

## MEETING RECORD

MEETING: WA Electricity Consultative Forum (WAECF)  
 DATE: Wednesday, 8 December 2021  
 TIME: 1:00 PM (AWST)  
 LOCATION: Microsoft Teams  
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### ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Dean Sharafi (Chair)	AEMO
Laura Tomkins (Secretariat)	AEMO
Patrick Peake	AGL
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Nick Eaton	Alcoa
Michelle Nguyen	Alinta
Sam Lei	Alinta
Nicholle Langer	Alinta
Michael Puls	APA
Stuart Dodds	APA
Rebecca Mason	APA
Dimitri Lorenzo	Bluewaters
Cherie Cooper -	Change Energy
Geoff Gaston	Change Energy
Linh Nguyen	CME
Rebecca White	Collgar
Graham Pearson	Australian Energy Council
Zoey Peng	Entego
Jenny Laidlaw	EPWA
Aditi Varma	EPWA
Stephen Eliot	EPWA
Dora Guzeleva	EPWA
Jay Williams	EPWA
Laura Koziol	EPWA
Aden Barker	EPWA
Richard Cheng	ERA
Natalie Robins	ERA
Irina Stankov	ERA
Adrian Theseira	ERA
Gavin White	ERA
Sara O'Connor	ERA
Julian Fairhall	ERA
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Brock Smith	Kleenheat
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Denver May	Synergy
Hari Sridhar	TransAlta
Jess Ting	TransAlta
Peter Huxtable	Water Corp
Judy Hunter	Western Power
Rob Chandler	Western Power
Noel Schubert	
Teresa Smit	AEMO
David Dixon	AEMO
Nicole Markham	AEMO
Robin Parsons	AEMO
Alireza Fereidouni	AEMO
Stuart Featham	AEMO
Neetika Kapani	AEMO
Tom Butler	AEMO
Martin Maticka	AEMO
Stuart MacDougall	AEMO

## **1. Welcome and Previous meeting minutes**

Dean Sharafi (AEMO) opened the meeting at 1:02 pm, welcomed attendees to WAECF No.34. The minutes from the previous WAECF (20 October 2021) were endorsed. AEMO to publish the minutes as final on the website (Action Item 1.1).

## **2. 2021 AEMO Year in Review**

David Dixon (AEMO) presented some of the key work delivered from the Market Operations Team and some observations and outcomes from the WEM in 2021. Nicole Markham (AEMO) presented System Management's 2021 observations, achievements and touched on how AEMO is preparing for the summer season. Manus Higgins (AEMO) presented some key Reserve Capacity 2021 updates noting some key highlights from the ESOO, changes to the RC Process and Expressions of Interest process.

## **3. AEMO Operational Updates**

### **3.1. Managing Distributed Photovoltaic (DPV) Tripping**

Alireza Fereidouni (AEMO) presented the impact of DPV tripping on the system and how AEMO is managing this.

Stakeholder questions:

Aditi Varma (ERA): Is there any analysis of the potential cost implications of these remedial actions?

- AEMO: Yes. AEMO has undertaken an analysis of the cost and will be presenting this to the ERA, sharing with EPWA and will be noted in AEMO's reports.

### **3.2. Reserve Capacity Update**

Neetika Kapani (AEMO) provided an update on Reserve Capacity activities noting:

- The CRC window for the 2021 Cycle opened on 1 December 2021 and will close on 10 February 2022. A CRC workshop is scheduled for 9 December 2021 to discuss the changes to the RCM portal from a Market Participant view and their obligations in terms of the CRC submission for the 2021 RC cycle. Market Participants are encouraged to submit their applications early and engage with the RC team for any CRC-related queries.
- The Indicative Facility Class has been established in WEMS and has been embedded in internal processes.
- Preparation has commenced for the 2022 Reserve Capacity Cycle activities and the team is currently implementing the work required in relation to the remainder of the 2021 RC Cycle activities, the network access quantity design (NAQ) and the associated model for the 2022 RC cycle.
- The requests for Expressions of Interest is being developed for the 2022 RC cycle which will be released on 10 January 2022.
- A survey will be sent to stakeholders to gain feedback on how AEMO can continue to keep the WEM Electricity Statement of Opportunities (ESO) a relevant and valued document.
- A Forecasting reference group session is scheduled for January 2022, consulting on the approach for the ESO. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend this session.

