

## **IGG Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<b>Time &amp; Location</b>	10:30 In Person Meeting
<b>Chair:</b>	A Rourke, CRU		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	
	Suzanne Hudson, Seán McKeivitt, Gary McInerney, Tracy Caffrey, Catherine Keane	RMDS	
	Sharon Cosgrove, Jack Walsh, Anna Rourke, Zorah Donnelly	CRU	
	Carl Murphy, Siobhan Melvin, Emer Corcoran, Rachel Hassett, Emma Porter	ESBN	
	Robin McLaughlin, Jason McKnight, Marguerite White	Version 1	
	Jim Long	MRSO	
	Antoin O'Lachtnain	Pinery	
	Ian Mullins	BGE	
	Jessica Gregory, Ceola McGowan	Bord Na Mona	
	Aine Ní Cheara	SSE	
	Aoife Coppinger	Prepaypower	
	Anca Stanciu	Energia	
	Peter Brett, Canice Kenealy	Ecopower	
	Jessica Gregory, Ceola McGowan	Community Power	
	Desmond McBride	Electric Ireland	
	Dan Twomey	Waterpower	
	Kathy Callan	Go Power	
<b>Apologies:</b>			
<b>Version Number</b>	1.0		
<b>Status</b>			

<b>Agenda:</b>	
1.	General
2.	Actions from Previous IGGs/Conference Calls
3.	New IGG Actions
4.	CRU Update
5.	Version 1 Update
6.	Retail Market Design Update
7.	Notice Board Planned Maintenance, Reminders from IGG, etc.
8.	MRSO Update
9.	ESBN Update
10.	AOB

**1 – General**

A Rourke enquired if everyone was happy to sign off on v1.0 of the Conference Call minutes on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**Minutes Approved.**

**2. Actions – Previous Conference Call & IGG**

S Hudson provided the Action Item Update.

1 IGG actions have been carried forward.

Action Items			
1166	Small Supplier Categorisation Changes- RMDS to confirm agreement for the reversioning of MCR1185.		
Update for IGG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>S Hudson proposed that this action be closed.</li> </ul>		
Discussion at IGG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed.</li> </ul>		
Forum Logged: IGG	Assigned to: RMDS	Status: Action remains Closed	Due Date: 27.09.2023

**3. Actions – New IGG Actions**

1 new action was logged at the IGG.

**New Action Items**

1167	Agreement that any industry communication through the steering group be also shared with the IGG forum.		
Discussion at IGG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Section 5 Version 1 Update for details.</li> </ul>		
Forum Logged: IGG	Assigned to: RMDS	Status: NEW Action	Due Date: 08.11.2023

**4. CRU Update**

J Walsh gave the CRU Update.

**Refer to slide for details.**

S Melvin mentioned regarding emergency credit and preparation for any new scheme as mentioned in the media. that suppliers should continue to send in change of use requests particularly where an MPRN should be DG1 or DG2. Suppliers should continue to send in change of deregistration requests for any sites that are de-energised and eligible for deregistration. De-registration requests should be sent for both domestic and commercial MPRNs as Suppliers will continue to be liable for DUoS charges for de-energised sites

until they are de-registered by the supplier, so it's in their own interest do this. If any supplier wants an updated copy of their DG1 and DG2 list for MPRN verification, that can be made available to them by ESBN.

D McBride asked about the disconnection moratorium?

J Walsh said it's with the CRU Commission at the moment, but the aim is to get decision issued by the end of next week

D McBride asked that if there's a Scheme 3 coming, the VAT change due on November 1<sup>st</sup> whether this will cause confusion?

J Walsh provided a response. CRU has not yet been notified of any Government Emergency Electricity Scheme that may be forthcoming, however will be sure to inform suppliers should Department notify them.

Siobhan Melvin queried the timeline of the VAT change.

J Walsh responded that VAT change from 9% back to 13.5% is due to happen on 31<sup>st</sup> October and CRU have not heard any information. CRU will reach out to the Department for any further information in this regard.

J Gregory joining via MS Teams said that she couldn't hear clearly what was being said due to the sound issue. She requested more detail for all suppliers regarding the Smart Time of Use Tariff Billing Issue slide about what the exact issue was that was being encountered.

J Walsh responded to confirm that CRU's Compliance & Enforcement will provide greater information to all suppliers via RMDS to clarify about the Smart billing issue.

## 5. Version 1 Update

R McLaughlin gave the Version 1 update.

**Refer to slides** for details.

D McBride said that the communications issue is a key one. He said that a lot of communication and activity went around regarding V13.6 and the assurance process on that. He questioned whether the changes in 13.6a and 13.6b were sufficiently flagged to suppliers. He is concerned about how change gets flagged enough to suppliers to see the impacts and what level does that change reopen the assurance processes to ensure that suppliers have it all covered? Does the Assurance Strategy cover the speed of this change?

R McLaughlin responded to say that enhancing the market communications strategy would assist with the resolution of this query. For instance, the strategy could contain detail around the trigger points for risks or issues, the project would escalate to the participants at IGG once this point was breached. In terms of assurance, every time there is a change, V1 must do an impact assessment of the change and in turn will update their approach where applicable, or should it be a prioritised change then the approach is outlined in the Strategy to accommodate this.

