

## Advisory Council Executive Committee

### Minutes: Conference Call - 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016

#### ***Attendance***

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Graeme Sweeney	Ardnacraggan Energy Services Ltd. (Chair)
Charles Soothill	GE
Gardiner Hill	BP
Tim Bertels	Shell
Nils Rokke	Sintef
Jonas Helseth	Bellona
Luke Warren	Secretariat
Theo Mitchell	Secretariat

Lamberto Eldering	Statoil (Coordination Section only)
Mark Downes	Shell (Coordination Section only)

Jonas Helseth held the proxy of Frederic Hague (Bellona), who gave his apologies. Apologies were also given by Rob van der Meer (Heidelberg Cement).

#### ***Item 1: Introduction and general update***

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The ACEC approved the Minutes of the previous ACEC call (July 2016) and the previous AC meeting (June 2016).

A discussion was held with respect to the transition to becoming an ETIP. The Secretariat agreed to arrange a call for week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> August between NR, the Secretariat and the Government Group representative, Gerdi Breembroek (NL). The intention is to write to the Commission declaring ZEP's ETIP status as soon as possible.

#### ***Item 2: Network and Temporary Working Group updates***

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TM and TB talked through the August 2016 written updates for Network Technology and Network Policy and Economics respectively.

The following items are expected to be presented at the AC meeting in September;

- Future CCS Technologies report – for approval
- Clean Hydrogen report – for approval
- ETS amendments summary – for information
- ETS MEP briefing paper – for information (ERG to approve)
- Terms of Reference for a TWG Brexit – for discussion, nomination of co-leads and approval
- TWG PCI – update (for information) and revised ToR (for approval)
- An update on, and draft framework for, the ME5 report – to be provided by TB as CS has had to give his apologies.



A discussion was held in relation to the proposed changes to the EU ETS and ZEP's priorities. It was agreed that ZEP should focus its engagement around the Innovation Fund in terms of supporting the broader deployment and commercialisation of CCS rather than simply support for early demonstration projects. This then also led to a discussion around other ongoing policy areas such as Energy Union governance and the need to engage other Member States in taking a leadership role on CCS at the EU level.

The secretariat agreed to circulate all items for approval to the ACEC ahead of wider circulation to allow time for initial review. Other papers currently in draft form will also be circulated for information.

A discussion was held regarding a General Assembly –type event in late November early December 2016. The secretariat explained that it had included such an event in its bid to the Commission and therefore was able to provide organisational support and up to €5,000 to cover direct costs. This is in line with the direct costs of the 2015 European Parliament hearing event.

The ACEC agreed that a TWG General Assembly should be established to begin the planning and organisation of the event: the secretariat, ERG and GS will join the TWG, which will also be open to other ZEP members. CS indicated that if the ME5 report launch was to be a key focus for the event, a meeting in December or early 2017 may be preferable.

The ACEC also agreed that the secretariat should explore opportunities to co-host an event with like-minded organisations, including the IEA, IEAGHG, the Gateway project, and potentially access Norwegian Government Climit funding.

Regarding ZEP's ongoing engagement programme, GS provided an update on his recent meeting with Artur Runge-Metzger and indicated that the DG CLIMA Director would like to receive an update on UK and Norwegian developments in due course. It was agreed that GS and LW would follow-up.

### ***Item 3: Finances***

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LW explained the current financial position of ZEP-C based on the August 2016 Financial Management Report. It was noted that the GE 2016 invoice and EPPSA 2016 invoices were likely to be paid in September whilst further discussions were needed in relation to the GE 2017 and Gassnova 2016 invoices. GS and LW agreed to follow-up with Gassnova on the latter.

The current creditor situation was discussed and it was agreed that Weber Shandwick should be prioritised when ZEP-C settles its outstanding invoices. ACEC agreed that creditors should be paid as soon as possible, noting the need to maintain a minimum operating balance in the bank account. It was agreed that the invoices of Triarii and Ardnacraggan Energy Services would be settled as soon as the ZEP-C cash situation allows and that no one creditor should be priorities over the other. It was noted that as Triarii has no on-going relationship with ZEP-C, it believes that its payment should be prioritised.

The ACEC noted that current forecast net position remains negative for the year end 2017 and that a contingency plan is needed should any of the 'at risk' revenue fail to materialise.

A discussion was held in relation to Directorship of ZEP-C. Currently, Hans Modder and Robert van der Lande of Triarii are still Directors of ZEP-C although the intention is for ACEC members to become the Directors. GS explained that there was an outstanding issue relating to the nomination of 'special proxies', which may have been holding up the change in Directorship. LW and GS agreed to follow-up and report back to the ACEC.

Regarding prospective new members: GH agreed to make contact with Total; the secretariat agreed to follow-up with MHI and GS agreed to forward his discussions with the Port of Rotterdam to the secretariat for follow-up.

#### **Item 4: AC48**

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The draft agenda for AC48 was approved, with the additional of an item covering progress with SET-Plan implementation. The Commission will be invited to cover this in the DG Research update.

#### **Item 5: Secretariat**

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LW provided an update on the process of secretariat handover and an updated inventory of items received from Triarii.

#### **Actions**

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Action		Owner	Deadline
1	Arrange teleconference to discuss letter to Commission declaring ETIP status	Sec and NR	22/08
2	Circulate relevant reports for information and approval to ACEC members ahead of circulation as AC pre-reads	Sec	As soon as possible
3	Terms of Reference for a TWG General Assembly to be drafted and the process of organising a General Assembly to be initiated	Sec	07/09
	Follow up with Artur Runge-Metzger re: UK and NO CCS developments	Sec and GS	September
	Confirm GS teleconference with Marie Donnelly for 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Sec	As soon as possible
	Follow up with relevant parties re: ZEP-C directorship	Sec	As soon as possible
	Follow up with identified prospective members re: ZEP membership	Sec, GH and GS	As soon as possible
	Invite DG Research to provide an update on SET-Plan implementation at AC48	Sec	As soon as possible

