

Meeting Minutes.

Forum:	Gas Retail Consultative Forum (GRCF)
Meeting #:	160
Date:	9 July 2024
Time:	13:00 Melbourne time
Location:	Teleconference
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Attendees:

Name	Company Department
Danny McGowan (Chair)	AEMO
Nandu Datar	AEMO
Louise Webb	AEMO
Carol Poon	AEMO
William Baskerville	AEMO
Luke Stevens	AEMO
Meghan Bibby	AEMO
Troy Olcorn	Energy Australia
Joe Sanchez	ATCO
Thakshila Gunaratna	Red Energy
Simon Kinnear	Alinta
Bab Kamath	Momentum Energy
Dash Kaur	Kleenheat
Elena Mikhaltsevitch	ERA
Matthew Giampiccolo	Simply Energy
Anthony Boin	APA
Becky Caant	Synergy
Emille Kueh	Jemena
John Smith	Nexif
Kate Goatley	ActewAGL
Karthi Mahalingham	Synergy
Kelly Murray	Multinet
Marc Flynn	Jemena
Mario logha	Origin Energy
Mark Riley	AGL
Prachi Kamat	ActewAGL
Rick Abbott	AGIG
Sagar Shah	HansenCX
Sean Jennings	Red and Lumo
Stephen Murray	Globird Energy
Suvid Satyawadi	Tally Group
Bree Shaw	Origin
Jordan Rigby	Red and Lumo

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This document provides an overview of the main points of discussion at an industry forum convened by AEMO on 9th July 2024 to provide information and invite perspectives and feedback on matters relating to the GRCF.

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- This document is a summary only and is not a complete record of discussion at the forum.
- For presentation purposes, some points have been grouped together by theme and do not necessarily appear in the order they were discussed.
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1 Confirm Agenda

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted meeting would be recorded and reminded GRCF of complying with AEMO's Competition Law Meeting Protocol.

Justin Bethlehem was noted as an apology.

GRCF confirmed meeting agenda with no additional items added.

2 Previous minutes and action items

The GRCF accepted the meeting minutes for the previous meeting held on 17 April 2024.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted Action items have been updated in the table below.

3 Issue / Change Register

In summary and with further details provided in meeting pack, Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted:

- **New items added to the Register:**
 - IN006/24 -Minor errors in PBP 1 Table of transactions.
- **Items completed (effective from 1st May 2024):**
 - IN007/22 -Modifications to HVZs and the HV information that AEMO provides
 - IN007/21 -Victorian Hydrogen integration
 - IN017/22 -VIC RMPs changes pertaining to HB Distribution Connected facilities
 - IN007/23 -Review DDS and market definition.
 - IN016/22 -Add explanation in the RMP about the regulatory framework and coverage for the Vic RMPs
 - IN002/23 –Adding additional fields to the existing T1010 RoLR file
 - IN003/23 –Update SA RMP
 - IN012/22 -T1005 transaction
 - IN009/22 -RoLR Provisions
 - IN008/17 -SA RoLR Process Flows
 - IN008/20 -Section 2.1.17 of the ICD
- **Items withdrawn:**
 - None
- **Consultations in Progress:**

- 2023 #6 WA changes
 - o ERA consultation published on 24th June 2024. Participant feedback closed on the 8th July 2024. AEMO is awaiting on decision from ERA's Governing Body.

- **Emerging Consultations:**
 - 2023 #4 Renewable Gas Integration (non VIC and WA)
 - o Issue of the PPC targeted for August 2024. Further details to be provided in Agenda Item #6.
 - 2024 #1 -B2B Change (for release in 2025)
 - o IN002/24 (Resolving issues with meter status in MDNs)
 - On request from Origin, this GMI has now been removed from Package 1
 - o IN001/24 -Adjustment of Address field lengths to align with AS 4590 and Electricity changes
 - Work in Progress noting the Electricity address consultation has shifted. AEMO expect to provide further details in August GRCF.
 - o IN004/22 Proposed Improvements to Network Tariff B2B Notification
 - Refer to Agenda item #5
 - o IN005/24 -Inclusion of Contract MDQ in Gas RoLR Transaction Customer and Site Details from FRB to RoLR(T1010)
 - Mark Riley (AGL) requested if this GMI could be 'pushed through' and not be scheduled as part of Package 1. Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that with the current program of work, AEMO resources are not available to run a separate consultation for this item.
 - o IN002/22-Update Gas Estimation / Substitution Reason Codes
 - Rick Abbott/ AGN requested an extra code for communications fault (versus meter fault) essentially replicating Electricity code '76'. The number 20 currently in use for Quarantine Premise is already used for another purpose.
 - Mark Riley (AGL) proponent of GMI indicated AGN request for extra code was sensible.
 - Danny requested Rick Abbott to take an action to send AEMO an email with the requested GMI updates (**Action 160.3.1**). AEMO in collaboration with the proponent (AGL) will then review AGN's suggestions, update the GMI with tracked changes (**Action 160.3.2**). distribute the updated GMI to GRCF for feedback (**Action 160.3.3**).and create an agenda item to discuss the updates in August GRCF (**Action 160.3.4**).

