

MEETING RECORD

MEETING: Wholesale Demand Response Consultative Group (WDR CG)
 DATE: Tuesday, 20 July 2021
 TIME: 10:30am – 12:30pm
 LOCATION: Microsoft Teams only
 MEETING NUMBER #13

ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Ruth Guest (Chair)	AEMO
Anna Livsey	PIAC
Ben Pryor	Shell Energy
Claire Richards	Enel X
Craig Keenan	Origin Energy
Daniel Yong	Energy Australia
Dor Son Tan	ENA
Emily Brodie	AEMO
Harrison Gibbs	AEMC
Huzaifa Mohib	World-Kinect
James Tetlow	Overwatch Energy
Joseph Giddings	EnergyOne
Justin Betlehem	AusNet
Kyle Auret	AGL
Linton Corbet	Global - Roam
Luc van Diunen	Hydro Tasmania
Michael Zammit	Viotas
Natasha Rajdev	Energy Australia
Nigel Johnson	Energy Australia
Oliver Derum	AEMO
Pip Eastgate	AER
Priti Zacharopolous	AEMO
Rhiannon Davies	AER

NOTE: some attendees who joined through phone may not have been identified. Please advise via email to WDR@aemo.com.au if you attended the meeting but have not been noted above.

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perspectives and feedback on matters relating to Wholesale Demand Response implementation. 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. Welcome (R. Guest, slides 1- 5)

Attendees were welcomed to the WDR CG meeting. AEMO noted that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of preparing meeting notes.

Agenda was presented.

2. Notes, actions, and feedback from previous meeting (O. Derum, slides 6 - 7)

The draft meeting notes from WDR CG meeting #12 were endorsed by the WDR CG and will be published as final on the AEMO website.

There were no questions or comments from the WDR CG on this agenda item.

3. WDR Registration release (R. Guest, slides 8 – 9)

AEMO reiterated that registrations were opened for business on 24 June and the changes and updates made to the new Portfolio Management System, registration manager client, MSATS configuration, B2B and the publication of application forms, guides, and CSV templates.

There were no comments or queries from the audience in this section.

4. 5MS update (R. Guest, slides 10 – 12)

AEMO presented the contingency planning and updates to the 5MS project including AEMO's proposal of 29 November as the 5MS Rule commencement date, should a contingency event occur. AEMO stated that the rule commencement contingency scenario would include the bundling of 5MS, global settlements, electricity and gas B2B changes, customer switching and WDR. 5MS are seeking industry feedback on the proposed approach to bundling by 16 July.

Origin queried whether the stagger between WDR commencement and 5MS deployment will be a part of contingency planning too. AEMO confirmed that the dates will go together, and the dependencies will not affect the commencement of WDR.

AEMO confirmed that WDR will be adopting the 5MS staging environment to convert to the WDR SIT environment. AEMO enlisted the interface work that will be done within the PMS, baselines, and dispatch phases of the WDR project.

Origin enquired as to how the outages would be communicated and AEMO responded that they will be communicated through 5MS processes such as the Transition Focus Group, Industry test working group, 5MS update emails and the AEMO website.

5. DNSP update (Dor Son - ENA, slides 13 - 17)

ENA presented the background and objective of DRSP endorsement guideline for WDR emphasising on the importance of having a consistent approach for DNSP endorsement process. ENA described the general expectations of DRSPs and DNSPs in the process of endorsement with respect to WDR.

ENA gave an overview of the process from the application stage to the final stage of AEMO aggregation decision. The summary points included the timeframes that have been developed in accordance with AEMO WDR guideline document and an agreement between the DNSPs for a consistent set of expectations.

Viotas queried that since some of the network providers may choose to do Demand Response themselves which could potentially give rise to competition, if there has been some thought given to process confidentiality. AEMO responded by confirming that AEMO has conducted a review of the information being given to DNSPs through the reporting process. AEMO will be providing the DNSPs with the information of all the organizations that are doing Demand Response. AEMO confirmed that the DNSPs are entitled to receive all the information required for them to operate networks safely and securely.

Enel X queried as to when the endorsement guideline will be published and effective and ENA confirmed that the work is in progress. AGL enquired if they had missed the process of consultation and ENA responded by confirming that it was a closed process in consultation with DNSPs, some DRSPs and AEMO. AGL expressed concern over not being included in the consultation process.

