

Meeting Minutes.

Forum:	Gas Retail Consultative Forum (GRCF)
Meeting #:	164
Date:	4 February 2025
Time:	13:00 Melbourne time
Location:	Teleconference
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Acceptance of these minutes log ¹		
Date issued	Outcome of circular resolution	Date accepted
6 Feb 2025	Draft minutes. AEMO requests GRCF participants to respond by COB 21Feb 2025.	
19 Feb 2025	Draft minutes ver 2.0. Secretariat notes added in section 5b. Also, one minor editorial made in section 5b. AEMO requests GRCF participants to respond by COB 21 Feb 2025. No responses received.	24 Feb 2025

Attendees:

Name	Company Department	Name	Company Department
Danny McGowan (Chair)	AEMO	Catherine Rousch	Alinta Energy
Nandu Datar	AEMO	Jack Rowe	APA
Louise Webb	AEMO	Joe Sanchez	ATCO
Meghan Bibby	AEMO	Sean Jennings	Red/Lumo
Carol Poon	AEMO	Stephen Murray	Globird Energy
Paul Carpenter	AEMO	Suvid Satyawadi	Tally Group
Judy Phu	AEMO	Simon Thackray	Synergy
Lincon Hasan	AEMO	Justin Betlehem	AusNet
Manual Mall	Synergy	Nicolas Piedrabuena	Jemena
Troy Olcorn	Energy Australia	Bree Shaw	Origin
Kelly Murray	AGIG	Matthew Giampiccollo	Simply Energy
Simon Kinnear	Alinta	Alex Ramsay	Kleenheat
Patrick Lau	TPC	Marc Flynn	Jemena
Anthony Boin	APA	Mark Riley	AGL
Mario Iogha	Origin Energy	Rick Abbott	AGIG
Jay Teo	Synergy	Leonara Todesco	Jemena
Prachi Kamat	ActewAGL	Deanna Power	Kleenheat
Elena Mikhaltsevitch	ERA		

Disclaimer

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.
- For presentation purposes, some points have been grouped together by theme and do not necessarily appear in the order they were discussed.

The views expressed at the forum and reflected here are not necessarily those of AEMO.

¹ Participants that do not respond to the invitation to accept or comment otherwise pertaining to these minutes, the action of not responding to this invitation, will be deemed by AEMO to mean participant accepts the minutes as described within this document.

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.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted updated GRCF Meeting pack was updated after it was distributed to the participants.

2 Action items from previous meeting

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:**
 - IN001/25 – Minor changes to chapter 6 in QLD RMP
- **Items completed:**
 - o None.
- **Items withdrawn:**
 - IN001/21W – (WA) Redrafting WA RMP clause 32 - Error Correction Notice
- **Consultations in Progress:**
 - 2023 #4 Renewable Gas Integration (non-VIC and WA)
 - o Effective date is 3rd March 2025
 - o Consultation Link - [here](#)
 - 2024 #1 – Gas Retail B2B Changes (for release in 2025)
 - o PPC issued 6th December 2024. Feedback closed 10th January.
 - o PPC Summary and r46 concept to be discussed in GRCF #164 Agenda Item 5
 - o Consultation Link - [here](#)
 - IN008/24 (All jurisdictions) - Transport Layer Security (TLS) update and amendments to a couple of other Technical Protocol (TP) documents
 - o AEMO NoD for east coast jurisdictions issued on 6th January 2025
 - o For WA, ERA submission issued 6th Jan. Submission closed 20th Jan. Awaiting decision by ERA.

- Consultation Link – [here](#)
- **Emerging Consultations:**
 - 2024 #2 - RMP changes that are minor non-controversial corrections.
 - IN011/13 – (VIC) Non-DTS Metering - Intention is to create a GMI by March 2025 to close a regulatory gap for Non-DTS areas

No other questions raised on the Issue/Change Register.

4 Retail Consultation Calendar

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted Package 1 Gas Retail B2B Changes IIR will be deferred to allow for contemplation of r46 concept. To be discussed in GRCF #164 Agenda Item 5.

No participants raised questions on the Retail Consultation Calendar.

5a 2024 Package 1 - B2B changes to be released in 2025: a) PPC Status Update

Louise Webb (AEMO) walkthrough of session pack².

Danny McGowan noted:

- Western Australian Gas Retail Market response indicates no support for an aseXML schema change.
- AEMO project team has locked down Q2 2026 delivery of Package 1. AEMO's project team has been instructed to mobilise resources and deliverables based on this timeline. GRCF participants should similarly consider mobilising delivery teams.
- AEMO project team have also been advised that West Australia (WA) is no longer in scope but this could change depending on whether WA participants decided to opt in on the r46 concept

5b 2024 Package 1 - B2B changes to be released in 2025: b) r46 aseXML concept and IIR

Louise Webb (AEMO) walkthrough of session pack.

Louise Webb (AEMO) noted:

- AEMO will issue a Package 1 Gas Retail B2B changes IIR extension notice following GRCF #164
 - **IIR Commencement: By 3rd March 2025**
 - **IIR Closure: 31st March 2025**
- AEMO noted it requires GRCF direction whether to include r46 concept in IIR and invited GRCF participants to share thoughts on this proposal - **support or otherwise.**

² Please refer GRCF meeting pack 163 which can be found - [here](#)

Rick Abbott (AGN) noted

- AGN are not in favour for r46 in IIR largely due to validations becoming redundant if the addressing changes were later included in the gas retail market procedures and these costs should be avoided suggesting AEMO place inbound and outbound validation in AEMO's FRC HUB rather than multiple participants doing the same in their systems.
 - Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted (as a preliminary view) FRC Hub performing additional validations is a risk with FRC Hub as it is not built with that functionality nor is this concept included in AEMO Project costs
 - Mark Riley (AGL) noted that apart from one transaction, all addressing is communicated from Distribution Business to Retailer (and not the other way round). Even in a Life Support transaction, the supply address information would have been originally sourced from the DB (by MIRN Discovery or Network Information). It is unclear if a DB would ever receive an address field from a Retailer that wasn't sent out by the DB. This concept needs to be explored more.