 - o Rick Abbott/ AGN requested confirmation of the implementation target date for Package 1. Danny commented this has been 'TBA' noting the original intent was for all work to be completed by second half 2025. AEMO is looking at the whole package and will provide further comment regarding implementation of Package 1 in August GRCF (**Action 160.3.5**).

 - 2024 #2 - RMP changes that are minor non-controversial corrections.
 - o AEMO has commenced preliminary internal reviews of this package.

No other questions raised on the Issue/Change Register.

4 Retail Consultation Calendar

None of the participants raised questions on the Retail Consultation Calendar

5 2024 Package 1: B2B Changes to be released in 2025 - IN004-22 Proposed Improvements to Network Tariff B2B Notification

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted:

- In the April 2024 GRCF meeting, participants agreed to include this GMI in Package 1 including moving the “DistributionTariff” enumeration into a non-versioned enumeration file.
- DB’s have indicated that a single character field is not warranted.
- Information about the supplementary matters raised at the April meeting pertaining to single characters have been provided to the GRCF.
- Noting the scope is just the “DistributionTariff” aseXML field, AEMO recommends proceeding the GMI to consultation stage.

Mario logha (Origin) queried if the ASWG was aware of moving the “DistributionTariff” enumeration into a non-versioned enumeration file. Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that advice to ASWG had not yet commenced though it will certainly follow the normal ASWG process. The timing as to when that occurs subject to an overall Package 1 review, boarder that just Network Tariff.

Sean Jennings (Red/Lumo) queried if the Distribution Tariff alpha numeric value would still remain V’ or’ D’ and the Distribution Tariff description would specify type of volume. Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted AEMO would not be touching the single digit field and the GMI relates only to the enumerations relating to the ‘Distribution Tariff’ field.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) requested if there were any dissenting views on AEMO’s recommendation. AGL supported AEMO’s recommendation. AEMO’s recommendation accepted by GRCF.

6 2023 Package 4: Renewable Gas Integration (non VIC and WA) - -IN006-23 Renewable Gas Integration for STTM and Non STTM markets.

Luke Stevens (AEMO) walked through the slides of Agenda item #6 in GRCF session pack noting:

- AEMO is targeting to issue both STTM Procedures and Gas Retail Market Procedures for consultation in mid-August 2024.
- STTM and Gas market procedures are currently being discussed with Distributors.
- AEMO is seeking agreement with Distributors to implement ownership and metering structure as per AGN proposal (‘Loop Injection’) for any future blended processing facility. Distributor’s agreement/comments due 12th July 2024.
- AEMO is seeking if there are any GRCF concerns regarding AGN proposal (‘Loop Injection’)
 - Mark Riley (AGL) commented time will be required to consider impacts. A single line diagram requested to better understand the flows and risks for Retailers as a Shipper and as a customer biller. A meter maybe required on the output of the blending

vessel as what comes out of the blending facility will have a critical heating value south of that connection point which would drive network and retail billing.

- Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted AEMO has an outstanding request for an indicative metering diagram and may include a diagram if supplied by the distributors to support the consultation. However, it was noted technical responsibility for metering (including the metering configuration) and gas quality ultimately sits with the Distributors.
- Sean Jennings (Red/Lumo) noted the AGN proposal was elegant and would also like to see further details.

[GRCF Secretariat Note: AEMO sent a further request to AGN for a copy of metering configuration diagram on the 9th of July 2024]

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted if any participants have any questions in relation to the slides that have been presented, please send comments to RenewableGas@aemo.com.au by Friday 12 July 2024.

7 Victorian Heating Value substitutions. Extending reporting period beyond 90 days.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) briefly introduced to topic pertaining to the daily zonal heating value report (slides 22-29 of the GRCF meeting pack slides) whereby AEMO seeks feedback from participants whether the reporting period should be extended beyond 90 days and invited William Baskerville (AEMO) and Carol Poon (AEMO) to provide further details to the GRCF.

