

# MINUTES

MEETING:	Control Room Operations Working Group (CROWG)
DATE:	Monday, 24 June 2019
TIME:	10:30AM – 11:30AM
LOCATION:	Via Teleconference
TELECONFERENCE DETAILS:	1800 465 102
ACCESS CODE:	578 168 368

## ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY / DEPARTMENT
Lenard Bayne	AEMO
Mario Rositano	AEMO
Malcolm McNicol	AEMO
Mark Pollock	AEMO
Geoff Cook	TransGrid
Colin Sharp	TasNetworks
Edward Sellwood	Essential Energy
Robert Armstrong	Endeavour Energy
Nikki Barbi	Energy Queensland
Stephen Jolly	SA PowerNetworks
Mark Mckinnon	WesternPower
Matthew Corney	Powerlink
Joo Ean Prasad	AusGrid
David Gray	Energy Queensland
Leylann Hinch	Evo Energy Canberra
Colin Taylor	ElectraNet
Michele Lindsay	AusNet Services
Doug Deans	ElectraNet

## APOLOGIES:

NAME	COMPANY / DEPARTMENT
Darren Spoor	AEMO
Michael Edmonds	SA PowerNetworks
Steven Saunders	Powerlink
Matthew Turner	Evo Energy
Paul Elliot	AEMO

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Mario Rositano (Chair) welcomed attendees to the meeting and in addition provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

## 2. Background/reason for Control Room Working Group (CROWG) formation

Mid October 2018 AEMO's control room received an email from our Group Manager NEM RTO (Tjaart van der Walt) regarding a conference for the Australian Control Room Network Association (ACRNA). One of AEMO's Norwest staff Neil Combridge attended the Parramatta conference and reported back that it was well worthwhile.

AEMO put together a Terms of Reference (TOR) for a working group to provide a forum to share ideas and experiences and discuss matters related to Control Room Operations in the NEM.

At the last Power System Security Working Group (PSSWG) the TOR for the CROWG were endorsed. The objective of forming this working group is to improve control room operations and industry relationships in the NEM.

The PSSWG agreed that the CROWG should meet quarterly and occur the afternoon prior to the PSSWG (via teleconference with scope for face-to-face meetings if required).

### **3. Discussion on TOR, objectives and membership**

The TOR were discussed in detail with the following points to note.

The chair requested the members endorsement to include representatives from generators and frontline staff (controllers, operators, switchers) as part of the CROWG membership in which the members agreed.

Mark Pollock suggested to include Gas control rooms within the governance of the TOR.

### **4. Other business**

No comment.

### **5. Forward Planning**

Items raised for upcoming meeting(s):

Darren Spoor (AEMO)

1. Operational Communications - for system disturbances (ie: +6 hours timeframe).
2. Directions – For example TOA 274 for SA System Strength. How comfortable are the TNSP's, generators, etc. in receiving this legal request in the "heat of battle".

### **6. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 at AEMO's Brisbane office.