

Terms of Reference

Wholesale Demand Response Guidelines Technical Working 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.

Under the new rule, AEMO is required to develop and publish Wholesale Demand Response (WDR) Guidelines that will set out requirements and processes related to participation in the WDRM.

To support the development of the initial WDR Guidelines, AEMO has established the WDR Guidelines Technical Working Group (WDRG-TWG) to garner input from affected participants and other interested stakeholders.

1.2 Objectives

- To enable effective dialogue between AEMO and stakeholders on matters relating to the development of the WDR Guidelines, supplementing the processes required under the rules consultation procedure.
- To provide stakeholders with an opportunity to share information and insights that will contribute to the development of new processes in the WDRM.

1.3 Scope

The following activities are the core scope of the WDRG-TWG:

- Consider issues and provide feedback to support the development of the initial WDR Guidelines. This will include detailed consideration of the new requirements, processes and methodologies that must be documented in the WDR Guidelines.
- Advise in relation to any significant issues raised through the formal consultation process.

1.4 Representation

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

AEMO expects WDRG-TWG members to:

- Have a thorough understanding of the NEM and the WDRM program.
- Be prepared to participate in discussion and provide detailed responses to matters under discussion.
- Have the authority to consider technical working group matters and provide official views and commitments on behalf of their business.
- Provide technical working group outcomes back into their business.

1.5 Meetings

Meetings will be held as required to support development of the WDR Guidelines. AEMO anticipates this will include a minimum of two meetings prior to the release of the consultation paper that will commence the formal rules consultation procedure, and may include further meetings during the formal consultation process.

AEMO will confirm the meeting dates, details and agenda 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 WDRG-TWG meeting.
- 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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