

## 5MS and GS Program Consultative Forum – Meeting Notes

MEETING: Program Consultative Forum #37  
 DATE: Thursday, 16 September 2021  
 TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
 LOCATION: Webex

### Attendees

Attendee	Organisation	Location
Peter Carruthers (Chair)	AEMO (Chair)	Remote - WebEx
Anne-Marie McCague	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Blaine Miner	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Graeme Windley	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Greg Minney	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Ian Devaney	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Jim Agelopoulos	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Rowena Leung	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Tui Grant	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Collette Reedy	Actewagl	Remote - WebEx
Sam Markham	AEMC	Remote - WebEx
Sue Richardson	Agility CIS	Remote - WebEx
Andrew Peart	AGL	Remote - WebEx
Kevin Boutchard	Aurora Energy	Remote - WebEx
David Rundell	Alcoa	Remote - WebEx
Wayne Turner	Ausgrid	Remote - WebEx
Justin Betlehem	Ausnet Services	Remote - WebEx
Suresh Malguri	Ausnet Services	Remote - WebEx
Janelle Durie	CS Energy	Remote - WebEx
Nicole Bright	Energex	Remote - WebEx
Steve Smith	Energex	Remote - WebEx
Dino Ou	Endeavour Energy	Remote - WebEx
Andrew Fooks	Energy Australia	Remote - WebEx
Cameron Bath	Energy Australia	Remote - WebEx
Cindy Matthews	Energy Queensland	Remote - WebEx
Steve Blair	Energy Queensland	Remote - WebEx
Ingrid Farah	Ergon	Remote - WebEx
Ben Donnelly	Essential Energy	Remote - WebEx
Alison Davidson	Essential Energy	Remote - WebEx
Noel Petrie	Essential Energy	Remote - WebEx
Jeff Roberts	Evo Energy	Remote - WebEx
David McKenzie	Flow Power	Remote - WebEx

Ben Friebel	Hansen Technologies	Remote - WebEx
David Ovington	Hydro Tasmania	Remote - WebEx
Robert Lo Giudice	Intellihub	Remote - WebEx
Anthony Croce	Infigen	Remote - WebEx
Kylie Holland	Mondo	Remote - WebEx
Fergus Stuart	Origin	Remote - WebEx
Linda Brackenbury	Plus ES	Remote - WebEx
Eugene Tverdolov	Powercor	Remote - WebEx
Karel Mallinson	Powerlink	Remote - WebEx
Christophe Bechia	Red Energy	Remote - WebEx
Nick Gustafsson	Red Energy	Remote - WebEx
Mark Reid	Red Energy	Remote - WebEx
David Woods	SA Power Networks	Remote – WebEx
Andrew Wilkins	SA Water	Remote – WebEx
Sandra Ho	Snowy Hydro	Remote - WebEx
Rossi Mangano	Stanwell	Remote - WebEx
Adrian Honey	TasNetworks	Remote - WebEx
Paul Greenwood	Vectorams	Remote - WebEx

### 1. Welcome, Introduction, Attendance and Apologies – P. Carruthers (slides 2 - 4)

AEMO noted that the meeting would be run in accordance to the Competition Law meeting protocols and that the session is being recorded for the purposes of preparing meeting notes. AEMO requested for dial-in attendees to email [5ms@aemo.com.au](mailto:5ms@aemo.com.au) for inclusion on the attendees list.

### 2. Purpose of today's session – P. Carruthers (slide 4)

AEMO advised that the session will be focussed on readiness for 1-Oct, which includes reviewing the key risks raised at the last Executive Forum and discussing 1-Oct preparations.

### 3. Actions from Previous Meetings – AM. McCague (slide 6-7)

The actions from the previous PCF were presented as set out on slide 7.

### 4. Program Update – R. Leung (Slides 8-9)

AEMO provided an update on key 5MS activities and milestones on slide 9 and advised that two weeks out from rule commencement, all major milestones are now complete or near completion. The program's key focus is on ensuring a smooth transition to rule commencement.

### 5. Essential Meter Capability – B.Miner (Slides 10-13)

AEMO provided an update on how many Tranche 1 meters still require installation/ reconfiguration to ensure they are 5-minute capable. As at 13-Sept, from approx. 4,000 essential meters, there are 23 'active' meters that have yet to undergo the conversion to 5-minutes.

AEMO has been working closely with the relevant Metering Providers (MPs) to ensure these meters will be compliant by 1 Oct, and that appropriate contingency plans are in place should this not be the case. However, all MPs have indicated their meters will be converted in time for rule commencement.

### 6. AEMO and Participant Readiness – G.Minney (Slides 14-19)

AEMO advised that Market Trial will finish tomorrow on 17-Sept before providing a summary on Market Trial progress as at 14-Sept. Key findings were there had been a substantial increase in the total scenarios

executed and a large portion of defects closed and down to a manageable level. To support ongoing verification of RM reports post defect resolution, an additional three settlement runs will be issued.

On slide 16, AEMO did a walkthrough of the AEMO Essential Capability Market Trial Scenarios, noting that the last five reports were produced on time and data quality defects had been addressed. The main outstanding defects relate to the RM report reconciliation.

AEMO noted that some RM reports, in particular RM 16, will increase in size and there was consensus from Industry to continue to deliver the current configuration rather than splitting the reports. However, it was noted that some participants may need extra attention to manage the larger file size post 5-minute settlement.

AEMO reminded attendees that the pre-production environment remains available for bi-lateral testing and any defects identified will be managed by the test teams as part of the 1-Oct release.

