

5MS and GS Executive Forum – Meeting Notes

MEETING: Executive Forum
 DATE: Thursday, 10 December 2020
 TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 LOCATION: Webex

Attendees

Attendee	Organisation	Location
Peter Geers (Chair)	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Anne-Marie McCague	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Carol Bosnjak	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Elizabeth Bernhardt	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Graeme Windley	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Greg Minney	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Luke Barlow	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Naomi Byrnes	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Peta Hatzikides	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Peter Carruthers	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Rowena Leung	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Sarah Pearson	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Ben Skinner	AEC	Remote - WebEx
Andrew Pirie	AEMC	Remote - WebEx
Prabpreet Calais	AEMC	Remote - WebEx
Mike Stockley	AGL	Remote - WebEx
Simon Sarafian	AGL	Remote - WebEx
Alex Moran	Ausgrid	Remote - WebEx
Georgina Snelling	Energy Australia	Remote - WebEx
Ayesha Razzaq	Energy Queensland	Remote - WebEx
Elton Judd	Hydro Tasmania	Remote - WebEx
Natalie Junge	Infigen	Remote - WebEx
Stephanie Easton	Infigen	Remote - WebEx
Robert Lo Giudice	IntelliHUB Group	Remote - WebEx
Shaun Reardon	Jemena	Remote - WebEx
Gary Swinburn	Origin Energy	Remote - WebEx
Ron Williams	Plus ES	Remote - WebEx
Ian Wolhuter	Powermetric	Remote - WebEx
Stefanie Monaco	Red Energy	Remote - WebEx
David Woods	SA Power Networks	Remote - WebEx
Nicola Murphy	SA Water	Remote - WebEx

Elizabeth Byrne	Stanwell	Remote - WebEx
Owen Self	Stanwell	Remote - WebEx
Rossi Mangano	Stanwell	Remote - WebEx
Leanne Rees	TasNetworks	Remote - WebEx

1. Welcome, Introduction, Attendance and Apologies – P. Geers (slide 3-5)

The meeting notes for the previous Executive Forum held on 30 July 2020 were confirmed. There were no actions from the previous meeting.

2. Program Update – R. Leung, G. Windley, G. Minney (slides 6 – 11)

AEMO confirmed that all Level 1 and Level 2 program milestones had been met to date.

AEMO stated that all efforts were on the testing program focusing on defect fixing and issue resolution.

AEMO reported pressures within the testing program, particularly for the Retail release. Consequently AEMO has re-planned the tail end of the Retail workstream - internal milestones have been re-baselined with no impact to external milestones.

Whilst AEMO has a clear path for systems delivery, pressures within the plan remain. The revised plan has no timeline contingency left in the schedule for the Retail IT Platform release on 9 March 2021. All remaining activities are hard up against the 9 March delivery date for Retail. Discussion regarding this risk was deferred to the Risks section.

It was noted that the 5MS Bidding Service was successfully deployed into the pre-production environment on 30 November 2020 marking the commencement of the industry test period.

The current status of the program was reported as green with a downward trend as a result of the pressures within the testing of the Retail solution.

3. Readiness Reporting - G. Minney (slides 10 - 12)

AEMO provided a summary of the results of Readiness Reporting Round 5 for the industry and AEMO as set out on slides 10 and 12. AEMO outlined that reporting of participant readiness status would be supplemented by measures of progress such as completion of specific Metering Transition Plan activities in the lead up to Rule Commencements.

4. Path to Market Commencement - G. Minney (slide 13 - 14)

AEMO provided a timeline overview of the activities that need to take place for the industry and AEMO to be ready for 5MS rule commencement on 01 October 2021 and Global Settlement rule commencement on 01 May 2022. The line items include activities that must be completed by participants and their due dates, and highlights both the level of interdependence on participant preparations and the level of physical preparatory activity required for both 5MS and GS implementations.

5. AEMO IT Platform Go-Live - G. Minney (slide 15 - 17)

AEMO provided a summary of the each of the three systems go-lives that are scheduled for early 2021 and the activities that are being undertaken by AEMO to prepare for cutovers. The systems go-lives include Retail (09 March 2021), Dispatch and Bidding (01 April 2021) and Settlements (19 April 2021).

It was noted that a Go-Live Plan is being developed for each deployment in consultation with the Readiness Working Group. This provides participants clarity on any actions that they must take during the AEMO cutover process, timings and communication channels.

6. Regulatory Roadmap Update – P. Carruthers, L. Barlow (slide 18 - 23)

AEMO provided an overview of the Regulatory Implementation Roadmap process noting that the next update is early 2021 (slide 19).

An overview of the Customer Switching and Wholesale Demand Response programs was provided.

A participant asked if a delay for Customer Switching deployment could impact 5MS rule commencement. AEMO notes, while the Customer Switching commencement date is set by AEMO, AEMO is not expecting that a review of the commencement date will take place. The interdependencies between 5MS and Customer Switching are lower than 5MS and WDR.

The timeline for Customer Switching and WDR including the 5MS Program timeline was presented on slide 22. AEMO has been working on detailed dependency mapping between the three programs as well as identifying key milestones. This work will assist in managing the dependencies between the respective programs and mitigating the risks (e.g. shared resources) accordingly.

Action 11.6.1: AEMO to add 5MS, Customer Switching and WDR approach to managing interdependency risk to the March Executive Forum Agenda.

A summary of the WDR stakeholder engagement framework and contact details was provided on slide 23. Customer switching is managed as a business-as-usual (BAU) change and uses existing AEMO engagement channels, namely ERCF (Electricity Retail Consultative Forum). AEMO confirmed that 5MS forums would be extended to Customer Switching where relevant e.g. the monthly Q&A Sessions.

WDR took an action to follow-up with Intellihub on a focused discussion of the impacts of WDR on MDPs and MCs.

7. Industry Risks and Issues - P. Carruthers (slide 24 - 28)

AEMO presented the three key risk topics and the sub risks.

AEMO confirmed that if a decision was taken internally to change the contents of the deployment of the Retail solution, or to delay its deployment, it would be communicated as quickly as possible to the Program Consultative Forum (PCF).

A question was raised regarding the timing of the first Executive Forum for 2021. AEMO noted that late March had been deliberately selected as an opportunity to report to the Executive Forum on the status of the new Retail solution and the preparation for the Dispatch / Bidding and Settlements deployments. It was agreed that a special Executive Forum could be called if necessary.

8. Industry Engagement - AM. McCague (slide 29 - 31)

The proposed topic plan for the three Executive Forums scheduled in 2021 was presented.

9. General Questions - P. Geers (slide 32)

No additional questions were raised.

10. Meeting Close - P Geers

It was noted that Peter Geers is leaving AEMO on 11 December 2020 and that Violette Mouchaileh will take on the 5MS Program Sponsor role including chairing the Executive Forum. P. Geers thanked all attendees for their work to date.

ACTION ITEMS

No.	Status	Topic	Action	Owner	Due By	Comment
11.6.1	Open	Regulatory Roadmap Update	AEMO to add 5MS, Customer Switching and WDR approach to managing interdependency risk to the March Executive Forum Agenda.	AEMO	15-Mar-21	