

Forum meeting record

NEM Reform Delivery Committee (RDC) #9

Forum:	Reform Delivery Committee #9
Date:	30 March 2023
Time:	10:00AM – 12:00PM AEDT
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Name	Company	Representing
Andrew Pirie	Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)	AEMC
Dominic Adams	Energy Networks Australia (ENA)	Networks
Fergus Stuart	Origin Energy	Retail and Generation
Greg Hannan	CitiPower/Powercor/United Energy	Networks
Aleks Smits	AGL	Retail and Generation
Michael Bell	Red Energy/Lumo Energy	Retail
Geoff Hargreaves	Red Energy/Lumo Energy	Retail
Dor Son Tan	ENA	Networks
Declan Kelly	Flow Power	Demand side management
Violette Mouchaileh	Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) (Chair)	AEMO

Guests:

Name	Company	Representing
David Reynolds	AEMO	AEMO
Lance Brooks	AEMO	AEMO
Lenard Bayne	AEMO	AEMO
Peter Carruthers	AEMO	AEMO
Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO	AEMO
Dominic Mendonca	Accenture	AEMO

Apologies:

Name	Company	Representing
Brian Spak	Energy Consumers Australia (ECA)	Consumers
Craig Chambers	Engevity	Renewable energy
Craig Memery	Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC)	Consumers
Mark Feather	Australian Energy Regulator (AER)	AER
Michael Bradley	Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)	AEMC
Jo Witters	ESB	ESB
Liz Gharghori	AGL	Retail and Generation

1 Welcome

- Ms Mouchaileh, AEMO’s Executive General Manager for Reform Delivery, gave an acknowledgement of country and welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
- Ms Mouchaileh provided a brief overview of the agenda items and meeting objectives.

2 Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

- RDC action items 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 were closed.
- RDC Collaborative Workshop action items 1.3.0.1, 1.3.0.2, 1.5.7.1, 1.7.0.1 were closed.

3 Change Management Update & Ask of the Committee

- Mr Brooks provided a recap on the change recommendations following the February 2023 RDC collaborative workshop and advised that these changes were applied to the NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap (v2). Further details are outlined on slides 8 and 9 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO proposed publishing the updated Roadmap in late April, subject to further feedback from members.
- AEMO highlighted that 2025 remains a congested delivery year and noted the RDC will continue to monitor the program and update the roadmap accordingly.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
Dominic Adams – ENA	Have we lost any bundling opportunities that could be applied?	AEMO will look to provide a slide on lost and/or emerging opportunities.

- AEMO provided members with updated supporting artefacts prior to this meeting and outlined changes made. Members can request a changed marked version by emailing NEMReform@aemo.com.au. Further details are outlined on slide 11 of the accompanying slide pack.
- Endorsement was sought from RDC members with regards to the communication to industry on the updated roadmap and supporting documents as outlined on slide 12 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO advised that the roadmap is expected to be published in late April 2023.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
Fergus Stuart – Origin Energy	The language to be included in the Roadmap and therefore communicated to industry should acknowledge the interaction that the NEM Reform Program has with the broader suite of reforms ongoing.	It was noted that the Roadmap will be updated as the reform landscape evolves and with the availability of certain information in the public domain. AEMO will add a dot point in the communication to be published as part of the Roadmap acknowledging the ongoing interaction between the NEM Reform Program and broader suite of electricity and gas reforms.

