

ELECTRICITY MARKET REFORM: CAPACITY MARKET EXPERT GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE

Objectives:

- Support the development of a robust, cost-effective and deliverable Capacity Market design;
- Provide expert feedback and recommendations on specific aspects of Capacity Market design;
- Ensure that a wide range of expert input – including relevant generation and non-generation technologies, large and small scale providers of capacity, consumer representatives and electricity suppliers – is available to inform Capacity Market design; and
- Provide an interface for keeping stakeholders informed of progress on Capacity Market design.

The expert group will test design proposals and contribute to recommendations as requested by DECC and/or the Capacity Market Project Board. The Capacity Market Project Board provides advice to the EMR-wide governance groups (steering board / delivery board / DECC ministers). DECC will retain responsibility for all advice and recommendations made to Ministers.

Meetings:

The expert group will provide input through a mixture of formal meetings and informal correspondence by phone and email. Phoning in to meetings should be agreed in advance with DECC, as DECC's preference is for members to attend meetings in person.

Regularity and length of meetings will depend on the topics identified for discussion and the amount of work that can be progressed by correspondence. There are likely to be between one and two meetings per month for 2 hours. DECC will provide the chair and the secretariat.

Papers:

DECC will aim to circulate papers for the Group a week in advance of meetings taking place; though there may on occasion be exceptions.

Group members will be required to handle any papers with discretion. If any protectively marked documents are shared with members, guidance on document handling will be provided and must be followed.

Minutes:

Regular summaries of expert group discussions will be made available on the DECC website, and members will be expected to gather feedback on discussions as appropriate.

Membership:

Members of the Group have been selected on the basis of their expertise. Substitutes will not therefore be generally accepted. DECC does, however, understand that circumstances might arise where members will be unable to attend meetings for a given period and will ensure that an appropriate alternate sits on the Group.

Members of the Group are also expected to act impartially and they, their organisations or any of their subsidiaries will not be bound by any recommendations made by the Group.

OfGem officials that are members of this group do not represent the views of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority. Their attendance should therefore not be considered an implicit or explicit endorsement or agreement to the outcomes and will not fetter the Authority discretion in the future. Similarly representatives from National Grid that are members of this group do not represent the views of National Grid PLC or any of its subsidiaries and will not be bound by any recommendations made by the group.

DECC reserves the right to review membership in future to ensure the group remains effective.

Member	Organisation
Andy Shields (Chair) + relevant design leads	DECC
Steven Stoft	DECC academic consultancy
Tom Corcut, Peter Hicks	Ofgem
Roisin Quinn, James Greenhalgh	National Grid
Steve Mancey	Centrica
Maureen McCaffrey	Conoco Phillips
Richard Hall	Consumer Focus
Stuart Cotten	Drax
Michael Dodd	ESBI
Marina Hod	KiwiPower
Paul Dawson	RWE
Stuart Noble	Scottish Power
Angus MacRae	SSE