

MEETING No: 8
DATE: 14 July 2015
TIME: 09:30 am – 11:00 am
LOCATION: **AEMO - Melbourne**
AEMO - Sydney
AEMO - Mansfield
AEMO - Adelaide

ATTENDEES

Site	Organisation	Representative
MEL	AEMO (Chair)	Matt Zema
MEL	AEMO	Mike Cleary
MEL	AEMO	Andrew Mann
MEL	AEMO	Louis Tirpcou
MEL	AER	Paula Conboy
MEL	AER	Peter Adams
MEL	Australian Gas Networks	Ben Wilson
MEL	EnergyAustralia	Mark Collette
MEL	EnerNOC	Mottel Gestetener
MEL	Jemena	Shaun Reardon
MEL	REMCo	Stephen Eliot
MEL	Simply Energy	Glen Thomson
MEL	SP Ausnet	Charles Pople
MEL	St Vincent de Paul Society	Gavin Dufty
MEL	TasNetworks	Lance Balcombe
MEL	United Energy	Hugh Gleeson
SYD	AEMO	Jo Witters
SYD	AGL	Marc England
SYD	APA Group	Rob Wheals
SYD	Ausgrid	Trevor Armstrong
SYD	Infigen Energy	John McDonald
SYD	Origin Energy	Keith Robertson
ADL	AEMO	David Swift
ADL	Electranet	Steve Masters
MANS	AEMO	Frank Montiel
MANS	BG Group	Mark Dalton
MANS	Powerlink	Garry Mulherin
MANS	CS Energy	Martin Moore

MANS	Stanwell Corporation	Jennifer Tarr
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1. APOLOGIES

Energy Consumers Australia	Louise Sylvan
ERM Power	Derek McKay
ExxonMobil	Stuart Jeffries
GdF Suez	Alex Keisser
Origin Energy	Greg Jarvis
Meridian Energy	Ben Burge
Pacific Hydro	Rachel Watson
Powerlink	Merryn York
Rio Tinto	Michael Scotton
Stanwell Corporation	Richard Van Breda
Transgrid	Peter McIntyre

2. INTRODUCTION

Members attended the meeting in person at AEMO's offices in Melbourne, Mansfield, Adelaide and Sydney.

3. DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

The draft communique circulated previously to members in respect of meeting 7 (March 2015) received no feedback. This has been published on the AEMO website.

4. DISCUSSION

The group discussed at a high level issues topical across the wholesale energy markets and networks. Issues of interest ranged from the regulation and uptake of new and emerging technologies, the national electricity forecast outlook, and the range of initiatives under development with industry as part of the Power of Choice program.

The group discussed challenges associated with the scale and rate of change of initiatives as part of the Power of Choice review, particularly in relation to IT changes. AEMO noted work was underway together with the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) and industry stakeholders to consider risks, costs and benefits associated with the current program timetable. AEMO would be hosting a stakeholder workshop this week to discuss proposals related to the sequencing of these initiatives.

The group also hosted a discussion on current priorities in the regulatory space, led by the Chair of the Australian Energy Regulator (AER), Paula Conboy. The AER has recently taken on responsibility for regulatory oversight of retail functions in Queensland and economic regulation in Northern Territory and is in the middle of an intense period of reviewing a large number of network revenue determinations across the states. Reviews for the guidelines of ring fencing and incentives on embedded generation would be carried out over the coming months, consistent with the market rules. New requirements on distribution businesses to engage with customers on the structure of their tariffs are now in place and draft tariff schedules have been consulted on by some network businesses as part of their revenue proposal engagement processes.

Outcomes – EMLF



The AER, Australian Energy Markets Commission (AEMC), and Energy Consumers Australia (ECA) will continue to be invited to participate in discussions at future meetings of the forum.

AEMO noted issues discussed and intends to raise these for discussion with its Board.

5. NEXT MEETING

To be held **09.30am-11.30am November 26th 2015**, hosted at AEMO's offices.