

Meeting Minutes.

Forum:	Gas Retail Consultative Forum (GRCF)
Meeting #:	162
Date:	26 September 2024
Time:	13:00 Melbourne time
Location:	Teleconference
Contact details:	grcf@aemo.com.au

Attendees:

Name	Company Department
Danny McGowan (Chair)	AEMO
Nandu Datar	AEMO
Louise Webb	AEMO
Graeme Windley	AEMO
Nirmal Narayanamurthi	AEMO
Libby Chen	AEMO
Anthony Boin	APA
Elena Mikhaltsevitch	ERA
Emilie Kueh	Jemena
Evan Giosis	Globird
John Smith	Nexif
Jordan Rigby	Red and Lumo
Karthi Mahalingham	Synergy
Kate Goatley	ActewAGL
Simon Kinnear	Alinta
Marc Flynn	Jemena
Mark Riley	AGL
Michael Douth	AusNet
Nadia Chehata	Energy Locals
Rick Abbott	AGIG
Catherine Rousch	Alinta Energy
Sagar Shah	HansenCX
Joe Sanchez	ATCO
Sean Jennings	Red and Lumo
Bree Shaw	Origin Energy
Stephen Murray	Globird Energy
Jo Sullivan	Energy Australia
Suvid Satyawadi	Tally Group
Nicolas Piedrabuena	Jemena
Dash Kaur	Kleenheat
Kunal Shah	CQ Energy
Will Omeara	<i>Unknown</i>

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This document provides an overview of the main points of discussion at an industry forum convened by AEMO on 26 September 2024 to provide information and invite perspectives and feedback on matters relating to the GRCF.

Readers, please note that:

- This document is a summary only and is not a complete record of discussion at the forum.

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- 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.

GRCF confirmed meeting agenda with no additional items added.

Rick Abbott (AGN) raised new Hydrogen injection facility in the QLD Gladstone Non STTM as new business item.

2 Previous minutes and action items

The GRCF accepted the meeting minutes for the previous meeting held on 22 August 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:**

- IN008/24 – Transport Layer Security (TLS) update and amendments to several Technical Protocol (TP) documents

- **Items completed:**

- 2023 Package 6 (Minor WA Changes)

- **Items withdrawn:**

- None

- **Consultations in Progress:**

- 2023 #4 Renewable Gas Integration (non-VIC and WA)

- PPC Consultation on 10 September 2024. IIR expected to be issued on 8 October 2024.
- Consultation Link - [here](#)
- Participants to note:
 - Consultation relates to STTM and Retail Markets in QLD, NSW/ACT and SA
 - Wholesale and Retail has been combined in one package for this consultation
 - GasRewables@aemo.com.au is primary email address for this consultation

- **Emerging Consultations:**

- IN008/24 (All jurisdictions) - Transport Layer Security (TLS) update and amendments to a couple of other Technical Protocol (TP) documents
 - To be discussed under Agenda #6
- 2024 #1 -B2B Change (for release in 2025)
 - To be discussed under Agenda #5
- 2024 #2 - RMP changes that are minor non-controversial corrections.
 - AEMO has commenced preliminary internal reviews of this package.
 - AEMO confirmed a consultation date has not yet been confirmed.

No other questions raised on the Issue/Change Register.

4 Retail Consultation Calendar

No participants questions raised on the Retail Consultation Calendar.

5 A) IN002-22 - Gas Scheduled Read Est Sub Codes & Special Read No Access Enumerations

- Louise Webb (AEMO) and Mark Riley (AGL) walk through of session pack.
- Simon Kinnear (Alinta) asked if WA don't want to proceed with a schema change, they don't have too?
 - Danny McGown (AEMO) responded:
 - Determining whether a change of this nature proceed typically comes down the level of overall support and whether the aggregate benefits outweigh aggregate costs for a given jurisdiction.
 - AEMO has a preference for one schema version across all jurisdictions.
 - If WA needs to adopt a schema change at a future point in time whereby the changes didn't require other jurisdictions take up change (which could be just a WA specific change), then AEMO cost for this schema change would be borne by just WA.
- Joe Sanches (ATCO) noted there are benefits to the GMI with internal system and process changes expected to have Low/Medium impact.
- Karthi Mahalingham requested confirmation if recertification will be required?
 - Danny McGown (AEMO) responded, for those that interact via the FRC Hub, it is up the individual participant to determine whether re-certifying is required. There are guides published on AEMO websites that recommends when participants should request re-certification.

