

Minutes of a meeting of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

From: Hamish Finlay
Secretary to the Authority

Date: 7 and 8 February

Location: Cardiff

GEMA visit minutes for 7 February

1. Site visit to Tata Steel, Port Talbot

1.1 The Board was hosted by Tata Steel, who explained their process, their energy requirements and their decarbonisation plans.

2. Bridgend County Borough Council

2.1 The Board viewed the South Cornelly Decarbonisation Project and discussed with Council leadership decarbonisation plans and constraints.

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1. Welcome

No conflicts of interest were declared, and the board approved the minutes for the meetings of 8, 9 and 24 November, 6 and 7 December 2022.

2. Price Cap – Reflecting Changes to Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) charges in Price Cap

The Board noted the paper.

3. Price Cap – Routine Forecast

The Board noted the paper.

4. Contract approvals

The Board approved the increase of value for the contract specified in the paper.

5. CEO's Report

The Board noted the CEO's report.

6. Prepayment Meters

The Executive provided an update on developments on prepayment meters. The Board welcomed the proposed investigation, Market Compliance Review, and review of PPM

rules but emphasised the need for swift progress and a clear timetable for decisions. The Board reinforced the importance of holding retail company Boards to account for the actions of their agents.

7. Cyber update

The Board noted and approved the update on cyber regulation.

8. Implications for Ofgem of BEIS Hydrogen Business Mode

The Board agreed to an exchange of letters at Director level and MOU creation was an appropriate response to the proposed model.

9. Meeting with Welsh Government

The Board met with Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice and a Welsh Government official and discussed Pre-payment meter installation, social tariffs, holistic network planning and local planning.

Apologies for absence

[None]

Those present

Martin Cave
Jonathan Brearley
Lynne Embleton
John Crackett
Myriam Madden
Barry Panayi

Those attending

Sinead Murray
Philippa Pickford
Neil Kenward
Akshay Kaul
Cristina Luna-Esteban

Others present

Sophia Oliver (Chief of Staff)
Hamish Finlay (Head of Governance and Secretariat)

Eilidh Alexander (Deputy Head of Governance and Secretariat)
Ashley Stewart (Governance and Secretariat Manager)
Jennifer Marx (Governance and Secretariat Support)

For specific agenda items

Tom McFadden (1.4)
Stuart Okin (1.4, 4)
Priya Brahmhatt-Patel (2, 2b)
Maureen Paul (2b)
Neil Lawrence (2b)
Cathryn Scott (2b, 5)
Matthew Cowlard (4)
James Walker (5)
Eleanor Warburton (5, 6)
Doug Cook (6)
Jane Hutt MS, Minister for Social Justice and staff member (7)
Ed Sheriff, Deputy Director for Energy, Welsh Government (7)