

UK MARINE ENERGY PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT GROUP (PMG) MEETING

Date: 22nd July 2013
Time: 13:30 – 15:30pm
Location: DECC, Room LG3/4, 3 Whitehall Place

Attendance:

David Ainsworth (Siemens)	Richard Round (Aquamarine)
Sue Barr (Open Hydro)	Kate Hallett (BIS)
Lynne Bryceland (ScottishPower)	John Dallas (NAREC Capital)
David Krohn (RUK)	Trevor Raggatt (DECC)
Richard Yemm (Pelamis)	Barbara Garnier-Schofield (DECC)
Ken Street (Alstom/AWS)	Karen Dennis (DECC)
Harvey Appelbe (Vattenfall)	

Apologies:

Dan Pearson (MeyGen)

Meeting Notes:

Trevor Raggatt (Chair) did the welcome and round-table/telephone introductions. Karen Dennis then followed up on the 2 on-going actions on her before the first agenda item.

PMG members gave feedback on the new format of the MEPB and how it could be improved in the future. The Minister was found to be very engaged and the relevant matters were brought to the forefront for discussion. The format of the meeting allowed for the details to be drawn out during the discussions hence the balance felt right. DECC expressed concern about the last minute cancelations and asked for any insight on getting attendance and interest up for the next meeting. It was suggested to revisit the format of the agenda as it appeared to be a mini seminar and to draw the emphasis on the direct access to the Minister. It was established that the focus should be more about getting the right persons to attend than counting the actual numbers.

An action from the MEPB meeting of 13th June 2013 was for establishing a new MEPB workgroup to look at UK Content. Karen Dennis reported on the outcome of the call for an

expression of Interest for a Secretariat, Chair and Membership to the group. Volunteers for Secretariat and Chair are David Krohn (RUK) and Lynne Bryceland (SPR) with 13 MEPB members joining the group. Alan Morgan (Renewable supply chain in DECC) gave an overview of the offshore wind industrial strategy and commented on where synergies can be drawn. David Krohn followed up with a brief summary of the initial work already undertaken with Lynne in establishing the foundation for the UK Content workgroup to be up and running.

A brief discussion ensued with PMG members in agreement of the need for the workgroup and that, where possible to learn from other sectors (Oil and gas, wind). The UK Content group will be meeting soon to agree on objectives and to develop the programme of work and deliverables going forward. Key areas flagged for particular consideration:

- i. A methodology for assessing UK content;
- ii. Why British OEM are not as involved in the sector;
- iii. In looking at other sectors, what would be the same, what would be different;
- iv. How to work on public perception.
- v. Information on external market potential for marine – this could inform OEM investment decisions.

It was felt that the UK Content information is the missing link in justifying the EMR strike price for marine. NAREC reportedly have done some relevant work which could feed into the UK Content group. Also The Crown Estate (TCE) did some relevant study which the UK content group may find helpful.

Update from existing workgroups:

EMR – Richard Yemm: Currently reviewing the document on the draft strike price and coordinating 2 responses; one for wave and one for tidal.

Island Transmission & Charging – Richard Round: The group will be putting together a response paper to the EMR Delivery plan.

Licence & Consenting – David Krohn: Series of position papers due in coming weeks. Looking to manage difficult relations by inviting NGOs for example RSPB and Marine Mammal Organisation to get involved.

Knowledge Network – Karen Dennis:

The PMG expressed views over the general feel of the site and how it can be improved. The site user-friendliness should be improved to ensure the site is used.

Suggestions made to report back to TCE on the site were: There needs to be better sign posting of documents in the database. The ranking of documents needs to be sorted – older documents ranking higher; position papers and SEA documents need to be ranked higher.

Further discussion needed on the future funding and hosting of the site as TCE reportedly can only facilitate this until end of March 2014.

Feedback from the Wave Roundtable:

The general feel from those on the PMG who attended the meeting was that it was positive and it was a clear indication that DECC was listening to the sector. There were some clear differences between wave and tidal stream but 1st on the list of priorities was the path to market for 1st arrays. This needs to be broken down in sections, see what is there and what is required. It was felt that the opportune time is now to get through the various development stages with the right support at each stage. A breadth of programmes is needed to work on bringing cost down, de-risk projects. Need to get OEMs involved. Concerns on the Capital Growth fund for the next spending review period was also expressed.

AOB:

- i. DECC published the EMR route to market amendments in the Energy Bill last week. All should be aware.
- ii. As the next renewable UK conference will be in Belfast as well as the MEPB meeting, the MEPB Secretariat needs to look at having a joint event.
- iii. Next meeting of the PMG will be around October 2013.

Actions:

ACTION	Responsibility	To be completed by:
Lucy Parson (John Dallas) to have discussion with Alan Morgan on UK Content	Lucy Parson/John Dallas	September 2013
A representative from DECC	Lynne Bryceland/David	September 2013

Renewables Supply Chain and BIS Offshore Wind strategy to be invited join the UK Content workgroup.	Krohn (DECC team already informed)	
Paul Catterall or John Callaghan from TCE to be invited at the next PMG meeting	Karen Dennis	October 2013
Feedback comments on the Knowledge Network to TCE	Karen Dennis/David Krohn	On-going
Remind MEPB members of workgroups and leads should they wish to join.	Karen Dennis	On-going
POST ACTIONS– Arising from drafting minutes		
All MEPB workgroup leads to send a work plan stating outcomes from each group for the coming months	Richard Yemm (EMR), Richard Round, (Island Transmission), Consent & Licensing (David Krohn), UK Content (Lynne Bryceland)	14 th October 2013
Liaise with RUK in planning for the next MEPB Meeting	Karen Dennis	October 2013