
Minutes of the meeting of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

From: Eilidh Alexander (Secretary to the Authority)

Date: 13 March 2024

Location: London

1. Welcome

No conflicts of interest were declared, and the Board approved minutes for the February GEMA and the January extraordinary GEMA meetings.

2. Quarterly Consumer Voice – Vulnerability

The Board noted the paper on stakeholder and consumer insights in Ofgem’s work, and welcomed broader insights presented by guest Board Speakers; Gillian Cooper, Director of Energy and Vivien Smith, Advisor at Citizens Advice and Zoe Medlock, Vulnerability Consultant at the Money Advice Trust.

The Board discussed the proposed developments to the Ofgem Vulnerability strategy.

3. Multiyear Strategy

The Board noted the Ofgem Multiyear Strategy report and the publication of the strategy in March 2024.

4. Infrastructure Deep Dive

Future of Gas Grid

The Board noted the deep dive on the Future of Gas Grid, that included the uncertainties around future gas network needs and the strategic choices ahead.

RIIO-3 Programme Overview

The Board noted the RIIO-3 programme overview. This included the strategic challenges facing the gas and electricity networks over the next price control period, the timeline of key decisions to be taken to set these price controls, and the proposed governance arrangements to support them.

The Board approved a retendering process for economic consultancy services in support of the RIIO-3 price control programmes, including the next electricity distribution price review.

5. CEO Report

The Board noted the CEO report, with particular interest in the updates on Sizewell C and the upcoming consultation publication on Future Price Protection.

6. Business Planning 2024/25

The Board discussed the budget and commended the Forward Work Programme paper for offline approval from GEMA members.

7. Procurement contracts

The Board approved a procurement contract for laptop and desktop hardware and approved a call off contract for programme management and support services.

Apologies for absence

Akshay Kaul

Those present

Mark McAllister
Jonathan Brearley
John Crackett
Myriam Madden
Barry Panayi
Warren Buckley
Tony Curzon-Price
Alena Kozakova
Graham Mather
Jonathan Kini
Steven McMahon

Those attending

Neil Lawrence
Sinead Murray
Neil Kenward
Tim Jarvis
Melinda Johnson
Priya Brahmbhatt-Patel

Others present

Eilidh Alexander (Head of Governance and Secretariat)
Jennie Griffiths (Next Generation Non-Executive Director)