

# Forum meeting record

## NEM Reform Delivery Committee

<b>Forum:</b>	<b>NEM Reform Delivery Committee Informed Go Live Workshop: Unlocking CER Benefits through flexible trading</b>
<b>Date:</b>	3 May 2024
<b>Time:</b>	11:00AM – 1:00PM AEST
<b>Location:</b>	Via Microsoft Teams

### Attendees:

Name	Company	Representing
Andrew Lewis	Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)	AEMC
Andrew Pirie	AEMC	AEMC
Con Hristodoulidis	Clean Energy Council	CEC
Dan Mascarenhas	EnergyAustralia	Retail/Generation
Dominic Adams	Energy Networks Australia (ENA)	Networks
Genevieve Schulz	AEMC	AEMC
Geoff Hargreaves	Red Energy/Lumo Energy	Retail
Hieu Nguyen	Mint Renewables	Renewable Energy
Huan Duong	Amp Energy	Renewable Energy
Peter Wall	Ergon Energy	Retail
Shaun Cole	Origin Energy	Retail/ Generation
Violette Mouchaileh	Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) (Chair)	AEMO

### Guests:

Name	Company	Representing
David Reynolds	AEMO	AEMO
Dylan Volkhardt	AEMO	AEMO
Justin Stute	AEMO	AEMO
Lee Brown	AEMO	AEMO
Lenard Bayne	AEMO	AEMO
Meghan Bibby	AEMO	AEMO
Peter Carruthers	AEMO	AEMO
Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO	AEMO

## RDC Session Summary

- The RDC developed an aligned position on the FTA go-live date taking account of industry feedback and the overall reform implementation roadmap.
- RDC members supported AEMO’s preferred 2 November 2026 commencement date, noting the rationale provided by AEMO to support this date in addition to noting some additional risks.
- RDC members agreed that implementation risks should be identified and articulated early alongside the description of adequate controls following completion of the Final Rule Determination.

### 1 Welcome

Violette Mouchaileh (Slides 2-4)

- AEMO opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of country and welcomed the RDC members and discussed the workshops agenda and objective. AEMO welcomed new members Hieu Nguyen (Mint Renewables), Huan Duong (Amp Energy), and Peter Wall (Ergon Energy).

### 2 Purpose and Objectives

Peter Carruthers (Slides 5-6)

- AEMO provided the Committee with a brief on the purpose of the workshop and desired outcomes. AEMO advised that this workshop is an opportunity for the RDC to develop an aligned view on the go live date for the Unlocking CER Benefits through flexible trading rule change and to provide advice to the AEMC to help inform their final determination.
- AEMO outlined the process that has been undertaken to date with key details outlined on slide 6 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
<b>Shaun Cole – Origin Energy</b>	In terms of process, if there was a material policy shift, would that change the timeline advise and would the RDC be consulted?	<p><b><u>AEMC Response:</u></b></p> <p>If there is any substantial change between the draft and final determination, we would go back to AEMO and stakeholders if that was to eventuate.</p>
<b>Dan Mascarenhas – Energy Australia</b>	<p>The 5 April industry briefing saw some nervousness around some of the critical issues associated with the rule change and timelines attached to implementation.</p> <p>How will AEMO &amp; AEMC make the Informed Go Live process transparent to industry?</p>	<p><b><u>AEMO Response:</u></b></p> <p>AEMO publishes RDC packs and outcomes on AEMO website.</p> <p><b><u>AEMC Response:</u></b></p> <p>RDC outcomes would also be published on the AEMC rule project page.</p>

### 3 HLID Overview

Meghan Bibby (Slides 7-12)

- AEMO provided a summary of the draft High Level Implementation Design with key information outlined on slide 8 of the accompanying slide pack. In addition, AEMO presented a heat map diagram outlining key implementation impacts of the rule change and can be found on slide 9 of the accompanying slide pack.