4 Taking Cost Out for Industry and Consumers

4.1 Blueprint Update

- Dominic Mendonca from Accenture joined the meeting and provided an update on the topic of taking cost out of industry.
- A summary slide of the Blueprint was provided with a focus on process, sequencing and initiative specific improvements. Further information is available on slide 15 of the accompanying slide pack.
- A discussion was held on suitable industry engagement for discussing the opportunities as outlined on slide 16 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
Violette Mouchaileh – AEMO	We need to start the right conversation on how do we take cost out of implementation. We are seeking views on conducting a set of workshops with this group to unpack these issues.	
Fergus Stuart – Origin Energy	In terms of the rule change process where there is uncertainty that has not gone through to final determination. How does that work with the proposed fixed half yearly bundling of initiatives together?	The goal is to have two release dates each year and will certainly try and minimise them and try and bundle reforms so that they start on the same date. A co-operative approach and sharing of implementation information with rules and policy makers will be crucial.
Fergus Stuart – Origin Energy	Have we thought about criteria for how we assess bundling.	Current Blueprint outlines specific examples to indicate the sort of initiatives that may be considered. AEMO will be considering appropriate criteria as part of its engagement with the RDC and wider stakeholder group.
Fergus Stuart – Origin Energy	It can be useful to have a long sunset period on the old technology stack. This allows for industry to transition when they are ready, and which gives greater flexibility about how we go about doing things within the rules and the procedures noting that there is always some overlay.	Point noted. AEMO will relay this feedback to our internal delivery teams.

5 Stage Gate Update

- AEMO advised that multiple changes to the stage gates are required across the suite of initiatives that make up the NEM Reform Program. This is a consequence of the change in timing to initiatives. Further details on these proposed changes are outlined on slides 18 and 19 of the accompanying slide pack.

6 Setting an informed Go-Live date

- AEMO provided an overview of approach for an informed go live for OSM as outlined on slide 21 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO is in the process of developing a high-level implementation design to be published for stakeholder comment and feedback in due course.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
Andrew Pirie- AEMC	The AEMC teams are working through feedback on the draft determination. It is expected that the AEMC project team will present on OSM at the next RDC meeting.	

7 Progression of Foundational & Strategic initiatives

- AEMO provided a brief on the strategic and foundation initiatives. These are;
 - Identity and Access management (IDAM)
 - Industry Data Exchange (IDX)
 - Portal Consolidation (PC)
- AEMO presented on early feedback received from RDC members on the approach to these initiatives. Feedback is outlined on slide 24 of the accompanying slide pack.
- The formal governance for these initiatives are outlined on slide 25 of the accompanying slide pack. It was noted that this process was discussed with the RDC in July 2022.
- AEMO provided a high-level outline of the discovery and consultation approach over the next four months. This approach is outlined on slide 26 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO encouraged RDC members to provide any feedback received on the strategic and foundation initiatives approach moving forward.

8 Other Business

- No other business.

9 Thanks and Close

- Ms Mouchaileh thanked members for attending the meeting and advised that the next RDC Collaborative workshop will be held on 3 May 2023, followed by the RDC meeting on 24 May 2023.

RDC – OPEN ACTION ITEMS

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#	Topic	Action	Responsible
9.3.0	Change Management Update & Ask of the Committee	AEMO to present at the next meeting on any lost and emerging bundling opportunities to consider when updating the Roadmap.	AEMO
9.4.1	Taking Cost Out for Industry and Consumers	RDC members to provide feedback on the approach to exploring opportunities to Take cost out for industry and consumers by emailing NEMReform@aemo.com.au .	RDC Members
9.5.0	Stage Gate Update	AEMO to update the Stage Gate documents as described and share with RDC members for feedback ahead of publishing external documents.	AEMO

RDC – CLOSED ACTION ITEMS

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#	Action	Responsible
8.1	AEMO to consider engaging with industry I.T stakeholders and vendors as part of the NEM2025 engagement.	AEMO
8.2	RDC members to suggest opportunities on how the NEM2025 program can effectively engage better with industry on various levels to avoid establishing more workshops/working groups.	RDC Members
8.3	AEMO to implement the proposed approach on a reform initiative as a first step in implementing, learning and refining the process. AEMO to identify candidate reform initiative(s) (not FTA2) and advise the RDC.	AEMO
8.4	AEC to seek feedback from members regarding the proposal and revert to AEMO with any additional points as soon as available.	AEC and AEMO

RDC Collaborative Workshop – CLOSED ACTION ITEMS

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1.3.0.1	AEMO to define the ask and how it will be conducted.	AEMO
1.3.0.2	Fergus Stuart to provide an email to the committee on an approach for AEMO to consider.	Origin Energy
1.5.7.1	AEMO to advise what the ESB three priority data projects are.	AEMO
1.7.0.1	Members to provide any comments regarding the change register and roadmap by COB Friday 24 February 2023.	RDC Members