

MINUTES – WA Electricity Consultative Forum (WAECF)

MEETING: WAECF 13
 DATE: Tuesday, 17 April 2018
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ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Andrew Winter	AEMO (Chair)
Naz Rowney	AEMO (Secretariat)
Amanda Niklaus	AEMO
Dean Sharafi	AEMO
Khadijah Hansia	AEMO
Stuart Featham	AEMO
Katelyn Rigden	AEMO
Michael Pawle	AEMO
Duncan MacKinnon	Australian Energy Council (VC)
Mark Riley	AGL (VC)
Audelle Hong	Alinta
Will Street	Alinta
Tim Roser	Blair Fox
Ignatius Chin	Bluewaters Power
Ken Chong	Bluewaters Power
Bindi Shah	Collgar Wind Farm
Steve Gould	Community Electricity
Ryan Wilson	CQ Partners
Dylan Smith	CQ Partners
Jack Yates	CQ Partners
Sara O'Connor	Economic Regulation Authority
Louis Kent	Energetics
Mark de Laeter	Energy Market Consulting Associates
Wendy Ng	ERM Power
Matthew Bowen	Jackson McDonald
John Nguyen	Perth Energy
Patrick Peake	Perth Energy
Aaron Kerrigan	Perth Energy
Erin Stone	Point Global
John McLean	PSC Consulting
Ashwin Raj	Public Utilities Office
Matthew Martin	Public Utilities Office
Kate Ryan	Public Utilities Office
Peter Kolf	Rule Change Panel
Stephen Eliot	Rule Change Panel
Jenny Laidlaw	Rule Change Panel
Andrew Woodroffe	SkyFarming
Susanna Floth	SkyFarming
Neil Canby	Sunrise Energy
Angelina Cox	Synergy
Andrew Everett	Synergy
Benjamin Hammer	Synergy

1. Welcome

Andrew Winter (AEMO) opened the meeting at 1:00pm and welcomed attendees to WAECF.

2. Previous meeting minutes

All actions from the previous WAECF/WAGF (20 February 2018) had been completed including:

- An IT workshop has been planned for 1 May 2018.
- The new market trail environment will be progressed in Q4 2018.
- Examples of Market Participant operational interpretation issues are being considered internally before further engagement.

No further comments were raised and the minutes were endorsed.

AEMO to publish the minutes from the previous meeting as final on the website (action item 2.1).

3. Revised WAECF Terms of Reference

AEMO has amalgamated the WA Electricity Consultative Forum and WA Generator Forum to reduce duplication in presentations and administration, and given Forum meetings were being combined. The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the WAECF have been updated to reflect the amalgamation. The WAECF endorsed the revised ToR.

AEMO to publish the WAECF ToR on the website (action item 3.1).

4. Wholesale Electricity Market and Network Reform Program Update

The Public Utilities Office (PUO) provided an update on its network and market reform activities and noted:

- The consultation period for the three 'constrained access reform' consultation papers has closed.
 - It received 26 submissions which have been published on the PUO website.
 - The next step is to finalise the methodology and assumption report for the modelling exercise, to be circulated by end April.
 - It aims to publish a draft report in June, outlining the outcomes of the financial modelling, and including the PUO's draft policy recommendations for implementing constrained access.
- The PUO's wholesale market reform work program is awaiting endorsement from the Minister. There are four proposed areas of work: RCM pricing; security constrained market design; power system security and reliability; and market power mitigation. Once approved the PUO will provide further information on its website.
- The PUO will engage with stakeholders through the Market Advisory Committee (MAC), and proposes to establish two working groups – power systems operations and market design. Plan to provide a more fulsome update at the May MAC meeting and seek views on the work plan and engagement approach.
- AEMO's Manager for WA Market Development (with responsibility for Market Reform) is Stuart Featham – stuart.featham@aemo.com.au / 08 9469 9905.

