

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

**Renewables Grid Liaison Group**

**Minutes of Meeting No 32**

<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Utility Regulator</b>	Roisin McLaughlin (RML) Aidan Girvan (AG) Jody O'Boyle (JOB) Kenny McPartland (KMP)
<b>NIRIG</b>	No attendee
<b>NIE Networks</b>	Sinead Ferris (SF) Lisa O'Neill (LON) Karen O'Doherty (KOD) Emma Cunningham (EC)
<b>SONI</b>	Helen Gallagher (HG) Niall McClements (NMC)
<b>Department for the Economy - Energy Decarbonisation Division</b>	No attendee
<b>NISTA</b>	No attendee
<b>Offshore Representative</b>	No attendee
<b>Ulster Farmers Union</b>	John Watt (JW)
<b>Energy Storage Representative</b>	No attendee
<b>DP Energy</b>	No attendee
<b>Energia</b>	No attendee
<b>Amber Green Energy</b>	Neil O'Brien (NOB)
<b>Department for Economy</b>	Darren Colville (DC)
<b>Supplier</b>	No Attendee

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1	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Gary Hawkes (GH) (UFU)  Rory Mullan (RM) (NIRIG)  Steven Agnew (SA) (NIRIG)  David Hill (DH) (NIEN)  Rachel Newell (RN) (NIEN)  Ronan Kernan (RK) (SONI)  Raymond Smyth (SONI)  Louis Fisher (LF) (SONI)  Chris Osborne (CO) (UFU)</p>										
2	<p><b>Minutes/Updates from last meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes approved</p> <p><b>Actions from previous meeting</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="263 920 1401 1294"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="263 920 331 1025">1</td> <td data-bbox="331 920 1219 1025">Investigate developing “Energy Dashboard” <i>Ongoing</i></td> <td data-bbox="1219 920 1401 1025"><b>NIE Networks / SONI</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="263 1025 331 1160">2</td> <td data-bbox="331 1025 1219 1160">NIE Networks to get in touch with National Grid following NIRIG’s provision of examples of how information is shared in GB</td> <td data-bbox="1219 1025 1401 1160"><b>NIE Networks</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="263 1160 331 1294">3</td> <td data-bbox="331 1160 1219 1294">Update on supplier attendance – ERIG representative to attend meetings</td> <td data-bbox="1219 1160 1401 1294"><b>UR</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	1	Investigate developing “Energy Dashboard” <i>Ongoing</i>	<b>NIE Networks / SONI</b>	2	NIE Networks to get in touch with National Grid following NIRIG’s provision of examples of how information is shared in GB	<b>NIE Networks</b>	3	Update on supplier attendance – ERIG representative to attend meetings	<b>UR</b>	
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3	<p><b>Renewables Status Update</b></p> <p>NIE Networks confirmed that 1,665MW of renewables has been connected to date and a further 292MW committed (mostly on Agivey and Kells clusters). Expecting approximately 1,926 MW connected by end of 2022.</p>	<b>NIE Networks</b>									

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<b>4</b>	<p><b>Update on Transmission Applications</b></p> <p>HG presented slides on the status of current applications – there are 14 valid jobs in process, mix of generation, demand and storage.</p> <p>New application for 50MW Battery at Kells</p>	<b>SONI</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Consultation Update</b></p> <p>LON – Non-firm offer consultation was issued at end of 2019 with a workshop held in December for stakeholders. Consultation closed 28<sup>th</sup> February and 6 responses have been received. Majority indicates option 2A with 400MW limit attached to it.</p> <p>NIE Networks &amp; SONI are to discuss responses and determine if low level of response is adequate to change the connection application and offer process. Is there potential for a mini-consultation.</p> <p>RML asked about feedback from the workshop, LON highlighted small number of queries that were asked on the day, the main concerns were regarding constraints and curtailment.</p> <p>RML – How long are NIEN/SONI expecting it to take to decide what to do next</p> <p>LON – This depends on NIE Networks’ and SONI’s legal view and NIRIG will need to be spoken to also.</p> <p>LON read out an update from Rory Mullan – It is NIRIG’s plan to meet with SONI in March and he will provide a follow up at the next RGLG meeting.</p>	<p><b>SONI &amp; NIE Networks</b></p> <p><b>NIRIG</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>DfE – General Update</b></p> <p>Still in consultation for Energy Strategy, there have been 5 workshops held over the past few weeks including transport, heat and power).</p> <p>There is a plan to set up internal working groups for each chapter of the consultation. Hoping to have Options paper by late Summer/early Autumn 2020, then it will go out for consultation.</p>	<b>DFE</b>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Network Development/ATR Update</b></p> <p>NMC presented update on TDPNI – next version is to be submitted in next few weeks</p> <p>Kells/Rasharkin proposals currently in process. To be submitted to UR once complete, followed by consultation.</p> <p>Planning approval for Agivey recently received.</p> <p>Dromore currently with NIE Networks</p> <p>Tomorrow Energy Scenarios:          Consultation closed Nov 2019 and responses have been reviewed, feedback general feedback showed support for addressing climate</p>	<b>SONI</b>

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	<p>change, modest progress retained and accelerated ambition. Scenarios will be released late Spring/early Summer.</p> <p>SF commented that the scale was significant and there is a big challenge ahead. By 2050 a number of generators may have lost planning permission and therefore connection agreements, so the stats could change. Energy efficiency could also have an effect on the target. Also expecting electric vehicles to advance over next few years so we need to consider what base levels to mark percentage against</p> <p>May still need to consider network reinforcements for renewables.</p> <p>JOB – asked if there has been a proper analysis of the planning issue? Hoping that the planning office would do this</p>	
8	<p><b>Operational Update</b></p> <p>DH – Presentation on RoCoF Update - (Refer to attached slides)</p> <p>David gave his thanks to industry and contractors for their help in the successful outcome.</p> <p>Overview of Repowering event on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> February – concerns brought up by attendees related to ROCs concerns, priority dispatch and grandfathering.</p>	<b>NIE NETWORKS</b>
9	<p><b>General Update and Membership</b></p> <p>UR have been engaged with ERIG regarding having a representative for suppliers in attendance. Representative from Budget Energy was due to attend this meeting but did not arrive.</p>	<b>UR</b>
10	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>JOB – UR are hoping to reconvene contestability working group and will get dates lined up with NIE Networks and SONI.</p>	<b>N/A</b>
11	<p><b>Dates of 2020 Meetings</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 at 10 o'clock in UR offices</p>	

### Summary of Actions

<b>Action No.</b>	<b>Action Description</b>	<b>To be Actioned by</b>
<b>1</b>	Investigate developing “Energy Dashboard” (ongoing)	<b>NIE Networks / SONI</b>
<b>3</b>	Update on Supplier Attendance – ERIG representative to attend meetings	<b>UR</b>