

AEMO NEM Virtual Power Plant Demonstrations Program Consultation Questions

1.1 The primary focus of these trials is to demonstrate VPP aggregating battery storage systems. Do intending participants envisage incorporating demand response resources into your aggregated portfolios, and should this be incorporated into the VPP Demonstrations?

Yes. Including demand response resources into a VPP portfolio is a natural step forward, and should be included in these demonstrations, to allow for better understanding of how DR would affect the outcomes tested.

2.1 Are the VPP Demonstrations objectives logical and achievable? Should any other objectives be considered for these VPP Demonstrations?

Yes, these should be achievable objectives.

2.2 How can projects involved in the VPP Demonstrations better capture consumer insights and improve customer experience and outcomes?

A solid community engagement plan needs to be developed and implemented, with the aim of informing and educating the public about VPPs and the potential benefits that can be felt by consumers. Once consumers have a knowledge base to draw from, more accurate and beneficial insights into the consumer experience can be achieved and improved upon. The best way to gather this insight is for participants of the VPP demonstration to be in

2.3 Is AEMO's high-level approach to the VPP Demonstrations appropriate? What other arrangements could be tested under the VPP Demonstrations framework?

The high-level approach seems appropriate for understanding the roles that VPPs can play in the NEM.