Mark Riley (AGL) noted:

- AGL are in favour of r46 in IIR noting the address obligations are likely to be required at some point, one less schema change to deal with and in Electricity all Retailers and Distribution businesses have agreed to update specified address elements
- There are examples of variations between the schema and the build packs

Troy Olcorn (Energy Australia) noted EA needs to confirm and will advise.

Secretariat note: Post the GRCF meeting, AEMO has received advice from EA that they support the r46 concept.

Marc Flynn (Jemena) noted:

- Jemena are broadly supportive of r46 in IIR with some r46 details to be further confirmed
- Jemena requested confirmation of the recertification process in terms of would it be required when industry decided to adopted the actual addressing changes as proposed in the GMI
 - Danny McGowan (AEMO) confirmed:
 - AEMO will build the Certification Responders to align to the build packs and if required at a future point in time when Gas Markets require customer address field changes, AEMO would update Build Packs and Certification Responders (without need for a schema release).
 - As is current, it is up to participants to determine when recertification is required

Kelly Murray (MGN) noted MGN are supportive of r46 in IIR requesting confirmation that Retailers would not send updated address fields

- Mark Riley (AGL) noted generally addresses emanate from Distribution Businesses

Mario Ilogha (Origin) noted:

- Origin are supportive of r46 in IIR allowing for formal consultation feedback and allowing other Retailers to provide views. Further, as a dual fuel participant, Origin would prefer consistency across Electricity and Gas
- Is it possible for jurisdictions to be on different schemas? E.g. WA on r40 and EC on r45/r46?
 - Danny McGowan (AEMO) confirmed as per build packs, Jurisdictions can choose schema and is why AEMO have responders for each jurisdiction. Previously WA has been on r13 and EC on r29 & r34

Simon Kinnear (Alinta East Coast) noted Alinta East Coast are supportive of r46 and appreciate a future proofing effort.

Sean Jennings (Red/Lumo) noted Red/Lumo are supportive of r46 in IIR.

Simon Thackray (Synergy) confirmed Synergy PPC r45 position which was not supporting r45. Also, they confirmed they didn't support r46.

Justin Betlehem (AusNet) noted AusNet have not reviewed the concept in detail however early indication is AusNet are not supportive of r46 concept and require further time to review to provide details why AusNet do not support r46 concept.

Louise Webb (AEMO) noted Shell Energy had provided PPC response however Shell Energy was an apology for GRCF #164.

Secretariat note: Post the GRCF meeting, AEMO has received advice from Shell Energy that they support the r46 concept.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted as a summary, two distribution businesses have provided dissenting views (involving cost issues) and it will be hard for AEMO to write r46 into IIR if the National Gas Objective (NGO) is not satisfied.

- Mark Riley (AGL) noted its worth placing r46 in IIR with majority of GRCF supportive and IIR would allow DBs to be clear of issues in a formal response. r46 is an implementation conversation, r45 is a procedural conversation.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted AGL position that r46 be included in the IIR, however having two distribution businesses raising issues that could jeopardised the ability to achieve a positive NGO outcome, will raise questions about the r46 concept within AEMO management team particularly if it is included IIR.

Rick Abbott (AGN) and Justin Betlehem (AusNet) requested more time to consider their organisation position of the r46 concepts in light of today's discussion.

Action 165.5.1: Given content shared in GRCF #164, AGN and AusNet to further investigate r46 concept and confirm their organisation position, support or otherwise by COB Friday 14th February 2025.

Secretariat note: Post the GRCF meeting, AEMO has received advice from AusNet and AGN that they support the r46 concept. On the basis that AEMO did not received any dissenting views from any East Coast participant about the r46 concept, the Impact and Implement Report (IIR) will contain a requirement that East Coast participants adopt r46 version of the aseXML schema.

6. Other Business

- Nil.

7. Next Meeting

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted next meeting is scheduled for 11 March 2025.

Attachment A

Action items raised at this meeting #164

Item #	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
164.5.1	r46 in IIR	Given content shared in GRCF #164, AGN and AusNet to further investigate r46 concept and confirm their organisation position, support or otherwise by COB Friday 14th February 2025	AGN and AusNet	14 th February 2025

Action items raised prior to #164

Item #	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
163.5.1	Retail market issue/change register focus sessions	AEMO to schedule focus sessions allowing for 2 hours for each focus session	AEMO	By March GRCF
163.10.1	Distribute GRCF #163 Meeting minutes for circular acceptance	AEMO to circulate minutes by circular GRCF acceptance.	AEMO	Completed
163.10.2	Circular acceptance of GRCF #163 Meeting minutes	GRCF to review GRCF #163 meeting minutes and provide acceptance or updates via email.	GRCF	Completed
163.10.3	All future GRCF Meeting minutes via circular acceptance	AEMO to consider all GRCF minutes to be accepted by circular resolution.	AEMO	Completed
163.10.4	Cancel and resend GRCF 2025 Meeting invitations	AEMO will delete all GRCF 2025 Meeting invites and resend invites for the same dates/times.	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	AEMO	Q3 2024

Item #	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
		Values definitions) should be added to the 2024 Package 2 initiatives to 2024 Package 2.		
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	Closed. AGL withdrew initiative.
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>