

Meeting Minutes – 5th Energy Security Emergency Group

14:00 13 April 2022

Attendees

Mark Griffin (Secretary General - DECC – Chair), Aoife MacEvilly (Chairperson - CRU), Frank Bergin (CEO - NORA), Diarmuid Gillespie (Director of System Operations - EirGrid), Denis O’Sullivan (COO- Gas Networks Ireland), Ronnie Downes (Assistant Secretary – DETE), and Alan Barrett (CEO – ESRI).

DECC: Matt Collins, Barry Quinlan, Paul Bolger, Grainne Ui Thuama

Also present: Kevin Brady (DECC), Rob Barnes (DECC) and Niall Power (DECC)

1. Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes of 4th ESEG meeting were agreed.

2. Sectoral updates

Gas: Current UK supply is circa twice demand, and wholesale gas prices may see a small drop. Assessments of UK security of supply are under review and will be presented at the next Electricity & Gas Security of Supply subgroup.

Oil: Current diesel stock remains low (2 days’ supply of diesel in Dublin) but can meet demand. In the coming months there will be demand for kerosene and other fuels for road travel which will take up refinery capacity so challenge on diesel will remain. NORA have made operational changes to make their diesel stocks more accessible by moving some stocks to Pembroke. Meetings are taking place with stakeholders on emergency plans and allocation schemes.

Electricity: There were two system alerts on the electricity system – the most recent was 12 April. The alerts were managed by EirGrid and no demand curtailment was required. There is ongoing work between CRU, EirGrid and DECC on implementation of the security of supply programme of measures agreed in September 2021. Work is underway on scenario analysis of gas supply shocks by EirGrid.

3. Subgroup Updates

Data & Modelling: Alan Barrett gave an overview of subgroup’s initial modelling exercises which was discussed by the ESEG. Kevin Brady will identify a number of colleagues who can support the work of the modelling subgroup so that key issues are prioritised and a work programme can be agreed and advanced.

Business subgroup: group have convened and have liaised with SME, large industry and Enterprise Ireland. They are at the early stage of examining potential supports. Impact on energy suppliers due to price risk on gas was raised and discussed.

Communications: An update was provided on the media briefing on the Framework and on the development of communications campaigns, both agency and gov.ie led.

4. National Energy Security Framework

The approval by Government and publication of the National Energy Security Framework was noted. The Secretary General thanked the ESEG for their work in developing the comprehensive Framework within a very short timeframe. The Department will examine the implementation issues around the various responses identified in the Framework.

5. AOB

Next meeting of the subgroup is set for 27th April at 2pm.

Actions

Details	Timeline	Owner
Gather input from subgroups on what Data/Modelling issues should be prioritised.	27.04	Group Secretariat to revert to Alan Barrett
CRU to update on impact of sanctions in relation to coal on electricity security of supply.	27.04	CRU
Next meetings to examine outline scenarios considering impacts of gas/oil supply shocks	27.04	NORA, GNI
Next meeting 27 th April 2pm	27.04	Group