5. Rule change update

Stephen Eliot (Rule Change Panel (RCP)) provided an update on upcoming rule changes which are available on the Economic Regulation Authority website. Three rule changes were recently approved:

- RC_2017_05 – AEMO's role in market development, which commenced on 23 March 2018.
- RC_2017_10 – corrections to the errors from various Gazettes, which commenced on 20 March 2018.

- RC_2018_03 – insert K&U factor into the relevant level methodology for 2018, which commenced on 27 March 2018.
- Four rule changes that are currently being progressed:
 - RC_2017_06 – Reduction of prudential exposure in the Reserve Capacity Mechanism.
 - RC_2014_03 – Administrative improvements to the outage processes.
 - RC_2014_06 – Removal of resource plans and dispatchable loads.
 - RC_2018_03 – Recent proposal from Collgar Wind Farm, relating to capacity credit allocation methodology for intermittent generators.
- One additional rule change is forthcoming, to correct errors in how calculations are done for basic meters in the new notional wholesale meter.
- There are eight other rule changes in the backlog.

6. System Operational Matters – Inertia: Importance in the Operation of the Power System

Dean Sharafi (AEMO) presented on Inertia: Importance in the Operation of the Power System. The forum discussed/noted:

- The shoulder periods with lots of non-synchronous generation create challenges in managing the system.
- Inertia hasn't caused out of merit dispatch.
- The PUO is working on this part of the market reform work.

7. Market Observations - Pricing

Amanda Niklaus (AEMO) presented an analysis on recent pricing observations. Examining negative prices, the uptake of rooftop solar PV, and minimum load.

A stakeholder asked how much could the negative prices been avoided, have we had a shorter date closure? AEMO to investigate the correlation between negative pricing and gate closure. (action 7.1).

8. Belmont Migration Update

Michael Pawle (AEMO) provided an update on the migration of WEM and Gas Bulletin Board (GBB) systems from the Belmont data centre to the Brisbane data centre.

AEMO invites participants to work on trialling WEMS, RCM and GBB proof of concept systems in Brisbane data centre. Interest and further clarity on the migration can be emailed to Courtney Roberts – wa.operations@aemo.com.au (action 8.1).

9. RCM Project Update

Katelyn Rigden (AEMO) provided an update on the RCM 2018 Project and key points on upcoming certification.

- The RCM 2018 Project is implementing Applications for Certified Reserve Capacity (CRC) and trade declaration in the new RCM portal.
- RCM 1.6 goes live on 18 April 2018, then in the following six weeks a smaller release which aims to include participant feedback.
- Applications for the CRC will open on 1 May 2018, participants have two months to make a submission.
- 2018 Certification Workshop to be hosted by AEMO on 20 April 2018, confirms key requirements under the Rules to submit an application. Interest in attending the workshop can be emailed to Reserve Capacity team at wa.capacity@aemo.com.au

10. Other Business

2018-19 Energy Price Limits Review

AEMO has commissioned the 2018 annual review of the Energy Price Limits for the WEM, and has published a draft report. Submissions are due by 17 May 2018.

Review of the Constrained Access Methodology (Appendix 11)

AEMO to discuss the requirement to conduct a constrained access certification review (under MR 4.1.34) with the PUO.

11. Future agenda items

AEMO to investigate the correlation between negative pricing and gate closure.

12. Next meeting

The next WAECF meeting is scheduled for 19 June 2018. The meeting was closed at 2.30pm.

Action items raised at meeting – WA Electricity Consultation Forum

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
2.1	Previous meeting minutes	AEMO to publish the minutes from the previous WAECF and WAGF as final on the website.	AEMO	April 2018
3.1	Revised WAECF Terms of Reference	AEMO to publish updated WAECF Term of Reference on the website.	AEMO	April 2018
7.1	Market Observations – Pricing	AEMO to investigate the correlation between negative pricing and gate closure.	AEMO	June 2018
8.1	Belmont Data Centre Migration	Forum participants invited to participate in the market trial for the data centre migration by contacting Courtney Roberts at courtney.roberts@aemo.com.au .	AEMO	April 2018