

**Energy Security Emergency Group (ESEG) 20th Meeting Minutes
3.45pm 1st March 2023**

Attendees

- Mark Griffin (Secretary General – DECC – Chair), Paul Bolger (Assistant Secretary – DECC), Sheena Denny (PO – DECC), Noel Regan (PO-DECC), John Burke (PO- DECC), Niall Power (AP – DECC), Rachel Kelly (AO- DECC- Secretariat).
- David Hegarty (Assistant Secretary – DETE)
- Jim Gannon (Chair - CRU)
- Aidan Bugler (Network Operations Emergency Response Manager - GNI)
- Paul Lennon (Head of Asset Management - GNI)
- Rodney Doyle (COO – EirGrid)
- Ciaran Byrne (Director of National Retrofit - SEAI)

Apologies: Frank Bergin (CEO - NORA), William Walsh (CEO - SEAI), Denis O’Sullivan (COO - GNI), Alan Barrett (Director - ESRI) and Matt Collins (Assistant Secretary – DECC).

1. Minutes of ESEG meeting of 10 February & actions arising

Amended meeting minutes were agreed by the Group and will be circulated by the Secretariat. Actions were dealt with as part of the agenda or to be carried over.

2. Sectoral Updates

a) Gas update - including on interconnector capacity.

Aidan Bugler provided an update on gas demand and storage positions across Europe (presentation circulated to the group). He noted that wholesale gas prices have started to come down and that the supply situation is currently stable.

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b) Oil update

John Burke advised that there were no significant changes in the oil supply position, and interactions with industry have indicated that they were broadly unaffected by sanctions on Russian oil.

c) Electricity update

Rodney Doyle provided an update on electricity supply, noting the effects of recent temporary closure of several plants on supply. EirGrid are working on securing interconnector trades to mitigate the risk of an amber alert. Infrastructure for the installation of temporary generation in North Wall has arrived this week which will improve the supply situation once constructed and energised.

CRU and EirGrid are to provide an update on future auctions for the next meeting.

3. Energy Security Update

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4. Communications update

Due to time constraints, there was insufficient time for the Communications presentation. The presentation was, however, circulated to the group and members were requested to revert to Sheena Denny with any comments.

5. AOB and date for next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 22nd March. Jim Gannon as newly appointed Chair of CRU will take over from Aoife MacEvilly as the CRU representative going forward.

Actions

Details	Timeline	Owner
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Provide an update on future electricity auctions	22.03	Jim Gannon/Rodney Doyle
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
ESRI to report on analysis done on demand and prices (carried over).	22.03	Alan Barrett