D McBride asked are we going to see V13.6 used as a 'live' case in the fact that we see two streams in something that already gone through assurance?

A O 'Lachtnain asked has 13.6b been assured or not?

R McLaughlin said that he will check the assurance around 13.6 and come back with a response to both of the above questions.

S Hudson asked R Hassett to provide some insight into 13.6a and 13.6b. R Hassett confirmed that while V13.6 MMR has gone live, there's a delay in 13.6b testing and the Smart team are working through the impact of that at the moment. As soon as there's further information, it will be shared with MPs.

J Gregory suggested that it would be good to assess at the point of the MCR any assurance impact. Could V1 please clarify that they will still create an assurance strategy when it comes to delivering the release because there's synergies between different selected MCRs?

R McLaughlin confirmed that for most occurrences an assurance strategy will be created. However, if there's a MCR which is urgent or simple (and it is an approved MCR at IGG), Version 1 will be following the standardised approach in the Market Strategy document.

J Gregory asked in reference changes like 13.6a and b, they have been discussed at a steering group rather than in an IGG forum.

1 new action was logged. **Action 1167-Agreement that any industry communication through the steering group be also shared with the IGG forum.**

C Murphy agrees with what J Gregory said. He asked if the table outlining what the assurance approach would be for an individual MCR be included as part of the MCR approval process? Regarding communication about the risk of changes, ESNB would be quite good at flagging potential changes to market plans. He stressed that there needs to be balance because there is risks appearing every day and it has to be ensured that risks aren't being brought to the market forum that are no longer a risk the next day.

R McLaughlin agreed with C Murphy. He said that sometimes risk must be communicated and other times it will resolve itself within the normal course of activities within the Project. V1 was suggesting that by enhancing the Communication Strategy it would provide clarity for everyone about where the 'tipping point' was between the project dealing with it itself and the notification to all market participants at IGG.

## 6. Retail Market Design Update

S Hudson gave the Retail Market Design Update.

**Refer to slides for details.**

S Hudson asked for approval for reversioning of MCR 1185.

Ian Mullins questioned the 10MW removal, and how it relates to the wholesale market.

R McLaughlin said that the aim of this change is to strike a balance between ensuring there was enough leeway for an entity to enter the market easily and that there was also a checkpoint as they grew to a sufficient level to ensure that the Supplier has installed a more robust system to deal with increased levels of market activity. Version 1 believed that 1000 MPRN's was a sufficient level.

S Melvin highlighted that there were references to meters rather than MPRNs that needed to be amended in the MCR. S Hudson agreed that this would be rectified.

There were no objections and approval was confirmed.

S Hudson asked about when the decision on the Smart Meter Access Code is due?

Z Donnelly confirmed that a decision will be made by the end of Q4.

R Hassett confirmed that the v14 design spec changes have now been closed out.

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A Rourke confirmed that a decision will be made in November or December.

R Hassett confirmed that the v14 design spec changes have now been closed out.

### 7. Notice Board: Planned Maintenance, Reminders from IGG etc.

S Hudson provided the outage update.

#### Outages

- There are no outages further planned outages for September.
- Full outage details are available, as usual, on the [RMDS Website Outages Page](#).

### 8. MRSO Update

J Long gave the MRSO update.

#### **Refer to slides**

J Long added that MRSO are currently working on an update to the site specific DLAFs for all DSO connected generators in the wholesale and retail market and expect the job to be finished by the end of this week. They will then forward on to RMDS for upload to the website.

### 9. ESB Networks Update

E Porter gave the ESNB Update.

#### **Refer to slides for details.**

D McBride asked a question about the Microgeneration deemed payments.

C Murphy advised that if this relates to deemed payments as referenced in the CRU Consultation on the Clean Export Guarantee Enduring Arrangements, then ESB Networks would be reviewing this in line with the consultation process.

I Mullens enquired about receiving a copy of the Market Participant Survey which could be circulated within the company to help with collating responses.

E Porter responded that could be arranged and would take this back internally.

I Mullens asked in relation to the non-zero estimates, will the new fix that is needed delay the output of the other two fixes or will they all go together?

E Porter said that the two fixes mentioned have gone in and work needs to be done to identify the third fix. The list of impacted sites relating to the two fixes implemented can be shared regardless.

A O 'Lachtnain asked if a reconciliation exercise takes place with the 343 Market Message, the register reads and the QH reads, as per the meter code

E Porter responded that she would need to refer this back internally and with the recent review of the issue on the MCC12 non-zero estimates, this will lend itself for the wider review to increase our understanding of estimates.

## 10. AOB

S Hudson asked the forum participants to confirm approval of Market Change Assurance Strategy.

**Approved.**

### Next Steps

A Rourke outlined the following dates in the calendar.

### **Next IGG:**

- Wednesday 8<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

### **Next Conference Call:**

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

A Rourke thanked MPs for attending the meeting.

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