

## MINUTES – WA Electricity Consultative Forum (WAE-CF)

MEETING: 3  
 DATE: Thursday, 28 July 2016  
 TIME: 2:20 pm to 4:00 pm  
 LOCATION: AEMO WA Office; 197 St Georges Tce, Perth  
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### ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Cameron Parrotte	AEMO
Andrew van de Werve	AEMO
Courtney Roberts	AEMO
Martin Maticka	AEMO
Mark Stedwell	AEMO
Greg Ruthven	AEMO
Mike Amato	AEMO
Chris Muffett (via teleconference)	AEMO
Annette Kelly (via teleconference)	AEMO
Peter Flowers (via teleconference)	AEMO
Fiona Wiseman	Alinta Energy
Tim McLeod	Amanda Australia
Michael Brooks	ATCO Australia
Nick Govier	ATCO Australia
Andrew Stevens	Bluewaters Power
Robert Ritchie	Bluewaters Power
Paul Arias	Bluewaters Power
Chris Armstrong	CleanTech Energy
Zhang Fan	Collgar Wind Farm
Karen Boyce	Covanta Energy
Colin Sadlier	DBP
Elizabeth Walters	Economic Regulation Authority
Pat Niumsawatt (via teleconference)	Enernoc
Wendy Ng	ERM Power
Jenni Conroy	Future Effect
Sara O'Connor	Future Effect
Kristian Myhre	Future Effect
Jenny Laidlaw	IMO
Kylie O'Keeffe	IMO
Shane Cremin	Infinite Energy
Iulian Sirbu	Kleenheat
Timothy Edwards	Metro Power Company
David Calder (via teleconference)	Origin Energy
Patrick Peake	Perth Energy
David Burcher	Public Utilities Office
Bobby Ditric	Public Utilities Office
Simon Middleton	Public Utilities Office
Gus Riggs	Synergy
Jacinda Papps	Synergy

Dean Sharafi	System Management
Chi Hong	Tesla Corporation
Warren McEvoy	Tesla Corporation
Neil Duffy	Transalta
Paul Gower	Vinalco
Peter Huxtable	Water Corporation
Adam Peard	Western Power
Dean Frost	Western Power
Daniel Cassidy	Western Power

## 1. Welcome

Cameron Parrotte (Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)) opened the meeting at 2:20pm and welcomed attendees to the third AEMO WA Electricity Consultative Forum (WAE-CF).

Stakeholders were informed of the tragic and sudden passing of Matt Zema, AEMO founding and present CEO and Managing Director over the weekend and thoughts were with his family and all those who had worked closely with him through this difficult time.

Cameron Parrotte provided an update on the actions from the previous meeting and noted all actions had been completed which included some due to be addressed at the meeting. He thanked those stakeholders that attended the overview on the National Electricity Market (NEM) constrained network model and noted that there is a more detailed course that is run by AEMO over east which could be provided to interested stakeholders in the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) aswell. Stakeholders agreed that a more detailed session on the constrained network model would be extremely valuable. AEMO to send out an expression of interest to stakeholders and arrange a further session in the coming months (action item 1.1).

## 2. Terms of Reference – WA Electricity Consultative Forum

Cameron Parrotte sought stakeholders endorsement on the Terms of Reference circulated with the meeting papers. Feedback was sought on the proposed number of business days required for meeting papers to be circulated. Stakeholders commented that this should depend on the volume and complexity of the papers and agreed that 5 business days should be the standard lead time. Stakeholders endorsed the Terms of Reference pending this update (action item 2.1).

## 3. AEMO website walkthrough

Cameron Parrotte introduced Annette Kelly and Peter Flowers (AEMO) from the team in Melbourne who had been leading the website redevelopment project.

Stakeholders were given a walkthrough of the recently launched new website which was initiated in August 2015 and expanded in November to incorporate the WEM. It was highlighted that due to the volume of documents and information, the website now incorporates a user friendly search tool that enables archived documents to be retrieved easily. It was noted that while reducing the number of webpages, no content has been deleted from the AEMO website and that all non-active documents and information can still be accessed via the search tool.

Stakeholders queried which web browser is best used for the website on. It was advised that whilst it could be viewed on all web browsers, Google Chrome is the most effective. It was also noted that the website is optimised for tablets and mobiles.

It was questioned whether the search functionality can be used to filter WEMs data. It was advised that currently the search is filtered by electricity, gas and other, with additional filters for retrieving information in the archives. Stakeholders asked whether the website includes an RSS feed or similar notification service for new content and data published. It was noted that stakeholders can subscribe to sections of the website for notifications on recently published information or changes.

Cameron Parrotte invited stakeholders to contact AEMO with any feedback once they had an opportunity to explore the new website.

#### **4. Stakeholder Engagement Action Plan**

Cameron Parrotte introduced Andrew van de Werve (AEMO) to present the Stakeholder Engagement Action Plan.

Andrew van de Werve noted that the Stakeholder Engagement Action Plan had been formed from the Stakeholder Engagement Promise which includes the timeframe that AEMO intends deliver each item. It was noted that some items included in the action plan had been closed out to date.

#### **5. WA Market Reform (WAMR) update**

Cameron Parrotte introduced Mike Amato (AEMO) to present an update on the WA Market Reform Program.

