

Forum meeting record

Forum:	P2265 –IESS Working Group Meeting #6
Date:	28 September 2022
Time:	10:00am – 12:00pm (AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time))
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Name	Company	Name	Company
Marika Suszko	AGL Energy	Louise England	Total-Eren
Mark Riley	AGL Energy	David Nazareth	Wirsol Energy
Marcelle Gannon	ATMOS Renewables	Damien Banky	AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator)
Hugh McKenzie	Habitat Energy	Emily Brodie	AEMO
Sewwandi Charman	Origin Energy	Greg Minney	AEMO
Helen Vassos	PlusES	Lenard Bayne	AEMO
Steven Frimston	Shell	Liam McManus	AEMO
Simon Akero	Stanwell	Nicole Nsair	AEMO
Steve Williams	Stanwell	Ross Gillett	AEMO
Ken Ash	Sun Metals Corporation	Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO
Alfred Li	Sungrow Power		
Louise Webb	Telstra		

1 Welcome

Emily Brodie (Slide 2 – 4)

Emily Brodie welcomed new and existing members to the IESS WG meeting and gave acknowledgement of country.

2 Notes, actions and feedback from previous WG meeting

Ulrika Lindholm (Slide 2 – 4)

Ulrika Lindholm advised that one action was captured from the previous meeting. This action is outlined below which has been completed and closed.

Item	Topic	Action	Responsible	Due date
5.1	IESS Risk and Issues Register	IESS WG members to review the new risk outlined on slide 23 of the August meeting pack and provide feedback on if it is characterised effectively and if members agree that it should be on the register. Members to email IESS@aemo.com.au with their feedback.	IESS Members	Closed. No feedback received at this time.

No feedback or changes to the previous meeting minutes. AEMO will publish these as final on AEMO's website¹.

3 Project Update

Emily Brodie (Slide 7 – 9)

Ms Brodie provided an overview of the indicative timeline IESS project and outlined some changes since the previous WG meeting. These changes are outlined below.

- A reduced timeline for technical specification changes due to the program moving into a more detailed planning stage. AEMO will provide actual dates for when the release of technical specifications for changes to aggregate dispatch conformance, FCAS (Frequency Control Ancillary Services) and SGAs (Small Generator Aggregators) as part of the initial release.
- Initial release of the pre-production testing is expected to be available on the 28 March 2023. AEMO encourage participants to advise if they would be interested in this opportunity. AEMO will endeavour to firm up dates as soon as possible and present at an upcoming WG.

4 Procedures Update

Nicole Nsair (Slide 10 – 15)

Nicole Nsair provided an overview of IESS procedure changes with some changes being made to the metering workstream as well as the national connection registration workstream. AEMO advised that further communication for these workstreams will be communicated soon.

AEMO advised that several publications had been completed and are outlined on slide 11. In addition, AEMO thanked participants for their feedback throughout the consultation process. The final Inter-network test guidelines will be published on the 3rd of October.

AEMO provided a list of upcoming consultations for Q4. A question was raised by Origin Energy in relation to the release of the Carbon Dioxide Equivalent Intensity consultation. AEMO advised that this has been moved to next year and will be led by AEMO's settlements and prudential team.

¹ <https://aemo.com.au/en/consultations/industry-forums-and-working-groups/list-of-industry-forums-and-working-groups/ieess-working-group>

5 Debrief from Electricity Retailer Consultative Forum (ERCF) Emily Brodie (Slide 20 – 24)

Ms Brodie provided a brief of the recent ERCF (Electricity Retailer Consultative Forum) meeting and noted that work is progressing with the update to retail and metering changes for IESS. Currently the ERCF are looking at timings for the metering changes and will conduct a series of pre-consultations to delve into detail specifics. The key changes will be the introduction of NMI (National Metering Identifier) changes and terminology.

Ms Brodie advised that there will be two more ERCF meetings by the end of 2022.

6 Industry readiness approach for initial release Greg Minney (Slide 20 – 24)

Greg Minney provided a high-level overview of the industry readiness approach planned for initial release with particular focus on the March 31st release.

