
Minutes of the meeting of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

From: Eilidh Alexander (Secretary to the Authority)

Date: 04 and 05 June 2024

Location: London

GEMA Minutes for 04 June

1. Welcome

Mark McAllister welcomed the Board to the June GEMA meeting. Mark welcomed Nick Winsor who will be joining as the Board advisor to GEMA.

Mark McAllister noted an individual conflict from Nick Winsor and that this had been managed in advance of the meeting with the Governance and Secretariat Team and the Head of Assurance prior to the meeting. The Board noted this conflict and that it had been managed.

2. Consumer Voice – Non-Domestic

The Board noted the paper that provided insights on the energy needs and experiences of Non-Domestic consumers, and welcomed broader insights presented by guest Board Speakers; Paul Wilson from the Federation of Small Businesses, Arjan Geveke from the Energy Intensive User Group, and Karen Hedge of Scottish Care.

3. RIIIO-3 Sector Methodology Decisions – Regulatory Finance

The Board noted the paper presented by the Network Price Control Team that focussed on the financial framework methodology for RIIIO-3 package, including the approach to setting the cost of capital, assessing financeability and strengthening financial resilience.

GEMA Minutes for 05 June

1. Welcome

Mark McAllister welcomed the Board to the June GEMA meeting. The Board approved the minutes for the previous Board meeting, including the formal minutes for publication.

2. CEO Report

The Board noted the contents of the CEO report, with particular interest in the update to the Ban on Acquisition-only Tariffs and results of the internal staff Pulse Survey.

3. RIIO-3 Sector Methodology Decisions – Regulatory Finance

The Board noted the paper presented by the Network Price Control Team on the proposed options for the key methodological decisions for the Sector Specific Methodology Decision document, including the approaches to setting allowed returns on equity and debt, inflation, weighted average cost of capital, financeability, controlling for risk and rewards, and strengthening financial resilience.

The Board approved the proposals in relation to the financial framework for RIIO-3 for the Sector Specific Methodology Decision publication.

4. Update on General Election

The Board acknowledged the General Election had been called and discussed a range of potential implications for Ofgem following the election in July 2024.

Apologies for absence

None

Those present

Alena Kozakova
Barry Panayi
Graham Mather
Jonathan Brearley
Jonathan Kini
Mark McAllister
Myriam Madden
Tony Curzon-Price
Warren Buckley

Those attending

Akshay Kaul
Melinda Johnson
Neil Kenward
Neil Lawrence
Priya Brahmbhatt-Patel
Sinead Murray
Tim Jarvis
Jennie Griffiths (Next Gen NED), 4 June

Others present

Eilidh Alexander (Head of Governance and Secretariat)
Nick Winser (Board Advisor)