On slide 18, AEMO provided an overview of the Market Trial defects, noting while there are no showstoppers, as at 13-Sept, there were 26 open defects that were with AEMO. A defect fix will be implemented in pre-production on 26-Sept for high priority defects with a release into production on 1-Oct. A more detailed overview on this topic will be provided at the defect walkthrough and Q&A session on 23-Sept.

On slide 19, AEMO concluded that Market Trial had stabilised and was operating reliably.

#### **7. Actions in the lead up to 1 October - A. McCague (Slides 20-21)**

On slide 21, AEMO outlined the Industry Sessions that have been scheduled in the lead up to 1-Oct with a special call out about the weekly Q&A sessions that focus on specific topics. Yesterday the topic was on RM reports and the next session on 23-Sept will focus on known defects for 1-Oct.

#### **8. 1 October Cutover Plan – G.Minney and G. Windley (Slides 22-25)**

AEMO provided an overview of the cut-over timings that were discussed with the RWG on slide 23, noting that there will be only one system upgrade - Retail platform (46.99 MSATS). AEMO also highlighted the 5MS Support Room will open on 30-Sept at 23:30 and it will be a Teams meeting that participants can drop in and out of.

On slide 24, AEMO provided an update on the defect management release schedule post 1-Oct, adding that emergency releases will be planned outside this schedule as required. In the first month the schedule we will stick to Wednesday evening 'hot fixes' and then it will revert to every two weeks to align with WDR and B2B deployments for outages.

Slide 25 shows the production incidents that participants have raised since the Retail go-live as at 13-Sept, noting the first week was high but since then trending in the right direction. AEMO advised it is looking to deploy fixes in late October to address many of these.

#### **9. Post 1 October Support – A.McCague (Slides 26-27)**

AEMO provided an overview of the participant support arrangements during cut-over, which will include the 5MS Support Room from 30-Sept 23:30 (outage complete) to 01-Oct 03:00, daily Q&A sessions at 10am from 1-Oct and proposed daily checkpoints in the first two weeks that will progressively decrease to one day a week in December.

Participants were advised that all issues or defects will still need to be logged with Support Hub, so they are appropriately logged and investigated. The 5MS mailbox will continue to be available for general enquiries.

**Action: AEMO to consider industry checkpoint meetings on 2 and 3 October**

#### **10. Forward Meeting Plan – A.McCague (Slides 28-30)**

On slide 29, AEMO showed the high level plan of activities that will be in focus for GS from January through to May 2022 (go-live).

Origin recommended that a risk should be raised, and alternative start dates flagged, with the AMEC around GS rule commencement due to multiple go-lives AEMO and uncertainties around the MSATS standing review. AEMO asked for feedback from other participants. AEMO to discuss this internally before working through GS plan and dates with Industry.

Slide 30 contained a visual depiction of the upcoming industry forums and meetings.

### 11. General Questions – P. Carruthers (slide 31)

PCF members held an open discussion on the inter-relationship between the regulatory projects for implementation of Global Settlements, MSATS Standing Data Review and the Metering Co-Ordinator Planned Interruption. All 3 regulatory initiatives are scheduled to go-live on 1 May 2022, and participants shared their views on approach and challenges. The following points were raised:

- **Bundling Risk** – participants raised the risks associated with bundling GS with MDSR/MCPI and the dependency this creates between the go-live date for bundled projects, in the event either project is delayed. Equally, other participants noted the delivery efficiencies associated with bundling. AEMO to include the bundling dependency as a risk and consider whether it is possible/practical to mitigate this risk by maintaining some level of separation between the project code sets.
- **CR volumes** - a request for CRs from the projects to be treated as one (i.e. consolidated view), and managed in an integrated way.
- **Parallel project governance** – a question as to how the initiatives running in parallel will be governed and managed from an industry and AEMO perspective? A single, integrated approach was preferred by participants. Feedback from participants suggests it was beneficial when 5MS included Customer Switching information.
- **Schema definition** – a request from a number of participants for the updated schema definition to be released as early as possible.
- **Integrated Market Trial** – a request from participants for a Market Trial that is integrated across GS and MSDR/MCPI.
- **GS Soft-start outcomes** – a question around whether outcomes of the GS soft-start could affect the timing of GS rule commencement? AEMO replied the risk relates to the commercial risks that retailers will carry, and the risk related to accuracy of the settlement process. However, AEMO does not see these risks impacting the GS start date. AEMO agreed the risk should be included in the risk register.
- **Working group structure** – a request to have a dedicated UFE working group, which AEMO said it will consider. Another participant asked if existing working groups will roll-up, i.e. TFG into RWG then into the PCF, so there will only be one forum? AEMO said they are still working on the GS plan, which will include how the working groups will run.

**Action: provide a view of the GS plan at the next PCF, including working group structure.**

**Action: provide a high level view addressing participants questions in section 11– particularly around AEMO’s view on alternative GS start dates and approach for consolidated CRs.**

**Meeting Close - P. Carruthers (slide 32)**

## ACTION ITEMS

No.	Status	Topic	Action	Owner	Due By	Comment
37.9.1	Open	Weekend checkpoints	AEMO to consider industry checkpoint meetings on 2 and 3 October.	AEMO	22-Oct	
37.11.1	Open	GS Plan & Working Group(s)	AEMO to provide a high level view of the GS Plan and how the working group(s) will be structured.	AEMO	22-Oct	
37.11.2	Open	Update to participant questions	AEMO to provide an update to questions asked 16-Sept PCF – particularly around AEMO's view on alternative GS start dates and approach for consolidated CRs.	AEMO	22-Oct	