
Minutes of the meeting of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

From: Lisa Charlesworth (Secretary to the Authority)

Date: 04 and 05 February 2025

Location: Cardiff/hybrid

GEMA Minutes for 04 February

1. Welcome

Mark McAllister welcomed the Board to the briefing meeting. No conflicts of interest were noted.

2. Consumer Voice: Consumer Flexibility

The Board noted the presentation that provided insights on consumers' understanding, attitudes and motivations towards energy flexibility, the challenges and opportunities for flexibility in the energy market, and welcomed broader insights presented by guest Board Speakers; Madeleine Gabriel, Director Sustainable Future with Andy Regan, Senior Mission Manager of Nesta, and Jack Fielder, Chief Strategy Officer of myenergi.

3. Consumer Flexibility: Policy/Strategy deep dive

The Board discussed the paper that set out the approach towards a Flexibility Roadmap, with a focus on consumer protection, fairness and equity towards consumer flexibility in the market.

GEMA Minutes for 05 February

1. Welcome

Mark McAllister welcomed the Board to the February meeting. No conflicts of interest were noted. The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

2. CEO Report

The Board noted the contents of the CEO report, with particular interest in the update on the response to the impact caused by the severe weather of Storm Darragh and considerations related to resilience across the energy networks to protect vulnerable consumers.

3. Price Cap strategy

The Board noted the proposed strategic options for the Price Cap within the retail market, discussed the potential scope and timing of the work and agreed with the recommendations.

4. Enforcement Governance

The Board noted the paper that set out the Enforcement Decision Panel Committee and Settlement Committee processes and approved the recommendations, including that a review of enforcement decision making should be undertaken.

5. Connections Reform

The Board noted the update on the NESO's proposals to reform the Connections queue process, which introduces a readiness threshold and strategic alignment with the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan and approved the recommendation to publish Ofgem's minded-to decision.

6. Long Duration Electricity Storage

The Board noted the paper that set out proposals of a new cap and floor regulatory model.

The Board approved the recommendation in the paper to prioritise the urgency of meeting Clean Power 2030 timelines.

7. Review of Electricity Market Arrangements

The Board noted the paper that provided an update on the Review of Electricity Market Arrangements, discussing the options for long term reforms of the wholesale market and agreed that Ofgem should accept certain roles in relation to the arrangements if asked to do by DESNZ.

8. Onshore Competition Tender Regulations

The Board noted the paper that succeeded the onshore competition commercial model discussion in September 2024. The board discussed the strategic approach to the onshore early competition framework and considerations related to onshore projects to build and deliver enduring resilience in the energy market that will bring value to consumers.

Apologies for absence

Tony Curzon-Price

Those present

Alena Kozakova
Barry Panayi
Graham Mather
Jonathan Brearley
Jonathan Kini
Mark McAllister
Myriam Madden
Warren Buckley

Those attending

Akshay Kaul
Melinda Johnson
Neil Kenward
Neil Lawrence
Priya Brahmbhatt-Patel
Sinead Murray
Tim Jarvis
Nick Winser

Others present

Lisa Charlesworth (Head of Governance and Secretariat)