



SEM Programme Managers Group

Meeting # 11

22nd March 2007

Teleconference

Attendees:

1. Ben Pinches (BP) – SEM Programme Office
2. Clodagh O'Neill (CON) – SEM Programme Office
3. Ken Murray (KM) - SEM Programme Office
4. Barry McCarthy (BMC) – SMO Programme Office
5. Carol McCarney (CMC) – Airtricity
6. Todd Bessemer (TB) - SMO Programme Advisor
7. Neil Bingham (NB) – VP&E
8. John Bennett (JB) - Synergen
9. Aidan Keely (AK) - BGE
10. Brian Dowd (BD) - ESB
11. Alan Birch (AB) – NIE

1. Minutes from PMG Meeting #10

1.1 TB advised of clarification to of PMG Meeting 10 06.03.07 meetings minutes. Minutes to be re-circulated.

1.2 **Action:** BP to distribute minutes with TB's updates to participants (action 98).

2. PMG Action List

2.1 Action 52: Ongoing. New target date for this action is May.

2.2 Action 56: Ongoing.

2.3 Action 63: Ongoing.

2.4 Action 84: Closed.

2.5 Action 85: Closed. KM to provide update later in the meeting.

2.6 Action 86: Closed.

2.7 Action 87: Closed.

2.8 Action 88: Closed. Revised version to be sent out by BP. Update on action: BP to add or remove names of people represented on Organisation Chart instead of initials.

2.9 Action 89: Action updated and closed.

2.10 Action 90: Closed. TSOs have received four responses. TB advised that, on the basis that all four were keen for TSOs to accommodate the additional phase of connectivity testing, he will promote the change request. RAs will then review to see if this can be progressed. AB urged other participants to advise that they are keen for this to progress.

2.11 **Action:** RAs to review connectivity testing change control, when submitted, to see if this can be progressed further (action 99).

2.12 Action 91: Closed.

2.13 Action 92: Closed.

2.14 Action 93: Ongoing: NB to collate a summarised response. NB requested the RA's opinion on what scenarios should be run given the participants don't have full visibility of the KEMA scenarios. He explained his feeling that it should be a joint effort between RAs and Participants.

2.15 **Action:** Market Simulation – NB to arrange a workshop for market participants and RAs to agree scenarios. NB requested visibility of KEMA scenarios and KEMA attendance at workshop (action 100).

2.16 **Action:** TB volunteered to see if Brendan Ring was available to attend to advise on practical modelling constraints with UUC (action 101).

2.16 Action 94: Ongoing. Dependent on the output from the scenario workshop.

2.17 Action 95: Ongoing. AB queried whether the PRC log could be put on the website, which is going live on 26 March.

2.18 **Action:** NB to raise with PRC whether the log could be published on the website (action 102).

2.19 Action 96: Closed.

2.20 Action 97: Closed

3. Market Readiness:

3.1 Chief Executive Meeting: KM advised that the meeting held on Tuesday in Ballymascanlon 20.03.07 with CEs was very worthwhile and welcome.

4. T&SC:

4.1 KM provided update. The latest version of the Code was sent out to assist participants by providing updated information as early as possible. KM advised that Section 7 shows key updated information. Other changes are captured in sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Any clarification requests should be sent to KM. TSC v1.3 still on target for publication on 30.03.07.

5. PMG Traffic Light Report:

5.1 BP advised that more NI contract deliverables will be added to the next traffic light report.

5.2 NB raised issues relating to the report:

- 5.2.1 Price caps and VOLL: NB requested that these deliverables be included. KM advised that a note on these will be published tomorrow and these deliverables will be incorporated into the traffic light going forward.
- 5.2.2 Non-directed contract deliverables to be added to report.
- 5.2.3 Directed Contracts process subscription period: NB sought clarification on a later start date. PowerGen have requested shortening the Directed Contracts phase as there were issues of running the Non Directed and Directed Contracts phase in alignment. There were requests for shortening the Directed Contract phase.
- 5.2.4 Kema Process: NB queried how the Kema output would be translated into Directed Contracts and prices. Is there a mismatch between what Kema recommend and the output price? He is unclear how this will be progressed and has queries on the runs of Plexos. KM explained that queries should be raised at the forum next Friday.
- 5.2.5 Gas deliverables to be added report.

5.3 **Action:** CON to investigate inclusion of requested deliverables in the next traffic light report (action 103).

5.4 BD concerned about the general drift outwards of the milestones. His view is that there is not scope for any slippage at all. Also concerns about the SIMDRACS delays. He would see major risk with any slippage at all. AK shares this view and requested that this would be managed internally in the RA's.

5.5 **Action:** HM to attend next meeting to update on SIMDRACS (action 104).

5.6 TB stated that dates at lines 248 and 249 were incorrect – these tasks are already complete. TB also advised that the completion date for Certification Testing activities had been pushed back by two weeks, due to the diversion of the Certification team for two weeks to work on the T&SC Appendices, as per a change request raised by the Regulatory Authorities

6. Risks and Issues:

6.1 BD sees the scope change that may arise from the updated T&SC as the key risk at present.

6.2 **Action:** BD to send BP scope change risk (action 105).

6.3 NB suggested advising of specific project slippage and the impact this might have on other parts of the programme. TB reminded everyone that this action was already captured (action 56) and advised that the TSOs do track dependencies between their projects. It was noted that the market simulation exercise cannot be seen as suffering from the delay in certification activities, as this work is still prospective and is not yet even part of anyone's approved scope.

6.4 NB queried the timeframe for sign off of the market simulation exercise. NB requested sign off prior to agreement of scenarios. TB advised that the effort to plan, prepare and conduct this work will be highly dependant upon the number and complexity of scenarios defined; that an estimate of schedule and cost could not be prepared until the scenarios desired by participants were defined; and that he thought it unlikely that the RAs would approve any work prior to having such a schedule and cost estimate.

7. AOB

7.1 JB: Transition document published 20.03.07 - JB was concerned that the release of cutover documents in early October is too late.

7.2 **Action:** RA's to follow up on the timing of cutover documents date and revert (action 106).

8. Next Meeting date and location:

Dublin (location to be advised) – 10:30am Tuesday 3rd of April 2007.