

Terms of Reference

NEM Reform Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum

1 Mission

To enable consistent, effective, and efficient consultation between AEMO and stakeholders relating to ongoing enhancements to the National Electricity Market (NEM), in keeping with the National Electricity Objective.

2 Objective/scope

In scope:

- The Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum (EWCF) will:
 - Provide a regular forum for interested and affected parties to consult and consider issues relating to the development of high-level design of solutions and amendments to Procedures, guidelines, and other documentation to implement NEM reforms in the areas including:
 - Registrations
 - Dispatch and related procedures
 - Settlements and Prudentials
 - Essential system services e.g. FCAS
 - Establish working groups where necessary to undertake specific activities in relation to the above. These working groups will report back to the EWCF.

Out of scope:

- Authorising a proposed change to go to consultation.
- Conducting formal Rule or Procedure consultation.
- Implementation of Procedures or updates to documentation.

3 Governance

The EWCF will operate under the guidance of this Terms of Reference document. AEMO will provide support for the EWCF, including provision of meeting minutes, action items, and a register of key documents.

The EWCF will initially operate within the NEM Reform Engagement Program Framework which includes the overarching NEM Reform Program Consultative Forum (PCF). Following completion of the NEM Reform Program the future of the EWCF will be discussed and considered.

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4 Participation

Participation in the EWCF Forum is open to suitably qualified nominations from market participants impacted by the implementation of reforms.

In the interests of facilitating effective discussions, each organisation may have one primary member and one alternative member. An organisation's membership can change, as appropriate, through the life of the program.

EWCF members are expected to:

- Have a thorough understanding of the NEM, the reform initiatives under the NEM Reform Program, and regulatory change processes,
- Be prepared to participate in discussion and provide detailed responses to matters under discussion,
- Impart EWCF Forum learnings and outcomes to their respective organisations.

5 Meetings

EWCF meetings will be approximately 1-2 hours in duration and conducted monthly via videoconference, unless otherwise advised.

6 Administration

AEMO will prepare and distribute all meeting correspondence via email and manage the NEM Reform Program webpage.

AEMO will endeavour to provide stakeholders with:

- A draft agenda and relevant meeting papers five business days prior to the meeting.
- A meeting outcomes paper five business days after the meeting.
- AEMO will provide Chair, secretariat services and subject matter expert(s) for each meeting.
- Once approved, copies of the meeting papers will be published on the AEMO website.

7 Resourcing and expenses

AEMO will provide Chair and Secretariat services to the EWCF.

Any expense incurred as a result of attending meetings or activities associated with the EWCF are at the expense of the members or their employer.

8 Version control and contact details

Version	Effective date	Comments
0.1	3 November 2022	Initial Draft
1.0	16 February 2023	Final
2.0	4 April 2023	Update to Final Terms of Reference following a periodic review

For more information on the EWCF please email NEMReform@aemo.com.au or refer to AEMO's website.