Mr Minney provided an overview of how AEMO planned to support members readiness plans, bearing in mind that participation is optional. AEMO will support participants who would be looking to take this up from the release date.

The final release 3rd June 2024 will be much bigger and comprehensive as outlined on the plan on page document and would look at an updated readiness approach strategy for that release commencing early into the new year. More detail on the readiness approach and the steps that will be taken leading up to the Go Live date which are outlined on slide 16. In addition, Mr Minney advised that as the Go Live date approaches AEMO will communicate a Go Live plan, such as timings for I.T releases etc via AEMO's communication channels.

A question was raised by Origin Energy about how a participant would know if they were part of the 1st or 2nd release. AEMO responded that for the 1st release you would be a participant who is affected by that release initiative. With regards to the 2nd release, you would be a participant that is an affected participant that must do things for that release. AEMO added that a detailed presentation was provided at the [IESS June 2022 WG meeting](#).

7 Classification and exemption policy update Carla Ziser (Slide 20 – 24)

Carla Ziser provided an overview of the classification and exemption policy. Ms Ziser advised that AEMO will be initiating consultation on the *Guide to generator exemptions and classification of generating units*, and added that this program of work will take place soon and progress into Q4. AEMO outlined to members what they could expect from this consultation process and in addition outlined the eligibility and threshold for scheduling for aggregate dispatch conformance. Ms Ziser added that AEMO will clarify the conditions where DC coupled units could be classified as semi scheduled generating units with more information outlined on slide 21.

AEMO encouraged participants to provide feedback on the level of engagement for this consultation with proposed engagement options for participants consideration outlined on slide 22.

8 IESS Risk and Issues Register update Emily Brodie (Slide 20 – 24)

Ms Brodie provided a brief on the IESS Risks and Issues register and noted that there were no additions made to the register since the previous IESS WG meeting with the latest version available on the IESS

webpage. Participants were advised that prior to a WG meeting, AEMO would review the register and reach out to members for comment and table any feedback or changes at an upcoming WG meeting.

9 IESS Forward Plan

Ulrika Lindholm (Slide 25-26)

Ulrika Lindholm provided an overview of the IESS stakeholder engagement forward plan and outlined activities that members could get involved.

Further information can be found on slide 26.

10 NEM2025 program mobilisation and opportunities to get involved Ulrika Lindholm (Slide 27 – 31)

Ulrika Lindholm provided an overview of the NEM2025 program mobilization and opportunities for participants to get involved.

Participants were advised that the NEM (National Electricity Markets) reform implementation roadmap was published in September and provides a detailed view of the overall program which encompasses multiple initiatives and implementation timeframes.

Ms Lindholm advised that AEMO will be standing up a Program Consultative forum (PCF) and an Executive Forum which will provide an overarching engagement across the reform implementation. The first PCF will be conducted on the 5th of October with a proposed monthly cadence. The timing for the Executive Forum will be determined following feedback from the PCF.

IESS WG members are encouraged to consider nominating if they are yet to do so. Nominations to be sent to NEM2025@aemo.com.au.

11 Q&A Aggregated Dispatch Conformance

Ross Gillett (Slide 28 – 29)

Ross Gillett led a Q&A session on aggregated dispatch conformance arrangements. Leading up to the IESS September WG meeting, AEMO received questions from participants and collated these questions to provide an opportunity for discussion.

AEMO reviewed these questions and provided answers with examples ahead of the meeting which are outlined on slides 28 to 46. Marcelle Gannon proposed an alternative approach for assessing aggregated dispatch conformance that would not require a target aggregate to always meet its aggregate dispatch target.

12 General questions and close

Emily Brodie (Slide 28 – 29)

No additional items were raised at this time. Ms Lindholm thanked WG members for their participation and closed the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS RAISED AT WORKING GROUP MEETING

Item	Topic	Action	Responsible	Due date
6.1	Procedure Update	Nicole Nsair to include update the Carbon Dioxide Equivalent Intensity consultation date to on the IESS Indicative change program page.	Nicole Nsair	26 October 2022
6.2	Q&A Aggregated Dispatch Conformance	AEMO will explore the alternative ADC approach further	AEMO	26 October 2022