

Summary:

- Project status remains amber in April 2017:
 - Status of “at risk” of achieving project deliverables on schedule.
 - Progress approximately 20% (substantially unchanged).
 - Risk rating of “medium”.
- Participant categories:
 - All participant categories reporting amber (“at risk”).
 - AEMO overall reporting green (“within schedule”).
- Jurisdictional status and rating in line with overall project status apart from a high risk rating in Victoria from both Retailers and Distributors.

Highlighted risks:

- Amber status relates primarily to constrained timelines for delivery:
 - Extent and complexity of changes in relation to impacts of the Victorian Government deferral decision.
 - Uncertainties in operation of business processes (e.g. meter churn).
 - Compressed timeframes for system design, build and testing.
 - Compressed timeframes for registration and accreditation – including e-hub accreditation.
- Other issues highlighted include:
 - Lack of clarity on safety regulations.
 - “Medium” to “high” risk rating highlighted in Victoria relates to the ongoing uncertainty associated with:
 - The details associated with the Victorian Government deferral decision with industry awaiting the release of their Order in Council to understand the impacts.
 - VICAMI meter type classification.
- Mitigating actions include:
 - Participants are undertaking impact assessments for the final B2B procedures and package 2 AEMO procedures.
 - AEMO progressing industry test planning and commencing industry transition and cutover planning.
 - AEMO released the draft e-hub accreditation process and application form on 6 April 2017 for industry feedback.
 - Vic Government convening working group.

Number of submissions:

- 34 reports received in total representing the following participant roles (increased from 31 in March):
 - 17 retailers (increased from 14)
 - 13 distribution businesses (includes initial MC, MP and MDP)
 - 5 metering companies (MPD, MP) (unchanged)
 - 6 metering coordinators (MC) (decreased from 7)
 - 3 embedded network manager (ENM) (unchanged)
- Approximately 20 retailers are not yet taking part in industry reporting:
 - These retailers have been contacted and AEMO will continue to follow up.

Note that organisations can nominate for multiple roles and participants can submit combined reports (i.e. one report for two distribution businesses)

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Variances		
Note #	Explanation of Variance	Mitigating Actions
1	Variance reported by Participants: Detailed implementation plan development at risk due to uncertainty of rule and procedural operation and dependency on new and immature market participants and processes. Implementation Plans are being re-assessed due to the Victorian Government deferral decision.	
2	Variance reported by Participants: Updating policies and procedures on schedule is at risk due to lack of clarity on safety regulation and the detailed implementation regarding the Victorian decision to defer metering competition (awaiting the Order in Council).	Participants are continuing to engage with the relevant departments and safety bodies.
3	Variance reported by Participants: Updating commercial arrangements on schedule is at risk due to volume of contracts that need to be entered into with industry parties and variable meter service provider maturity.	
4	Variance reported by Participants: Fulfilling registration and accreditation activities on schedule is at risk due to lack of an E-Hub accreditation guideline and compressed timeframes for all registration and accreditation activities.	AEMO released the draft e-hub accreditation process and application form for feedback from participants on 6 April 2017. Vic DBs are continuing to seek confirmation from AEMO, AER and Victorian Government on whether meters can remain as Type 5 MRIM.
5	Variance reported by DBs: Progress on this is less than expected due to required rework from the final B2B Procedure changes. Progress has been impacted by the Victorian Government deferral decision.	Business process activity continuing (impact assessment between final and draft procedures), additional experienced resources and subject matter experts sourced.
6	Variance reported by Participants: System design and development are dependent on finalisation of procedures and technical specifications for completion. Progress has been impacted by the Victorian Government deferral decision.	Participants are gathering detailed business and system requirements (undertaking impact assessments between final and draft procedures).
7	Variance reported by Participants: Testing timelines are contingent on system design and build and are becoming increasingly compressed and unrealistic.	Participants engaging in development of Industry Testing Strategy
8	Variance reported by Participants: Transition and cutover is dependent on above activities (business processes, commercial arrangements, system build and testing) and compressed timeframes are a concern.	

Notes

Key - Progress and Status					Key - Risk Rating	
Progress			Status		Rating	
Harvey balls represent progress towards achieving the criterion			Colour indicates the readiness status		Rating	
~0%		~50%		Criterion is within agreed schedule and deliverable requirements		High
~10%		~60%		Criterion is at risk of not meeting requirements and corrective action may be required		Medium
~20%		~70%		Criterion not meeting requirements. Immediate corrective action required		Low
~30%		~80%				
~40%		~90%		Criterion has been achieved		

See POC Industry Risk Register for open risks and issues:
[POC Industry Register](#)