

Minutes

Gas and Electricity Markets Authority meeting: May 2026

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 and 6 May 2026 in London and via Microsoft Teams.

Tuesday 5 May 2026

1. Welcome

Mark McAllister welcomed the Board to the May briefing meeting. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Tackling Affordability – the role of Flexibility

The Board welcomed the presentation from E-on's CEO and team and discussed the role of flexibility in addressing affordability challenges, focussing on innovations regarding use of batteries in consumer homes and with reference to E-on's 'The Warm Fleet' initiative. GEMA members considered how similar approaches might be scaled over time and the wider implications for network efficiency and consumer outcomes.

3. Consumer Led Flexibility Strategy

The Board considered the strategic direction for consumer-led flexibility and discussed the importance of understanding consumer impacts and how regulatory frameworks could better support delivery.

4. Consumer Voice – the role of the ED3 consumer panel

The Board welcomed an update on consumer engagement to inform ED3 and noted how consumer insight and perspectives would continue to shape the programme as policy development progresses.

5. Outcomes-based Supply Regulation

The Board discussed an update on outcomes-based supply regulation and the strategic direction of the programme ahead of consultation. Members noted the opportunity to support innovation and streamline regulation, while maintaining appropriate oversight and a robust enforcement approach.

6. Future Interconnection Strategy

The Board discussed Ofgem's future interconnection strategy and explored the potential evolution of the role of interconnectors, the potential role of strategic planning and options for the future regulatory frameworks. It was noted that this would be further considered by GEMA at a future meeting.

7. Post-2025 Smart Meter Framework

The Board considered Ofgem's role within the post-2025 smart meter framework and discussed the complexities and challenges affecting delivery of the wider smart metering programme. Members noted the importance of continued collaboration with government and industry in relation to shared ambitions around smart metering.

Wednesday 6 May 2026

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Board to the meeting. A potential declaration of interest was noted in relation to one agenda item and it was agreed that no recusal was required. The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting and received updates from Authority committees and subgroups.

2. CEO Report

The Board noted the CEO report including an update on the publication of the Ofgem Review, and an update on the impacts on energy prices related to the conflict in the Middle East.

3. ED3 Sector Specific Methodology Decision

The Board considered the ED3 Sector Specific Methodology recommendations and discussed how the framework would support growth, decarbonisation and the deployment of low-carbon technologies while continuing to protect consumers. The proposed approach was approved and the Board noted that engagement with stakeholders would continue ahead of receiving Distribution Network Operator (DNO) business plans later in the year.

4. Long Duration Energy Storage Window 1

The Board discussed the next steps for Long Duration Energy Storage Window 1, including the evidence required to support final decisions and the broader consumer interest considerations. GEMA agreed the proposed direction of travel, including consultation on the regulatory approach and further work to inform final decisions.

5. Debt Strategy – priorities and next steps

The Board considered priorities and next steps in relation to Ofgem's debt strategy and discussed factors affecting consumer debt. Members were supportive of the proposed direction and noted that Ofgem continued to engage with government in relation to the proposed debt relief scheme.

6. Renewable Obligation Fixed Price Certificate model

The Board considered the proposed role of the counterparty in the Fixed Price Certificate model and approved the recommended approach.

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7. Quarterly Performance Report deep dive and Organisational Health Dashboard

The Board received a deep dive on quarterly performance from the Delivery & Schemes directorate. Members noted the update relating to the transition to the Warm Homes Agency.

8. Clean Power 2030 update

The Board received a six-monthly update on progress and delivery considerations relating to government's Clean Power 2030.

Board members present

Mark McAllister	Chair
Tim Jarvis	Interim Chief Executive
Alena Kozakova	Non-executive director
Barry Panayi	Non-executive director
Graham Mather	Non-executive director
Jonathan Kini	Non-executive director
Nick Winser	Non-executive director
Tony Curzon-Price	Non-executive director
Warren Buckley	Non-executive director
Akshay Kaul	Director General for Infrastructure
Amy Holmes	Chief Operating Officer
Neil Kenward	Interim Director General of Markets
Neil Lawrence	Director of Delivery and Schemes
Priya Brahmhatt-Patel	Executive Director of Communications and Engagement
Sinead Murray	General Counsel

Other attendees

Natalie Le Couteur	Interim Secretary to the Authority
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Apologies

Sinead Murray 5 May	General Counsel
Barry Panayi 6 May	Non-executive director
Jonathan Kini 6 May	Non-executive director