

MEETING OUTCOMES – AEMO PROCEDURE CHANGE WORKING GROUP (WEM)

MEETING: AEMO Procedure Change Working Group (WEM) Meeting 3
DATE: Tuesday, 19 December 2017
TIME: 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm (AWST)
LOCATION: AEMO Perth Ningaloo Room

ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Matthew Fairclough	AEMO
Greg Ruthven	AEMO
Vinay Chandrasekaran	AEMO
Jessica l'Anson	AEMO
Patrick Peake	Perth Energy
Wendy Ng	ERM Power
Tim Rosser	Blair Fox
Jenny Laidlaw	Rule Change Panel
Angelina Cox	Synergy
Ignatius Chin	Bluewaters Power

1. Welcome

AEMO presented the high-level plan for revision of the Power System Operation Procedures. This presentation is available on AEMO's website in the meeting pack for the WAECF meeting on Thursday 14 December 2017.

2. Procedure Change Proposal for Monitoring and Reporting Protocol

- Question – Step 1.5.3: Should the wording here be more specific – i.e. should this section specify a list of sources and tools that AEMO may use?

Answer – The clause is not specific as it needs to capture the fact that there is a vast array of sources/tools which AEMO uses in its everyday operations that may pick up non-compliant participant behaviour, rather than any one tool. It is also dynamic and changing so to list out all tools and sources would be non-exhaustive and potentially limiting. AEMO welcomes any specific suggestions on this matter.

3. Procedure Change Proposal for PSOP: Tolerance Range

- Question – What is looked at practically in determining tolerance ranges? For example, if a new staff member were to be given the procedure it would be difficult for that person to undertake a practical application of the procedure.

Answer – The Procedure details obligations at the highest level. AEMO analyses many factors in reviewing and determining the Tolerance Range, including the items detailed in step 2.2.1. The importance of variables can change from year to year.

- Question – Step 2.2.1(d): Should the wording here be more specific – i.e. how will other Rule Participants be able to assess whether or not the set of “any other circumstances and information which AEMO considers reasonable” is appropriate?

Answer – The Procedure needs to allow for flexibility, and for items that are not foreseen. Rule Participants will be able to assess any of these factors through the Tolerance Range consultation process if AEMO determines that the methodology for determining the Tolerance Range needs to be modified.

- Question – Step 2.2.1: what is the objective of the Tolerance Range review? Can it be “a reasonable balance of compliance and impacts on Power System Security”?

Answer – The WEM Rules indicate the use of the Tolerance Range. It is difficult to specify an objective for the review that does not limit the outcomes, however AEMO welcomes any specific suggestions on this matter.

- Question – Step 2.3.1(b): Why is this limited to small generators?

Answer – Wording will be modified to include generators of any capacity.

- Question – Step 2.3.1(c): Is the wording “excessively variable” appropriate given that it could apply to generators that are capable of rapidly varying their output to respond to changing system conditions – i.e. not just to generators that have inherently volatile output?

Answer – Wording will be modified to include generators of any ramping capability.

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4. Next meeting

Stakeholders will be advised of the date for the next Working Group meeting.

Action items raised at meeting – AEMO Procedure Change Working Group

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By	Status
1	Directions	AEMO to advise Working Group on the status and storage of 'directions' issued in PSOP: Dispatch.	AEMO	Sep 2017	Deferred until next revision of PSOP: Dispatch
2	Footnotes	AEMO to advise the Working Group on the status of footnotes in Procedures, and whether such text can be revised (e.g. following new web-site link) without requiring the formal Procedure Change Process	AEMO	Sep 2017	Closed 4 September 2017