

Meeting Minutes Energy Security Emergency Group (ESEG) 15th Meeting

14:00 19 October 2022

Attendees

- Matt Collins (Assistant Secretary – DECC - Acting Chair), Barry Quinlan (Assistant Secretary – DECC), Paul Bolger (Assistant Secretary – DECC), Sheena Denny (PO – DECC), Kevin Brady (PO – DECC), Niall Power (AP – DECC), Alison Daly (DECC), Rachel Kelly (AO- DECC- Secretariat)
 - William Walsh (CEO – SEAI)
 - Frank Bergin (CEO – NORA)
 - Alan Barrett (Director – ESRI)
 - Aoife MacEivilly (Chair – CRU)
 - Rodney Doyle (COO – EIRGRID)
 - Denis O’Sullivan (COO – Gas Networks Ireland)
 - Joseph Cummings (PO – DETE)
- **Apologies:** Mark Griffin (Secretary General – DECC – Chair), Ronnie Downes (Assistant Secretary – D/ETE)

1. Minutes of ESEG meeting of 5 October & actions arising

Meeting minutes were agreed by the Group.

Updates on outstanding actions were given. The first, second, third and seventh actions are to be carried over for the next meeting.

Aoife MacEivilly updated on the CRU discussions with Corrib in relation to the fourth action.

The fifth action was noted as completed.

An update on the action item was provided later in the meeting by Rodney Doyle.

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3. Update on Energy Council 11-12 October and European Commission Proposals

Matt Collins provided an update on recent discussions in the Energy Council. Some Member States are noted for being supportive of wholesale market price caps to mitigate the impact of high gas prices, others have expressed concern however how such controls will impact security of supply of gas. A proposal was published on 18 October and is to be discussed by Coreper this week and by the Energy Council next week. It's important to note that the proposal relates primarily to the European Gas grid, to which Ireland has no direct connection.

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4. Communications Update

SEAI were due to present on their Home Energy Upgrade Campaign however they were unable to join the call due to technical difficulties.

Sheena Denny provided update on the Winter Phase of the Reduce your Use campaign including the results of survey data. Increased emphasis was placed on the communication of supports and measures available, particularly for vulnerable cohorts. National press and radio went live with this campaign on 19 October. Digital and social outreach is to follow, with a door-drop scheduled for mid-November. Tracking of performance will be conducted on a fortnightly basis. In tandem with the national campaign, outreach to SMEs with specialised messaging is underway.

Rodney Doyle noted that the rise in prices saw a reduction in demand in September. EirGrid will share estimates of the split between commercial and households for October when they become available.

5. AOB

Matt Collins noted that all organisations will be busy throughout the winter given the high volume of work taking place and efforts should be best focused where possible. Subgroup chairs were asked to consider the composition of their own subgroups, and whether they need to continue or if their activities would be suitable for merging with other groups to avoid duplication of effort. The subgroup chairs are to contact the Secretariat who will prepare a note on the topic in advance of the next meeting.

Actions

Details	Timeline	Owner
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EirGrid to provide more insight into demand reduction due to price rises	02.11	Rodney Doyle
Subgroup chairs revert to the Secretariat on sub-group review and paper to be brought to next meeting	02.11	Subgroup chairs/Niall Power

