

MINUTES

MEETING: Powerlink meeting inter-network test guidelines meeting
DATE: Tuesday, 13 July 2021
TIME: 9.30am to 10.00pm (AEST)
LOCATION: By Teams

ATTENDEES:

| NAME | COMPANY |
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| Callan Masters | AEMO |
| Luke Robinson | AEMO |
| Cameron Mclean | Powerlink |
| Anthony Rossiter | Powerlink |

APOLOGIES:

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| N/A | N/A |

Introductions

Outlined the purpose of the meeting – for AEMO to discuss and better understand Powerlink’s submission in relation to the 8.9 consultation on the proposed inter-network test guidelines

Each element of Powerlink’s submission was then discussed -

Inter-network testing governance arrangements

Discussion to confirm Powerlink’s submission on this area and their concerns. It was confirmed:

- Powerlink are concerned current proposed Guidelines read as requiring a rigid SISC structure, which appears inflexible/excessive for small/simple Projects with a MINI.
- Powerlink support a governance structure and the proposed tasks required, however would like the Guidelines to be clear that any governance and workstream structure should be proportional to the Project’s size and complexity.

It was agreed that AEMO will redraft the wording of the relevant section of the Guidelines to make it clear that governance and workstreams structure should be proportional to each Project. It was also agreed that all the relevant requirements of the Guidelines and clause 5.7.7 need to be met, even where a simplified or small governance structure is used.

Application of MINI criteria

It was agreed that Powerlink’s submission in this area broadly supports that the Guidelines have appropriately captured how to assess actional ISP projects under the existing NER.

Both parties agreed that it would be useful to clarify this through a minor change to the NER

Prudent and efficient testing

Discussion to confirm Powerlink's submission in this area and how AEMO considered this in the current drafting of the proposed Guidelines. Agreed that AEMO will update the wording in the Guidelines to make it clear that where an agreement cannot be made between AEMO, the Proponent and the relevant TNSP on whether an *inter-network test* is required that the Inter-network Test Reference Committee would make the final decision.

Power system model requirements

Short discussion where it was agreed that the Guidelines would be slightly reworded to reflect the modelling information available at the time of commenting *inter-network tests* to avoid unnecessary delays

Achieving condition for Inter-network testing

Short discussion – agreement that the wording of the Guidelines will be updated to make clear where test facilitation services are free, the Guidelines are not setting an expectation that these services should now be paid for.

Post-test reporting

It was agreed that the following post-test reporting requirement “a comparison of the new limits achieved compared with the limits proposed in the approval document for the Project (for example, the *project assessment conclusions report*” will be removed from the Guidelines