

MINUTES

Meeting number: 30

Venue: Electricity Authority Boardroom and via zoom

Time and date: 10am, Wednesday, 11 August 2021

Attendees

- Tony Baldwin (Chair)
- Dr Andrew Kerr
- Tony Oosten
- Rebecca Osborne
- Ann Whitfield
- Al Yates
- Paul Baker
- Fiona Wiseman
- Matthew Cleland
- Conrad Edwards (Observer, MBIE)
- Ramu Naidoo (Observer, Transpower)

Apologies

- Stu Innes

In attendance

- Dr James Tipping (Chief Strategy Officer, Electricity Authority)
- Alistair Dixon (Principal Advisor, Market Policy, Electricity Authority)
- Chris Otton (Senior Advisor, Market Policy, Electricity Authority)
- Barbara Eibl (Programme Coordinator, Market Policy, Electricity Authority)

The meeting opened at 10.00am

Presentation – how will real timing pricing support 100% renewables

Chris provided an overview on the real time pricing (RTP) project and how it will support 100% renewables, and in particular how it can facilitate low-cost engagement of flexible demand. This will be presented at RTP engagement sessions over the next few months.

Members discussed the presentation and asked about the next steps of the project.

Presentation – Future Security and Resilience project

Alistair provided a high-level overview of the project being undertaken with the system operator. Members discussed the interlinkages between this project and the current MDAG project.

The meeting broke for 10 minutes.

Problem definition workplan

Members discussed the problem definition workplan. Discussion included the proposed work-streams within the workplan and proposed allocation of topics to advisers.

Action 30.1– Secretariat to update workplan to include “problem definition” into the heading of the workplan, and to link more explicitly the statement of overall objectives to the workplan.

Matthew Cleland joined at 11.25am

9th August event

Members briefly discussed the event from Monday 9th August.

Industry engagement process by MDAG subgroups

Members discussed the list of participants to engage with and agreed the plan and timeframe for this engagement.

Meeting Administration

The group agreed to publish minutes from meeting #29

The group noted that MDAG members had received presentations from New Zealand and international experts discussing their thoughts on price discovery in the New Zealand wholesale market under a 100% renewables future. Presentations had been given by the following consultants, at the times listed:

- 23 July, 10am-12pm, Easter Bay Consultants
- 26 July, 4pm-6pm, Energy Link
- 27 July, 8am-10am, Baringa Partners
- 27 July, 1pm-3pm, Concept Consulting
- 28 July, 9am-11am, Market Reform
- 28 July, 1pm-3pm, Sapere Research Group
- 6 August, 9am-11am, Broad Solutions and Energy Exemplar

The group agreed to publish the presentation slides received.

The meeting ended at 12.35pm.