- AEMO presented a list of impacted procedures associated with the rule change and noted that most procedure changes are of administrative in nature (low impact). A detailed list of procedures is outlined on slide 10 of the accompanying slide pack.
- In addition, AEMO provided an indicative participant impact assessment with key information available on slide 12 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
<b>Shaun Cole – Origin Energy</b>	In reviewing the HLID, the question arose as to whether or not it is voluntary for the FRMP, and if participants would have to make the changes required or could effectively opt out in some way?	<p><b><u>AEMC Response:</u></b></p> <p>I think this is referring to the Retailer of last resort provisions. So the scenario where a retailer is a retailer of last resort and they're having to fulfil that role for a premises where there is a secondary point. The AEMC are looking into that and will discuss with stakeholders at the AEC meeting next week.</p>

## 4 Feedback received and recommendation

Meghan Bibby (Slides 13-18)

### 4.1 Industry feedback on implementation design

- AEMO summarised feedback received from participants on the draft High Level Implementation Design. Additional participant feedback on the implementation design is highlighted on slide 14 of the accompanying slide pack.

### 4.2 Industry feedback on implementation milestone dates

- AEMO received a wide range of proposed dates with majority of participants preference being a later delivery timeframe than the proposed May 2026 go-live date. Additional participant feedback on the implementation dates is highlighted on slide 15 of the accompanying slide pack.

### 4.3 Industry feedback – other

- Participants suggested implementation risk could be better articulated and reiterated the need for further engagement via the B2B working group. Further details are outlined on slide 16 of the accompanying slide pack.

### 4.4 AEMO indicative timeline

- AEMO presented an indicative timeline which takes into consideration feedback received through participant submissions. AEMO outlined proposed amendments to the timeline and are highlighted on slide 17 of the accompanying slide pack.

## 4.5 Implementation date advice

- AEMO requested that RDC members support providing advice to the AEMC on a preferred rule go-live date of 2 November 2026. Slide 18 outlines AEMO's advice and recommendations for the commencement date for unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading arrangements. Further details on the implementation date and advice are outlined on slide 18 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
<b>Shaun Cole – Origin Energy</b>	November 2026 looks better than May 2026. Risks highlighted by AEMO seems right. May 2027 might allow for risk mitigation relation to e.g. procedure consultations and noting reform congestion.	<b><u>AEMO Response:</u></b> We're aiming for a 2 releases per year and the Roadmap is the tool to provide visibility and manage congestion. Heightened risk in delaying to May 2027.
<b>Geoff Hargreaves - Red Energy/Lumo Energy</b>	I think this is a good comprehensive assessment of the changes involved. November 2026 better than May 2026. Also noting procedures and interaction with other initiatives. Especially uncertainty around metering changes.	<b><u>AEMO Response:</u></b> Metering changes e.g. power quality data key factor in shifting the date.
<b>Dan Mascarenhas – Energy Australia</b>	November 2026 is a good date for Go Live. Interdependency with Scheduled Lite is a concern.  Getting an industry understanding of the type of changes sooner rather than later would be beneficial and important to participants.	<b><u>AEMO Response:</u></b> Agreed, there is uncertainty when we are at the draft stage. AEMO understands that there are other initiatives that are making their way through the rule change process.  AEMO continues to look for areas to align where possible and take into consideration where we can gain some of those efficiencies and knowledge.  This is why AEMO has proposed building in more time for final implementation assessment as well as pre consultation to make sure that we can get some information together for industry rather than waiting for the formal consultation process to take its course.
<b>Violette Mouchaileh - AEMO</b>	Based on what we're hearing from RDC members, there's support of 2 November 2026.	No opposition from RDC members.
<b>Peter Carruthers - AEMO</b>	AEMO will crystallise the implementation risks noted and the implementation program to be setup early to address those risks noted at today's RDC workshop.	No opposition from RDC members

## 5 Next Steps

Violette Mouchaileh & Peter Carruthers (Slides 19-20)

- Actions raised.
  - AEMO to provide a summary of RDC meeting minutes to AEMC .
  - AEMO to share summary minutes with RDC members
  - RDC members encouraged to provide feedback on Go Live process.

## 6 Meeting Close

Violette Mouchaileh (Slide 31)

- No other business raised.

### OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Item = Meeting # – Agenda # – Reference)

Item	Topic	Action	Responsible
14.5.0.1	Next Steps	AEMO to provide a summary of RDC meeting minutes to AEMC.	AEMO
14.5.0.2	Next Steps	AEMO to share summary minutes with RDC members	AEMO
14.5.0.3	Next Steps	RDC members encouraged to provide feedback on Informed Go Live process.	RDC Members