

NATIONAL SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP CHAIR'S FORUM

Tuesday 17th November 2009
Hilton Hotel, Deansgate

Agenda item 1 - Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda item 2 – Presentation: Explanation of competition process

Phil Trevana gave the committee a presentation on the NDA competition process – (copy of slides attached), which generated a number of questions. Comments received as follows.

- Whether a final decision had been made on Magnox North and South
- Where Energy Solutions stand in terms of the contract as they have a head start
- Why when Babcock bought UKAEA did it not purchase Calum
- How does a site which has met its targets balance out with someone bringing innovation
- DRS has an American influence why are British companies lagging behind and why aren't our British companies out in America
- How is socio economics addressed in the competition process
- If competition goes ahead how long will the PBO hold the licence
- Little evidence that companies are addressing socio economics
- What happens to the contracts if something happens to the NDA

Agenda item 3 – Review of NSG

Richard Griffin dispelled the idea that most members of the committee had that the NDA had decided to run down the National Stakeholder Group meetings, and in terms of the future of the Site Stakeholder Groups, he explained that the SSG's are mentioned in the Energy Act and it would be ridiculous to suggest disbanding them

He explained that the NDA has committed to the current meeting and two others after that and then the NDA would conduct a review

Comments were received as follows:

- Is 6 monthly meetings sufficient
- Should NGO's be included
- It is better to have a meeting without NGO's
- If the meeting went regional commitment shown would be lost, it shouldn't be regional
- NSG needs to evolve
- Meeting content – is there a place for Chairs forum to set the NSG agenda
- Will the review have taken place before May 2010 (April if possible)
- NDA directors don't attend NSG – missed opportunity
- Openness and transparency – Is Richard staying
- NSG's do have a future

Agenda item 4 – Options paper for Chair's forum

Richard Griffin ran through the options paper for the Chair's forum, he explained that the group needed to be clear on what the purpose of the group was or should be.

Comments were received as follows:

- Is there a need for 35 in a room
- No need to continue with the meeting
- Not to meet would be inconceivable given everyone is meeting anyway for NSG
- Could meet on the second day of NSG which means anything of interest coming out of the NSG can be discussed at the Chairs forum
- People get a lot out of the group it's a forum where each others problems can be discussed
- Need to meet early enough to give an opportunity to incorporate into NSG conference
- It was successful in addressing re-numeration issues (ie: differences between the sites)
- The conference call conducted before this meeting was very successful
- Possible brief update on each of the sites
- Do you think it delivers value for money?
- Invite NDA reps to meeting
- Group still needs to meet formally, it shouldn't meet informally
- Very powerful lobbying group across UK, should explore how to come together collectively to lobby NDA
- Roles of Chair and Vice Chair need to be clarified

Mr Griffin told the committee that members must have a clear idea of what they want to achieve from the Chairs forum for the next meeting.

Agenda item 5 – Short discussion on what Chairs wish to cover at the meeting with Mr Fountain, Chief Executive NDA

This discussion did not take place, it was decided to leave this until the day.

Agenda item 6 – Vote for Chair and Vice Chair

The current Chair, David Moore, did not wish to stand for re-election
Richard Smith was voted as the Chair
Terry Joslin was voted as the Vice Chair

The secretariat for the Chairs forum will now be provided by Richard Griffin at the NDA. The Chair thanked the present secretariat for the work to date.

The new Chair expressed his gratitude to David Moore for Chairing the meeting for the first two years.