

Forum meeting record

Forum:	NEM Reform Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum #18
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Location:	MS Teams

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1 Welcome

(Slides 2-4)

- The chair welcomed members to the EWCF (Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum) meeting and provided an overview of the agenda. An acknowledgement of country was provided.

2 Actions & Feedback from previous meeting

(Slides 5-6)

- All action items were closed.

3 Spotlight

(Slides 7-18)

Improving Security Frameworks (ISF)

- AEMO provided an update on Improving Security Frameworks (ISF) activities to date.
- AEMO advised that on 4 July the first major milestone of the ISF Rule was implemented for Improved Directions Transparency with key information outlined on slides 10 of the accompanying slide pack.

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- AEMO provided members a brief on the improvements to market notices with changes made to procedure SO_OP_3707. In addition, AEMO provided details with changes associated with improvements to directions reporting. Further details are outlined on slide 10 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO noted that two feedback submissions were received and have addressed all comments are reflected in the [final report](#).
- AEMO outlined the next steps with further details available on slide 13 of the accompanying slide pack.

Inertia Requirements Methodology NSCAS Description and Quantities Procedure

- AEMO commenced consultation on the Inertia Requirements Methodology and NSCAS Description and Quantity Procedure on 5 July.
- AEMO provided a brief overview of the Inertia Requirements Methodology NSCAS Description and Quantities Procedure with key amendments outlined on slide 15 of the accompanying slide pack. Key information on the initial stages of the inertia consultation paper and NSCAS issues paper are outlined on slides 16 and 17 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO outlined the next steps as part of this consultation with details available on slide 18 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Ron Logan – Shell Energy	Can the international papers be shared with participants?	AEMO will investigate whether this is possible.
Rowan Rogers – Windlab	Why is the requirement tightening over previous?	AEMO noted that while there is not a specific event which led to the proposed change, the previous requirements meant that for 88 hrs of the year there would need to be some sort of intervention such as directions. Given the increasing number of directions it is appropriate to consider tighten this requirement though the consultation process.

4 Inflight Reform Update

(Slides 19-31)

Frequency Performance Payments (FPP)

- AEMO provided an update on FPP activities to date noted that external milestones, including the commencement of industry testing and commencement of Non-Financial Operation and the publication of data model changes for FPP Settlements remain on track.
- AEMO presented information on a new issue that has been identified with FPP with detailed information outlined on slide 22 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO advised that stakeholder engagements are currently being planned in the months leading up to 9 December. Detailed information is outlined on slide 23 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO presented a timeline for FPP development and testing with further details available on slide 24 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Yvonne Tuckett – Origin Energy	Will the implementation amendment rule change become effective at the same time as the FPP rule change.	Yes – AEMO is working with the AEMC on the basis that the implementation amendment can be made prior to the commencement of FPP financial operation, so that no transition arrangements need to be in place.
Ron Logan – Shell Energy	Can you confirm that settlements would be exactly the same regardless of whether it went with the rule as it currently is or whether AEMO would adopt the new terminology	The settlement outcomes will not be exactly the same, however the variance will be almost negligible

Project Energy Connect -Market Integration (PEC-MI)

- AEMO presented an indicative timeline and advised that activities for Market Integration are progressing with the timeline showing the order of those activities on slide 26 of the accompanying slide pack. An indicative activity timeline is outlined on slide 27.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Yvonne Tuckett – Origin Energy	When will the PEC SRAs be auctioned?	These decisions will be taken through the Settlement Residue Committee (SRC) at their regular meetings. First opportunity for auction of PEC units is indicated as December 2025 (Slide 27). Participants are encouraged to discuss these matters with their SRC representatives.

Enhancing Reserve Information (ERI)

- AEMO advised that one participant provided feedback to the recent draft ERI HLIA and noted that the final version is now published. AEMO provided a brief on aggregated state of charge for grid-scale batteries with key information is available on slides 30 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Rowan Rogers - Windlab	Can AEMO provide further information on the changes to grid-scale batteries	AEMO agrees that there would be value in providing an information session on the change to grid-scale batteries
Ron Logan – Shell Energy	In the final determination the AEMC noted that AEMO will aim to stage improving forecasting and reduce the error in forecasting. When will AEMO commence this consultation.	This activity is not part of the scope of the ERI project, however the request will be passed onto AEMO's Operations team.

5 Procedures Consultation Roadmap

(Slides 32-36)

- AEMO provided a Wholesale Electricity indicative Consultation Timeline with details outlined on slide 34 of the accompanying slide pack. In addition, AEMO provided details on inflight consultations with further details outlined on slides 35 and 36 of the accompanying slide pack.

6 NEM Wholesale Issues & Changes

(Slides 38-44)

ICF 002 – Time taken for Dispatch Targets to be made available to participants

- AEMO requested feedback from participants to indicate if dispatch timing is a key issue. Further key details are outlined on slides 39 and 40 of the accompanying slide pack.

ICF 003 – Improvements to Dispatch Conformance

- AEMO provided a brief update on ICF 003 – Improvements to dispatch conformance and noted that further discussion will be held as part of the next Ancillary Services Technical Advisory Group (ASTAG). Further details are outlined on slide 42 of the accompanying slide pack.

7 Other Reforms

(Slides 45-47)

ST PASA

- AEMO provided an update on ST PASA Recall Time activities and advised that a stakeholder workshop has been scheduled for 24 July. Details on the rule change are outlined on slide 45 with proposed changes outlined on slide 48 of the accompanying slide pack.

Integrating price-responsive resources into the NEM (IPRR)

- AEMO provided an overview of the high-level timeline and activities to date with further information outlined on slide 53 of the accompanying slide pack.

8 For noting

(Slides 51-53)

Upcoming Engagements

- Taken as read

9 General questions and other business

(Slides 54)

- Queries and feedback may be sent to NEMReform@aemo.com.au.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Christopher Tetzke – Genuity	Is it possible for AEMO to issue a notification (e.g. Market Notice) to participants before an out-of-cycle MTPASA run occurs.	AEMO to engage with AEMO's Reliability Forecasting team on this suggestion and raise an ICF to be discussed at a future EWCF.

10 Focus Session

Bid Daily Energy Constraints Issue

- AEMO provided a briefing on bid daily energy constraints and outlined an issue that currently exists. It was noted that two participants supported the proposal to change the bidding system to reject a bid $DEC \geq \text{registered MaxCapacity} * 24$. Details on this background of the issue and proposed solutions are outlined on slides 60 and 61 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Ron Logan – Shell Energy	The bidding change would improve market outcomes – would remove the unrealistic high DEC values from the region-aggregate reporting of energy constrained versus unconstrained availability.	Noted.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Item = Meeting # – Agenda # – Reference)

Item	Topic	Action	Responsible
18.4.0.1	Enhancing Reserve Information (ERI)	AEMO to arrange a dedicated information session for changes to grid-scale batteries.	AEMO
18.9.0.1	General questions and other business	AEMO to raise an ICF for the suggestion for a notification of out-of-cycle MTPASA runs.	AEMO