### **3.3. Settlement day process for Non-STEM Adjustments**

Stuart McDougall (AEMO) presented a recap of the operational issues related to aggregating Non-STEM Adjustment trades presented at the last WAECF (20 October 2021). Stuart addressed the feedback received from market participants and outlined the proposed next steps.

After considering the feedback provided and market impacts, AEMO proposes to amend the operational processes for facilitating settlement day trades for adjusted Non-STEM Settlement Statements to (1) align with WEM Rules and (2) address the issues identified.

Commencing from February 2022 Market Participants will be required to upload 3 separate Austraclear trades on adjustment settlement day (i.e. one for each of the 3 Invoices associated with the adjusted Non-STEM Settlement Statements).

The first adjusted Non-STEM Settlement Statements impacted by this change will be the Aug 2021, May 2021, and Feb 2021 adjustments settled on 21 Feb 2022.

To finalise and confirm the approach, AEMO will:

- provide correspondence via Market Message to Market Participants in the lead up to this change.
- closely monitor participant trades in Feb 2022 and contact participants ASAP if necessary.

## **4. AEMO's Allowable Revenue (AR6) Update**

### **4.1. Process and Planning update**

Stuart Featham (AEMO) provided an update on the process for AR6 noting:

- Work continues on the documentation that will support AEMO's submission to the ERA
- The revised submission date is 31 December 2021, however AEMO is working towards a submission date of 17 December 2021.
- Once submitted the ERA will take over and publish an issues paper with a final determination due by 30 May 2022.

### **4.2. WEM Reform Program CAPEX overview**

Stuart Featham (AEMO) presented an overview of the revised WEM Reform program forecast, noting there is a large amount of effort required in AR6 to meet the new market 'Go Live' date of 1 October 2023.

### **4.3. OPEX Overview**

Dean Sharafi (AEMO) provided an update on AR6 OPEX, noting there will be a sharp increase in Market Fees, more than half of which is due to recovery of capital expenditure required to facilitate the Energy Transformation Strategy. There will be an ongoing uplift in the OPEX costs. The annual operating costs will increase from \$26 million for the year 2021-2022 to approximately \$40 million by the end of the AR6 period. The increase in operating cost also is a direct result of having more to operate effectively with the new market having new features and there will be a step up in complexity and volume of AEMO's activities and obligations.

## **5. AEMO Projects Updates**

### **5.1. WEM Reform Program**

Stuart Featham (AEMO) presented an update on the WEM Reform Program noting, overall status is green, and the program continues to track towards the new WEM commencement date of October 2023.

## 5.2. WA DER Program

Tom Butler (AEMO) provided an update on the WA DER Program noting:

- AEMO held a WA DER Market Participation Forum on 1 December 2021 and this forum is planned to be held quarterly. The forum's Terms of Reference and the presentation are available on [AEMO's website](#). The presentation highlighted the driving needs for DER integration in the WEM and SWIS and provided an update on each of the work streams: DER Register, Technology Integration, DER participation and the recently announced Project Symphony. The presentation also went through the AR6 submission as these projects now extend into the AR6 period along with many other projects.
- Any feedback or comments from the WA DER Market Participation Forum can be directed to [WADERProgram@aemo.com.au](mailto:WADERProgram@aemo.com.au)

## 6. Other Business

Stephen Eliot (EPWA) informed stakeholders that the Coordinator for Energy will be starting the process to appoint new members to the Market Advisory Committee (MAC). There will be four positions available, stakeholders can expect to receive an email with more information on how to nominate next week, with nominations closing mid-January 2022.

Dean Sharafi (AEMO) noted Cameron Parrotte, Executive General Manager (EGM) WA, is leaving AEMO, his last day will be 22 December 2021. There will be interim acting arrangements until a new EGM has been appointed. Martin Maticka will be acting EGM WA and have the DER and WEM Reform and Dean Sharafi will have the Market Operations, System Management and RCM teams reporting to him.

Dean also mentioned under WA Government-mandated regulations AEMO will need to comply with COVID requirements for stakeholders visiting AEMO's offices. Further information will be communicated to stakeholders in due course.

## 7. Next Meeting

Dean Sharafi (AEMO) informed participants that the date for the next WAECF is scheduled for 2 March 2022. The meeting was closed at 2:45 pm.

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Disclaimer - This document provides an overview of the main points of discussion at an industry forum convened by AEMO on 23 June 2021 to provide information and invite perspectives and feedback on matters relating to WA Electricity Consultative Forum (WAECF). 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.
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