

Making sure renewables policy delivers

Monday 24 May 2004

Chair: Robin Bidwell

Non-executive member of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

Venue: Congress House,
28 Great Russell Street London WC1B 3LS

10.00-10.45

Session 1 - Setting the scene

Outline of the main questions to be considered during the day

Paul Ekins - Policy Studies Institute

10.45-13.00

Session 2 - Recent and current research

Total cost estimates for large-scale wind scenarios in UK

Lewis Dale - National Grid Transco

Renewables generation: inclusion of network costs in cost estimates; the generation system capacity benefit of renewables; the impact on atmospheric emissions including co-firing

Robin Smale - Oxera

Tilting at windmills: an economic analysis of wind power

David Simpson - David Hume Institute

Renewable energy in the UK: the value of diversity

Graham Sinden - Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford

13.00-14.00

Lunch

14.00-14.45

Session 3 - Implications for current policy

Experience with rapid growth of wind in Spain

David Alvira - Red Electrica de España

Ofgem projects: incentivising the appropriate supporting investment for renewables

Boaz Moselle - Ofgem

DTI: Supporting the deployment of renewables in the UK

Iain Todd - Department of Trade and Industry

15.00-16.30

Session 4 - What policy is needed in the longer term?

Panel discussion and open forum session:

Paul Ekins - Policy Studies Institute,
Paul Jefferiss - RSPB, Nick Jenkins - UMIST,
David Milborrow - Consultant.

How can we harness the market to deliver a high-renewables future that minimises the costs to consumers, provides security and maximises the environmental benefits?

What are the knowledge gaps and the concerns of people who are interested but outside the mainstream policy debate?

What are the outstanding policy challenges? Given what we know and don't know about the future development of renewables, what do policy makers need to do?