THE STRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS OF THE GAS NETWORK

4.1 Brian McHugh introduced this item which sought the board's approval for the new external engineering consultancy contract. The consultancy assistance related to matters associated with the structures and systems of the gas network and other regulatory support.

4.2 Board members clarified the process for awarding the consultancy support and the scope of the work to be undertaken.

4.3 With all the issues clarified the board approved the new external engineering contract as presented.

There being no other business the board meeting concluded at 9.50 am.