

## Minutes of a meeting of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

From: Eilidh Alexander  
Secretary to the Authority

Date: 7 and 8 March

Location: London

### **GEMA visit minutes for 7 March**

#### **1. Welcome**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### **2. Hydrogen Strategy and the role of Ofgem**

The Board heard from senior DESNZ officials on the Governments' hydrogen strategy.

#### **3. Improving locational signals for investment and operation in the electricity system**

The Board heard presentations on different approaches to designing locational signals in the electricity system.

### **GEMA minutes for 8 March**

#### **1. Welcome**

No conflicts of interest were declared, and the board approved the minutes for the previous Board meeting.

#### **2. CEO's Report and quarterly performance report**

The Board noted the CEO's report.

#### **3. EDP Terms of reference**

The Board approved the EDP Terms of Reference.

#### **4. Contract approvals**

The Board approved the increase of value for the digital services contract specified in the paper.

#### **5. Business planning and forward work programme**

The Board agreed the paper on business planning and forward work programme, and to delegate final sign-off to the CEO.

## **6. Electricity connections reform**

The Board discussed proposed reforms and were supportive of the team on exploring reform options further.

## **7. Network Price Controls- Inflation**

The Board agreed to proceed with a consultation and open letter on inflation response in Network Price Controls.

## **8. Strengthening Financial Resilience**

The Board agreed to proceed with a series of consultations and decisions regarding strengthening of financial resilience of the retail sector.

## **9. Earning Before Interest & Tax (EBIT) Allowance review**

The Board noted the proposed direction for the EBIT allowance.

## **10. Licence Revocation Decision Framework**

The Board agreed with the proposed considerations for a licence revocation framework.

## **11. Vulnerable and prepayment customer update**

The Executive provided an update on developments on prepayment meters. The Board welcomed the developments on the investigation, Market Compliance Review, and the review of the PPM rules. The Board provided further inclusions in the Code of Practice for PPM installations and requested monthly update on vulnerable and prepayment customers.

## **12. Energy Support Schemes Update**

The Board agreed to Ofgem's continued role in the delivery of government energy support schemes and agreed to the contract extension for ongoing consultancy specified in the paper.

## **Apologies for absence**

[None]

## **Those present**

Martin Cave  
Jonathan Brearley  
Lynne Embleton  
John Crackett  
Myriam Madden

Barry Panayi

## **Those attending**

Sinead Murray

Philippa Pickford

Neil Kenward

Akshay Kaul

Cristina Luna-Esteban

Toyin Adelasoye (UKRN Next-Gen NED Observer)

## **Others present**

Sophia Oliver (Chief of Staff)

Hamish Finlay (Head of Governance and Secretariat)

Eilidh Alexander (Deputy Head of Governance and Secretariat)

Ashley Stewart (Governance and Secretariat Manager)

Jennifer Marx (Governance and Secretariat Support)

## ***For specific agenda items***

Priya Brahmabhatt-Patel (2, 6-11)

Adam Hilliard (2.2)

Christina Duncan (5)

Alex Flucker (5)

Karen Clough (5)

Tom McFadden (5)

Jack Presley Abbott (6)

Eleanor Warburton (6)

Amy Freud (6)

Gavin Knott (6-9)

Peter Bingham (7)

Stefan Blanchard (7)

Mick Watson (7)

James Doig (8)

David Hall (8)

Rohan Churm (8, 9)

Cathryn Scott (8-11)

Neil Lawrence (8-12)

Marzia Zafar (9)

Shai Hassid (9)

Peter Gambrill (9)

Denis Heraghty (9)

Cathy Cui (9)

Jean-Batiste Bouzard (9)

Duncan Innes (9)

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Fiona Parker (9, 11)  
Martin Campbell (11)  
Aidan Stringfellow (11)  
Maureen Paul (11, 12)  
Balint Vizi (11, 12)  
Miriam Haywood (12)  
Philippa Benfield (1-11)