Viotas questioned the timeframe of 25 days to bring customer to the market and the limitation to aggregations when several DUIDs at TNI could all act at the same time. AEMO responded that the expectation is that a majority of NMLs will not be in the same location. In case of issues, they are entitled to come back to AEMO and request it to be managed as a constraint. Regarding timeframes, AEMO is positive that majority of the applications will be processed under 20 days.

ENA provided final comments by reinstating the importance of enforcing the guideline.

6. AER update on WDR participation guidelines (R. Davies and P. Eastgate - AER, slide 18)

AER confirmed that the consultation on draft guidelines and decisions was open for 4 weeks and closed in April. AER published the draft WDR guidelines and draft decisions on 16 July and that they received useful submissions. AER thanked to those who contributed to it. AER provided the link to read the guidelines document [here](#).

There were no questions or comments from the audience in this section.

7. Industry testing (R. Guest and P. Zacharopoulos, slides 19-23)

AEMO confirmed that the WDR program is aiming to be in preprod by 27 September and commencement of industry testing by 4 October. The test strategy is being updated due to timeline constraints and the primary target include prospective DRSPs, FRMPs and DNSPs. AEMO noted that DRSPs will have ongoing access to pre-prod to test their bidding capabilities post go live. AEMO went over the proposed updates to test strategy and opened a discussion on what else will be useful to test in pre-prod ahead of 24 October go-live, noting timelines will be limited.

AEMO elicited the next steps of industry testing with the FRMPs and DNSPs keen to take part in industry testing to be identified by 30 August.

Enel X queried the length of the testing period and a confirmation whether PMS will be available for testing. AEMO confirmed the testing period to span for 3 weeks from 4 Oct to 22 Oct. By then, AEMO would have likely finished the test dispatch and preliminary settlements and the pre prod will be available to use. AEMO will try to have the PMS available and is cognisant of a risk involved if it's not available by then.

Energy Australia enquired if FRMPs will know which NMI's will be assigned to DRSP and AEMO affirmed that knowledge will be provided, and they will also be able to pick that up in reports. Energy Australia further queried if data would flow to staging environment in WDR testing and AEMO confirmed that it will not be testing in staging, only in pre prod.

ACTION 13.07.01 – Interested FRMPs and DNSPs to participate in industry testing need to write to wdr@aemo.com.au expressing their interest by 30 August.

8. WDR industry risk register (O. Derum, slides 24-27)

AEMO confirmed that there was no feedback was received so AEMO assumes that the risk register is up to date. AEMO presented a few changes made to the industry risk register and industry contingency review in July. There were no proposed changes to issues. AEMO acknowledged the submission made by Origin and Origin confirmed that the updated industry testing addresses their concerns.

Energy Australia commented that they intend to maximize the development and testing time, so they don't have to estimate the flow of data. Given the shortened testing period, Energy Australia queried the process of remediating in case of finding a defect.

AEMO responded that the timeline is being managed in relation to 5MS timelines. Such defects will need to be a production fix and be treated as high priority when they arise.

ACTION 13.08.01 - WDR CG to review the risk register and provide feedback on any aspect of it by Friday 6 August.

ACTION 13.08.02 - AEMO to review the risk register and any WDR CG feedback for consideration at the next WDR CG meeting.

9. Stakeholder update (O. Derum, slides 28 – 31)

AEMO presented the indicative program schedule and the updated forward-looking calendar of engagement activities and how they fit into other industry engagements. This was followed by MSATS tech spec updates and details on upcoming WDR meetings including a PMS workshop to be scheduled in late Sept/early Oct.

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

10. General questions (R. Guest, slide 37)

Attendees were thanked for their attendance and contributions. No further questions or comments from the audience.

ACTION ITEMS RAISED AT WDR CG MEETINGS

ITEM	TOPIC	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSIBLE	DUE BY
13.07.01	Industry testing	WDR CG to express interest in industry testing by writing to wdr@aemo.com.au	WDR CG	30 August
13.08.01	WDR industry risk register	WDR CG to review the risk register and provide feedback on any aspect of it by Friday 6 August.	WDR CG	6 August
13.08.02	WDR industry risk register	AEMO to review the risk register and any WDR CG feedback for consideration at the next WDR CG meeting.	AEMO	Ongoing