William Baskerville (AEMO) and Carol Poon (AEMO) noted:

- From 1 May 2024 in Victoria, Zonal heating values apply to Tariff D and V meters.
- Impact of errors on daily zonal heating value because of heating value substitution is generally higher compared to declared daily state heating value
- The AEMO substitution processes and validation limits have always existed (pre 1 May 2024 changes), but is being automated to improve the substitutions of HV
- Although AEMO has not yet substituted a heating value, when AEMO does substitute a heating value, the INT139a report would be subject to revised data.
- AEMO requested GRCF confirmation whether the INT139a reporting window should remain at 90 days (Option A) or be extended to 180+ days to allow for Settlement Revision periods (Option B)

Kellie Murray (MultiNet Gas) flagged a number of potential issues concerning cancel/rebill for any account.

Mark Riley (AGL) commented:

- Option B sounds reasonable
- AEMO and Industry will need to identify if a heating value was substituted, actual or final in the INT139a report similar to components of meter data
- There are potential rebilling issues which can impact customers if a heating value change.
- Are AEMO High Low checks sufficient with the implementation of Hydrogen?

Sean Jennings (Red/Lumo) commented:

- If there is significant impact on energy value, these must be considered and not just the options to extend the INT139a report but also look into the underlying impact under the Rules

Stephen Murray (Globird) commented:

- The fragmentation of the state into heating zones has increased the likelihood of mathematical substitutions. Now we are alert to the fact revisions may occur regardless of the percentage variation, we must deal with revisions.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) commented:

- Issues to do with impacts when heating value substitutions occur raised during the discussions has meant seeking feedback from participants on extending reporting period hadn't been properly considered at this meeting. Its therefore proposed that AEMO would circulate an email to the GRCF contain the slides for this topic and invites GRCF to provide feedback on options mentions in the slides as well feedback about the information presented on substitutions.

Other than the request to extend the feedback period to 2nd August as proposed by Mark Riley (AGL) there were no opposing regarding the feedback proposal suggested by Danny.

AEMO to send an email to the GRCF contain the meeting slides for the "Victorian Heating Value substitutions/Extending reporting period" topic requesting GRCF feedback on the period extension and feedback (if any) regarding substituted heating values. **(Action 160.7.1)**

GRCF to provide feedback on the INT139a extending reporting periods. If participants have any feedback regarding substituted heating value points mentioned in the slides or discussed at the meeting that feedback can also be included. Feedback is by 2nd August 2024 **(Action 160.7.2)**.

8 South Australian non STTM area. What happens if the one-to-one gate point to transmission pipeline alignment is broken.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) walked through the slides of Agenda item #8 noting:

- Key messages conveyed to the GRCF were:
 - Background details about pre and post STTM system processes including import limiting characteristic to do with having a one to one relation between gate point and the pipeline.
 - Impact if those characteristics aren't adhered too such as such as second pipeline or a injection facility being connected to a non STTM subnetwork could potentially create an imbalance situation.
 - Details about a simple approach to support participants manage imbalance issues if they were to emerge. These involve generating imbalance report.
 - Important details a minimum lead time (9 months) and a requirement that Participants would need raise a Gas Market Issue (GMI) 9 months in advance of any new

connection be it a transmission pipeline or injection facility for the non STTM subnetworks.

As part of the matters for the GRCF to consider, Danny advised that they advise their appropriate internal teams that oversee the connections involve transmission pipeline or injection facility on non STTM subnetworks making them mindful of the lead times and the process of raising a GMI.

It was noted there were no opposing views raised in relation to discussion under the matters that the GRCF needed to consider.

9 Other Business

Emilie Kueh (Jemena) noted:

- Jemena has come across a Council approved site address with a prefix to the House Number field. i.e. A1 and 1A also exists. Could this value be placed in the Building Name field?
- Emilie to send GRCF an email describing the scenario (including the full address) for GRCF participant analysis. **(Action 160.9.1)**

Simon Kinnear (Alinta) noted:

- From 1/1/24 the Victorian Governments restricted Gas New connections in Victoria where a planning permit is required.
- Is there any framework a Retailer can validate if a planning permit is required and if the planning permit is valid?
- Mark Riley (AGL) commented the question was raised previously in the GRCF resulting in an understanding Retailers have no obligation to check validity of a planning permit. 2 years backlog is understood to exist. Variations to gas connections also exist.

10 Next Meeting

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted next GRCF session scheduled for the 13th August 2024.

