

DRAFT Meeting Minutes Energy Security Emergency Group

Second Meeting – 24th March

Attendees

Aoife MacEvilly (Chairperson - CRU), Frank Bergin (CEO - NORA), Rodney Doyle (COO- EIRGRID), Diarmaid Gillespie (Director of System Operations - EirGrid), Denis O'Sullivan (Managing Director - Gas Networks Ireland).

DECC: Mark Griffin (Chair), Barry Quinlan, Paul Bolger, Grainne Ui Thuama, Noel Regan, Kevin Brady, Rob Barnes.

Meeting minutes

1. Meeting Minutes of 1st ESEG Meeting, 16 March

The minutes of the first meeting agreed subject to a minor amendment.

2. Sectoral updates

GNI: no change since last meeting in relation to natural gas supply.

EirGrid: issues with electricity supply due to the unplanned outage of two gas-fired power stations (one due to a grid issue) which increases the risk of system alerts on the electricity system. In addition, oil-fired peaking stations, which hold a number of days supply on site, are running more often and therefore their operation may be impacted by disruptions to oil supplies.

NORA: uncertainty in relation to supplies of diesel in the near-term. DECC and NORA are working with industry to better understand the issues and consider what actions may need to be taken.

4. Updates from Subgroup Chairs

The chairs of each subgroup provided an update on the progress made so far.

- **Oil Security of Supply:** Barry Quinlan noted that the subgroup had met, and that they may meet again in the coming days to address the emerging supply situation, also noting that a key priority for the group is to finalise Oil Emergency Response Procedures and Oil Emergency Allocation Scheme documents. NORA Oil Stock drawdown Plan also being reviewed.

Subgroup Met: 23rd March 2022

Membership: DECC, NORA, Fuels for Ireland & D/Transport.

- **Consumer, Vulnerable Households and Businesses:** Aoife MacEvilly provided an update in William Walsh's absence. The group had met on Tuesday and have considered the title and scope of their terms of reference. An outstanding action was identified to agree the scope of the subgroup and finalise the terms of reference by next meeting.

Subgroup Met: 22nd March 2022

Membership: SEAI, DECC, CRU, MABS, D/Social Protection (TBC), D/ETE (TBC)

- **Policy Response Subgroup:** Paul Bolger noted that the subgroup had met, agreed terms of reference and have begun evaluating a long list of policy options through a multi-criteria analysis. An update on this process will be provided at the next meeting.

Subgroup Met: 22nd March 2022

Membership: DECC, SEAI, NTMA and CRU

- **Data & Modelling:** Alan Barrett noted that the data and modelling subgroup had not yet met but planned on doing so in the coming week. Alan noted that there will be close ties to the

Consumer, Vulnerable Households and Businesses Subgroup and the Policy Response subgroup. Alan also noted that amalgamating data from multiple sources will be key in delivering findings.

Membership: DECC, ESRI, UCC, UCD, SEAI, CSO, Eirgrid, GNI, NORA, CRU (all TBC)

- **Electricity and Gas Security of Supply:** Noel Regan provided an update in Matt Collins' absence. Noel noted that the group had met and have focused on three key areas: scenario planning, interdependencies between oil, gas, and electricity, and potential mitigation options for supply issues. Noel also noted European Commission proposals on Gas Storage, which the subgroup will examine.

Subgroup Met: 22nd March 2022

Membership: DECC, CRU, GNI, Eirgrid

- **Communications:** Grainne UiThuama noted that the Communication subgroup had met, agreed terms of reference and have begun to consider the development of a communications plan for the National Energy Security Plan.

Subgroup Met: 22nd March 2022

Membership: DECC, Eirgrid, CRU, ESB Networks, SEAI, GNI, NORA, D/Transport

5. Update on National Energy Security Plan

Kevin Brady provided an update on the National Energy Security Plan noting that it is planned to share a draft by the end of the week for written comment and discussion at next week's meeting.

6. It was agreed the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 30th of March at 3.30pm

Actions

Details	Timeline	Owner
NORA/DECC (Barry Quinlan) to provide an update on oil supply in the near term for the Senior Official Group and Cabinet Committee Meetings	25.03	NORA/DECC
NORA/DECC (Barry Quinlan) to prioritize completion of the two oil emergency plans on oil by end of next week	01.04	NORA/DECC
Subgroup for Vulnerable/Domestic Customers and Businesses to consider their scope and finalize their terms of reference	By next meeting	SEAI/CRU/Subgroup
The subgroup on Policy Response is to report on progress in developing a list of options at the next meeting	Next meeting	DECC
DECC to circulate draft National Energy Security Plan for written comment	25.03	DECC
Next ESEG Group to be held Wednesday 30 th of March at 3.30pm	30 th of March	Group
Standing weekly invites to be sent out for 2pm every Wednesday starting from the 6th of April	ASAP	Group Secretariat