

# Terms of Reference

## Wholesale Demand Response Consultative Group

### 1.1 Context

The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) is working with industry to implement procedural and system changes arising from the Wholesale Demand Response Mechanism (WDRM) rule. This rule was made by the Australian Energy Market Commission on 11 June 2020 and commences on 24 October 2021.

To support the WDRM implementation, AEMO has established the WDR Consultative Group for affected participants and other related bodies.

### 1.2 Objectives

- To enable effective consultation between AEMO and stakeholders on matters relating to the WDRM's implementation
- To provide stakeholders and AEMO with the opportunity to raise and address issues relating to document changes and development required as a result of the WDRM rule
- To provide stakeholders with an opportunity to share information and insights that will contribute to achieving WDRM objectives.

### 1.3 Scope

The following activities are the core scope of the WDR-CG:

- Consider issues and provide feedback for relevant documentation changes. This applies specifically to the procedure changes and guideline and methodology development that are required by and as a result of the WDRM rule
- Monitor progress of relevant WDRM documentation changes and development
- Contribute to and provide feedback on the development of WDR system and settlement reconciliation reporting, including consideration of system testing/market trial
- Monitor progress of project milestones
- Provide guidance to and oversight of WDRM working groups
- Facilitate discussions on program issues.

Specific technical working groups may be formed as required to contribute to the areas above. For example, to contribute to the development of the WDR guidelines required by the WDRM rule.

## 1.4 Representation

Members will be by nominated by the NEM Wholesale Consultative Forum or may request to attend. Each organisation may have one primary member and one alternative member.

AEMO expects WDRM-CG members to:

- Have a thorough understanding of the NEM and the WDRM program
- Have a detailed understanding of their own program's timelines, deliverables and business impacts and how their program interfaces with AEMO's program
- Be prepared to participate in discussion and provide detailed responses to matters under discussion
- Have the authority to consider consultative group matters and provide official views and commitments on behalf of their business
- Provide consultative group outcomes back into their business.

## 1.5 Meetings

Meetings will be held monthly.

AEMO will confirm the meeting date and details at least 5 days prior via email and endeavour to provide meeting documentation prior to the meeting.

AEMO is conducting meetings via WebEx until further notice as part of its COVID-19 pandemic response. Details for joining each meeting via WebEx will be contained in the meeting invitation.

## 1.6 Administration

AEMO will:

- Provide Chair, secretariat services and subject matter expert(s) for each WDRM-CG meeting and any Working Group meetings
- Prepare and distribute all meeting calendar invitations, agendas, meeting papers and meeting notes via email
- Publish meeting records on its website.

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