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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority**

**From:** Eilidh Alexander (Secretary to the Authority)

**Date:** 07 and 08 November

**Location:** London

### **GEMA minutes for 07 November**

#### **1. Welcome**

No conflicts reported.

#### **2.1 Ofgem Stakeholder Research Highlights**

The Board heard from Thinks Insight on the work they had undertaken to explore and track stakeholder sentiment against key areas including Ofgem's strategic priorities and communications.

#### **2.2 Stakeholder and Consumer Voice & Insight Sharing**

The Board noted the paper on stakeholder and consumer insights in Ofgem's work.

#### **3. Ofgem Communications Strategy Update**

The Board noted the paper and options for Ofgem's communications strategy update for 2024.

#### **4. DESNZ Director General: Jonathan Mills to present to GEMA**

The Board heard from Jonathan Mills (DESNZ Director General) and his insights to the Government's current priorities for the sector, and potential future opportunities and challenges for protecting consumers' interests.

#### **5. Forward look on Ofgem announcements**

The Board noted the proposed package of announcements for consideration further in the New Year.

## **GEMA minutes for 08 November**

### **1. Welcome**

The Board approved the minutes for the previous Board meeting. Mark McAllister and Warren Buckley noted individual conflicts and that these 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 these conflicts and that they had been managed.

### **2. CEO Report**

The Board noted the CEO report, with particular interest in the updates on the King's State Opening of Parliament speech, Pre-payment meter policy, Connections policy, the potential extension of the new Growth Duty and on Cyber regulation policy.

### **3. Levelisation and Reconciliation of Payment Cost Differentials**

The Board approved the proposals on levelising price differentials of payment types in the Price Cap and to delegate the final publication to the Director General of Markets.

### **4. Deep dive into the evolution of System and Network Planning and Accelerating Network Delivery**

The Board noted the deep dive into System and Network Planning and Accelerating Network Delivery, and discussed the opportunities and trade-offs associated with system and network planning and with network build to deliver Net Zero targets.

### **5. Cap and Floor Regime for Interconnectors and Offshore Hybrid Pilots: Initial Project Assessment strategy and assessment**

The Board discussed the proposals on Interconnectors and Offshore Hybrid Assets (OHAs) including the first stage assessment of the Cap and Floor regime and the economic value associated with Interconnectors and OHAs.

### **Apologies for absence**

None

### **Those present**

Mark McAllister

Jonathan Brearley

Lynne Embleton

John Crackett

Myriam Madden

Barry Panayi

Jonathan Kini

Warren Buckley

Tony Curzon-Price

Alena Kozakova

Graham Mather

**Those attending**

Neil Lawrence

Sinead Murray

Neil Kenward

Akshay Kaul

Tim Jarvis

Melinda Johnson

Priya Brahmbhatt-Patel

Sarah Jones (Next-Generation NED)

**Others present**

Eilidh Alexander (Head of Governance and Secretariat)

Natalie Le Couteur (Senior Governance and Secretariat Manager)