Attachment A

Action items raised at this meeting #160

Item #	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
160.3.1	AGN updates to GMI IN002/22 (Update Gas Estimation / Substitution Reason Codes)	Send email to AEMO (grcf@aemo.com.au) providing specifics of request for GMI IN002/22 to be updated. E.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An extra code for communications fault (versus meter fault) essentially replicating Electricity code '76' - The number 20 currently in use for Quarantine Premise is already used for another purpose. 	Rick Abbott (AGN)	Before end of July
160.3.2	AEMO & AGL to review AGN updates to GMI IN002/22	AEMO to review AGN request to update GMI IN002/22 with Mark Riley (AGL) the GMI proponent. AEMO to update GMI IN002/22 with tracked changes and distribute to GRCF.	AEMO & AGL	Prior to GRCF in August
160.3.3	GRCF to review AGN updates to GMI IN002/22	GRCF to review updates made to GMI IN002/22.	GRCF	Prior to GRCF in August
160.3.4	GRCF to discuss AGN updates to GMI IN002/22	AEMO to include review of updates made to GMI IN002/22 as agenda item in August GRCF.	AEMO	August GRCF
160.3.5	Implementation of Package 1	AEMO to provide update on implementation date of Package 1	AEMO	August GRCF
160.7.1	Victorian HV substitutions. Extending reporting period beyond 90 days	AEMO to send GRCF email with GRCF slides requesting GRCF feedback on the reporting period extension and feedback (if any) regarding substituted heating values.	AEMO	ASAP
160.7.2	Victorian HV substitutions. Extending reporting period beyond 90 days	GRCF to provide feedback on the INT139a extending reporting periods. If participants have any feedback regarding substituted heating value points mentioned in the slides or discussed at the meeting that feedback can also be included	GRCF	2 nd August

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160.9.1	Site Address with Prefix in house number field	Jemena to send GRCF an email describing the scenario (including the full address) for GRCF participant analysis. i.e. A1 and also 1A also exists. Could this value be placed in the Building Name field?	Jemena	ASAP

Action items raised prior to meeting #160

Item #	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
159.5.1	GMI - IN002/24 - Resolving issues with meter status in MDNs	Jemena and Multinet to share their indicative costs by end of May 2024	Jemena and Multinet	Closed
159.5.2	GMI - IN002/24 - Resolving issues with meter status in MDNs	Retailers to provide details about the magnitude of the issue impacts and the benefits that can be realised if this issue could be resolved to AEMO (grcf@aemo.com.au)	Retailers	Closed
159.6.1	GMI IN004/22 - Proposed Improvements to Network Tariff B2B Notification	DBs to look at the field Distribution Tariff that is a single character reference in all build packs and send an email to AEMO (grcf@aemo.com.au) advising whether they see that these CSV fields needs to change, either field length size or the existing allowable values.	Distributors	Closed
156.5.5	Inclusion of IN010/21 MJ into Package 2 and bundle with delivery of IN015/22	AEMO to review recommendation to add IN010/21 (Unit of Measure (MJ)) and IN015/22 (Harmonising of Heating Values definitions) should be added to the 2024 Package 2 initiatives to 2024 Package 2.	AEMO	Q3 2024
156.5.6	Inclusion of IN001/21W Error correction notice into 2024 Programme of work	AEMO to review recommendation to include IN001/21W Error correction notice into 2024 Programme of work with AEMO legal.	AEMO	Q3 2024

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156.5.7	IN006/20W analysis required by AEMO to enable GMI to be raised	<p>AEMO to arrange session with AGL to discuss in January to confirm the scope of work in reference to IN006/20W (Clause 115 clarity) (on pending list of initiatives) which relates to a 2-year-old issue where networks lodge disconnection notices and AEMO cancels those disconnection notices which subsequently impacts allocations. There may be a problem with the AEMO process. AGL cannot raise a GMI until AEMO perform some investigation to determine why and when this situation is occurring ideally to be performed in Q1/Q2 in order to create a GMI for Q3/Q4 or 2025.</p> <p>March 2024 update: AEMO discussed the issue with AGL And noted that since 2020 there were over 14500 disconnections requested with only 12 disconnections were cancelled by AEMO for lack of meter reading. All cancelled disconnections involved small consumption MIRNs. AEMO to discuss with ATCO to confirm why meter data was not sent. AEMO will provide ongoing updates.</p>	AEMO	Q3 2024
152.9.1	List of gas retail initiatives that are not part of the GRCF 2023 program of work	<p>Review the feedback provided by the GRCF and identify those initiatives that have reasonable outline of the requirement and a reasonable level of confidence that if implemented, the potential benefits will outweigh the cost; but this can only be established by further defining the requirement.</p> <p>April 2023 update: The Status Update document circulated at the April 2023 GRCF functions as a tracker for the above. This action item remains open. AEMO will continue to review the proposals that it is responsible for and will provide an update on these matters as relevant.</p>	AEMO	<p>Provide further comments on the initiatives that were not part of the GRCF 2023 program of work by next GRCF meeting.</p> <p>Q3 2024</p>