Louise Webb (AEMO) to distribute GMI to GRCF (**Action 162.5A.1**)

GRCF to provide feedback by 11th October. (**Action 162.5A.2**)

- Danny McGowan (AEMO) advised the GRCF that should the feedback AEMO receives reveals that there are no material issues being raised, AEMO will forge ahead with the formal consultation stage which is targeted to commence late Q4 2024.

5 B) IN001-24 - Updates to Gas Retail Address field lengths & Enumerated values

- Louise Webb (AEMO) and Mark Riley (AGL) walk through of session pack.
- In relation to the current WA list of address attributes file, Joe Sanchez (ATCO) requested confirmation all the current WA types (Flat, Street, Suffix etc) in that file would be in the new version of the enumerations file. *[Secretariat note: The WA list of address attributes can be found - [HERE](#)]*
 - o Mark Riley (AGL) confirmed that the existing WA types will be in the new enumeration file. In terms of WA, this new enumeration file would have more enumerations to pick from – not less.
- Mark Riley (AGL) noted that a key driver for this change was some existing address attribute field length are inadequate and therefore need to increase in size. An example of this is ‘StreetName’ and ‘FloorOrLevelType’.
- Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted, like Life Support schema change in 2021, AEMO would provide industry workshops and long lead times for certification.

Louise Webb (AEMO) to distribute GMI and Questionnaire to GRCF **(Action 162.6B.1)**

GRCF to review GMI and complete Questionnaire by 18th October. **(Action 162.6B.2)**

6 GMI – IN008-24 (All jurisdiction) Transport Layer Security (TLS) update and amendments to several Technical Protocol (TP) documents.

Nandu Datar (AEMO) walkthrough of session pack.

Nandu Datar noted AEMO will shortly release updated version of the TLS certificate (1.3). This will require updating some of the TP documents. Last version update happened in June 2023. This TP update intends to make the documents agnostic to any reference to version number. A subpage will be added to the TLS certificates webpage on AEMO website. This page will contain the details of current and previous TLS certificates and indicate their status (expired or not). AEMO is planning to issue the PPC for this change on 15 October.

[Secretariat note: As per section 3 of the GMI, AEMO has decided to add this initiative to the GRCF 2024 work program.]

AEMO has taken this opportunity to fix couple of typographic errors in the TP documents such as section heading (5.3). Remove reference to the guideline document for aseXML from GIP documents. Harmonise GIP and Spec pack documents by removing reference to Gas FRC B2B connectivity testing and connectivity testing WA documents.

Karthi Mahalingham (Synergy) queried if the TLS certificate upgrade impacts low volume interface (LVI) used by some of the WA participants.

Nandu Datar (AEMO) to find out if the upgrade impacts LVI interface **(Action 162.7.1)**. *[See secretariat note in action item table in attachment A]*

Nandu Datar (AEMO) to distribute the GMI to GRCF **(Action 162.7.2)**

GRCF response to GMI due by 8 Oct 2024 **(Action 162.7.3)**

7 Market Interface Technology Enhance ('MITE')

Graeme Windley (AEMO) and Nirmal Narayanamurthi (AEMO) walk through the slides of agenda item #8.

Graeme Windley (AEMO) noted that the key takeaways for the GRCF are:

- MITE working group meets monthly. Next meeting is 2 October.
- In terms of timelines, the requirements and inputs for the foundation build phase is due at the end of 2024.
- Participants wanting to join the MITE working group or having any questions, please contact NEMReform@aemo.com.au.

