

## Minutes

<b>Meeting name</b>	Electricity Balancing System (EBS) IT Subgroup
<b>Meeting number</b>	11
<b>Date of meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2014
<b>Time</b>	10:00 – 13:00
<b>Location</b>	Holiday Inn, Winnersh and Live Meeting with audio

## Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Company</b>
Antonio del Castillo	AdC	Chair, National Grid
Sally Cox	SC	Technical Secretary, National Grid
Pete Smith	PS	National Grid
Afe Ogun	AO	National Grid
Steve Roberts	SR	National Grid
Sarvesh Kumar	SK	National Grid
Hitesh Patel	HP	National Grid (CNI)
Mark Gribble	MG	National Grid (CNI)
Karen Sanderson	KS	Trayport Contigo
Paul Hardy	PH	Siemens
Mike McDermot	MM	Siemens
Graham Bunt	GB	EDF
Erik Cummins	EC	EDF
Michael Joyce	MJ	E.ON
Andrew Chaplin	AC	Dunstan Thomas
Chris Gibson	CG	RWE
Alan Souch	AS	RWE
Steve Taylor	ST	Quorum
Richard James	RJ	CGI
Mark Houston	MH	CGI

## 1 Safety

Antonio confirmed that there were no fire alarm tests planned for today and introduced the facilities available at the Holiday Inn.

## 2 Introductions

All participants introduced themselves.

## 3 Minutes of Last Meeting

No comments were received regarding the minutes from the last meeting. These were, therefore, agreed.

## 4 Project Structure

Antonio presented the new EBS Programme organisation.

## 5 Review of Actions

The actions were reviewed and the action list updated.

## 6 Current Status

Antonio summarised the current status of the programme including the recent achievements. He then presented the high level programme plan.

## 7 Testing Update

Steve outlined the reasons for there being very little progress with external testing over the past 6 months and pointed out that the programme now has a viable plan going forward.

It was appreciated by those present that there are other priority programmes (European Transparency and Contingency Balancing) that, potentially, could impact resourcing for EBS.

The initial EDT/EDL type-tests are complete and there are resolutions for all the known issues. All the resolutions that are available have been tested and Steve confirmed that all tests carried out had been successful.

Circuit connectivity testing is in progress and to date the EDL connections to 60 stations have been tested using both the main and back-up communications.

The EDT circuit connectivity tests are schedule for Q4 2014. These tests are more complex than the EDL ones as they are carried out by the market participants and involve more parties e.g. market participants' network support, business etc.

**Action SR** – Distribute the test cases to be incorporated into the Non-Functional Type Test for EDT and EDL

## 8 EDL\* & EDT\*

## 9 EDL\* & EDT\* Transition from EDT/EDL

Afe gave an update on the EBS EDL\* and EDT\* products and the transition from current.

**Action AO** – A second version of the toolkits should include the message definitions.

## 10 Transition Review

The transition strategy remains unchanged so Pete gave an overview as a refresher.

A volunteer Trading Agent would be sought to transition from BM to EBS at Go Live.

## 11 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

A decision will be made a month prior to the meeting whether it should be physical or virtual. However, it was generally agreed that face to face meetings would be more beneficial.

## 12 AOB

A) The content of the Industry Newsletter. It was felt by the meeting that the newsletters are valuable as a management summary of the EBS programme. The next edition should contain;

- Block Plan (Slide No. 11)
- Summary of the programme activities and achievements
- Transition Timeline

**Action AdC** – Ensure that Industry Newsletters accompany the Pre-meeting documentation in future.

B) Paul Hardy - Siemens raised a question regarding having a private connection to the EDL\* & EDT\* test services and if the same restrictions apply re. testing as with the VPN connections? Steve advised that the same restrictions would apply as both EDL\* & EDT\* were dependent on the provision of server code for these services which was not yet available.