Mike Amato provided stakeholders with a high level overview on the status of the WAMR. It was noted that the planning phase is near completion and will be presented to the AEMO Board on 1 September for their endorsement. There have been four workstreams set up in order to achieve the requirements of the program and set timelines in preparation for the Allowable Revenue 4 (AR4) submission to the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) to seek funding.

A summary of workstream scopes was provided to stakeholders in the forum for information, which will also be emailed (agenda item 4.1). It was asked how much notice AEMO intends to give stakeholders for preparation and implementation of systems prior to July 2018. Mike Amato advised that dates around market readiness are still to be confirmed and will be provided to stakeholders at the next WAE-CF late September. Stakeholders questioned if there was an indicative date for the preproduction of WEMS 3. It was noted that the program plan indicates the preproduction of WEMS 3 to occur late 2017 to allow for a 5 month market trial period to commence January 2018. Mike Amato noted that AEMO are working to have the readiness criteria as well as strategies on market engagement, trials, training and registration ready to present at the next WAE-CF for stakeholder comment.

Stakeholders questioned whether this project will be delivered on time given the work and tight timeframes. It was highlighted that joining the national framework will create a number of legal obligations and if operating systems fail to connect then there will be legal implications. Stakeholders referenced when Tasmania joined the NEM and questioned the risks assessment and criteria required on this project to meet the timeframes. Stakeholders were advised that AEMO are confident that this project will be delivered in the timeframe specified as the project team have undertaken the risk assessment which will be monitored closely, it was further noted that AEMO will be using the existing systems and processes in the NEM as a basis for what is required in WA.

It was noted that stakeholder consultation on this project is key to AEMO and meetings with the Public Utilities Office (PUO) are happening on a fortnightly basis to discuss project progress and key issues requiring resolution. A schedule of proposed working groups and meeting dates is currently underway which AEMO envisage will take effect in the coming months.

Stakeholders raised concerns over the timeframes and noted the volume of work that is yet to be completed. It was noted that stakeholders will have their own strict timeframes to achieve following AEMO and it is therefore crucial that stakeholders are kept informed and up to date with the project status as it will impact integration. Stakeholders added that seeking approval through the AR4 submission was also flagged as a major risk. The timeframe around when AEMO would be able to provide technical and functional specifications to participants was questioned. Stakeholders were informed that these dates are to be confirmed. It was noted that stakeholders would find significant value in an 'IT User Group' being established for this project.

It was asked whether the project governance framework is able to be shared. It was noted that making this framework transparent to the market and detail who is accountable will give stakeholders confidence in the delivery of the project. Mike Amato responded that this is documented in the Project Management

Plan which will be a part of the AR4 submission and can be presented to stakeholders at the next forum (agenda item 5.1).

#### **6. AEMO's retail role - update**

Cameron Parrotte introduced Chris Muffet (AEMO) via teleconference to present an update on AEMO's retail role in the WEM.

Chris Muffett noted that the project team had just completed work around the planning phase of the retail workstream. It was advised that the rules for the retail market in WA will be worked on once those rules around the Power of Choice take effect in the NEM on 1 December 2017. These rules are around enhanced metering and the arrangements for shared market protocol.

It was reinforced that while Full Retail Contestability (FRC) will not be enabled until July 2019, the systems and processes will be FRC ready from July 2018. It was also noted that AEMO will be engaging with stakeholders by holding a number of retail related forums and establishing working groups to develop the procedures required around FRC in the WEM. Stakeholders asked what was the latest date for FRC – Simon Middleton (PUO) advised it wouldn't be before July 2019 at the earliest.

No further questions or comments were raised.

#### **7. WA emergency management exercises**

Cameron Parrotte introduces David Burcher (PUO) to present on the recent emergency management exercise. David Burcher provided stakeholders with an overview of the Westplan electricity supply disruption exercise 'Tasmania'. Further information provided in the PowerPoint pack presented on the day.

#### **8. Other business**

Cameron Parrotte invited stakeholders to raise any other business.

Simon Middleton (PUO) noted that the government are currently working through a process to prioritise the bills before parliament as there is insufficient time to address all the bills, this includes the network regulation bills. PUO are yet to be informed as to which bills will be cut. It was highlighted that even if the network regulation bill was to transpire, AEMO as the wholesale market operator is under a local instrument and are delivering these services under an existing legal framework. It was further noted that the bill on FRC will be not entering parliament until 2017 as there is insufficient time to complete the process for the bill.

#### **9. Future agenda items**

Cameron Parrotte gave a summary on potential agenda items raised at the meeting. No further items were suggested by stakeholders.

#### **10. Next meeting**

Cameron Parrotte thanked stakeholders for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4.00pm. The next WAE-CF is scheduled on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**Action items raised at meeting - WA Electricity Stakeholder Consultation Forum**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action required</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>By</b>
1.1	Welcome	AEMO to send out an expression of interest to stakeholders and arrange a further session on constrained network model in the coming months.	AEMO	September
1.2	Welcome	AEMO to publish minutes from the previous meeting as final on the website	AEMO	August
2.1	Terms of Reference – WA Electricity Consultative Forum	AEMO to amend the lead time for meeting papers to 5 business days and publish the Terms of Reference as final on the website.	AEMO	August
5.1	WA Market Reform (WAMR) update	Workstream scope summary (soft copy) to be circulated to stakeholders.	AEMO	August
5.2	WA Market Reform (WAMR) update	Project Management Plan including project governance framework to be shared with stakeholders at next WAE-CF.	AEMO	September