8 Other Business

GRCF prioritisation session

- Danny McGowan (AEMO) raised postponing the annual GRCF prioritisation session to February 2025.
- The discussion that followed did not raise any material issues regarding AEMO proposal to postpone the prioritisation session to February 2025.
- Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that on the basis that no material issues were raised, AEMO will therefor base its internal preparatory work to align to a February 2025 prioritisation session.

Hydrogen injection facility in Gladstone

- Rick Abbott (AGN) noted 'HypGladstone' is a hydrogen injection facility in Gladstone (a non-STTM network in QLD). This facility will be coming online in the coming months (with dates to be confirmed). A new customer transfer point will be required. Approximately 770 customers will receive a 10% hydrogen blend and will be communicated with in the coming weeks.

9 Next Meeting

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted next GRCF session targeted for the 12th November 2024.

10 Upcoming consultation on the Approved Process (East Coast only)

Libby Chen (AEMO) walked through the slides of agenda item #10.

- Libby Chen (AEMO) noted that AEMO recently completed a review of the process. This review unearthed several changes were required as noted in the slide pack. A consultation on the proposed change is targeted to commence on 30 September.

Attachment A

Action items raised at this meeting #162

Item #	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
162.5A.1	GMI - IN002-22 Gas Scheduled Read Est Sub Codes and Special Read No Access Enumerations – Distribute updated GMI	Distribute updated GMI to GRCF requesting feedback.	AEMO	Completed 26/9/24
162.5A.2	GMI - IN002-22 Gas Scheduled Read Est Sub Codes and Special Read No Access Enumerations – Review & provided feedback	GRCF to review updated GMI and respond to AEMO providing feedback.	GRCF	11 th October
162.6B.1	GMI - IN001-24 Updates to Gas Retail Address field lengths & Enumerated values – Distribute GMI and Questionnaire	Distribute GMI and GMI Questionnaire	AEMO	Completed 26/9/24
162.6B.2	GMI - IN001-24 Updates to Gas Retail Address field lengths & Enumerated values – Review GMI and complete questionnaire	GRCF to review GMI and respond to AEMO in GMI questionnaire	GRCF	18 th October
162.7.1	GMI – IN008-24 TLS update and amendments to several TP documents	Determine if the upgrade impacts LVI used by WA participants. <i>Secretariat note: AEMO confirms that there is no impact on LVI for this upgrade.</i>	AEMO	Completed
162.7.2	GMI – IN008-24 TLS update and amendments to several TP documents	Distribute the GMI and response template	AEMO	Completed 26/9/24
162.7.3	GMI – IN008-24 TLS update and amendments to several TP documents	Using the GMI Response Template for GMI IN008-24 TLS, GRCF to provide feedback on the GMI	GRCF	8 th October.

Action items raised prior to #162

Item #	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
161.6.1	IN002-22 - Gas Estimation - Substitution Reason Codes – Update GMI	Update GMI to clarify Special Read Sub/Est enumerations referenced in the GMI are in fact reasons for no access/non completion of a special read service order and do not result in a substitution or estimation.	Mark Riley & Louise Webb	Completed
161.6.2	IN002-22 - Gas Estimation - Substitution Reason Codes – Distribute GMI	Distribute updated GMI to GRCF requesting feedback including support of GMI or otherwise.	AEMO	Completed
161.6.3	IN002-22 - Gas Estimation - Substitution Reason Codes – Review GMI	GRCF to review updated GMI and respond to AEMO providing feedback including support of GMI or otherwise.	GRCF	Completed
161.6.4	IN002-22 - Gas Estimation - Substitution Reason Codes – Present GMI GRCF Feedback	Include discussion of GRCF participant IN002-22 feedback as agenda item in next GRCF	GRCF	Completed
161.6.5	GMI IN001-24 -Address Field Lengths	Distribute Electricity ICF/consultation details to the GRCF providing background to schema change and specifically, address field updates	AEMO	Completed
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
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>