

Forum meeting record

Forum:	WA Electricity Consultative Forum
Date:	27 November 2023
Time:	10:00am
Location:	Microsoft Teams
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1 Welcome and previous meeting minutes

Teresa Smit (AEMO) opened the meeting at 1:02pm, welcomed attendees to WAECF No. 44. Teresa thanked those who took the time to complete the forum satisfaction survey that was sent out in June. The feedback received helps to AEMO improve future forums going forward. Teresa then noted the key focus of the forum is a presentation from Kate Ryan, AEMO's Executive General Manager, Western Australia and Strategy on the importance of working together as an industry to respond to and manage the energy transition.

The minutes from the previous WAECF (28 June 2023) were endorsed. AEMO to publish the minutes as final on the website (action item 1.1).

2 Managing the energy transition

Kate Ryan (AEMO) presented some of the key findings from the recently published (17 August) WEM 2023 Electricity Statement of Opportunities (ESOO), then provided a brief update on WEM reform activities and the progress decision to go live date on 1 October 2023. Kate then presented some of the ongoing operational challenges as well as AEMO's WA roadmap which is being designed to tackle the question of what needs to be done and how we can work together to manage the energy transition.

Summary of stakeholder questions, feedback and discussion:

- The limited availability of opportunity for outages.
- The need for annual Supplementary Reserve Capacity (SRC) and Non-Co-optimised Essential System Services (NCESS) and the cost of this to the market.
- The federal government's target of 82% renewable generation by 2030.
- Concerns around the WEM coping with long outages resulting from the 132 kV line upgrade.
- Reserve Capacity Prices for 2025/26
- Lack of granularity on what's happening on the intraday profiles in the WEM ESOO.
- Ensuring new demand from electrification (including electric vehicles) can be flexible to be on at times where it doesn't contribute to peak demand.

3 AEMO Operational Updates

3.1 Reserve Capacity (RC) update

Neetika Kapani (AEMO) provided an update on Reverse Capacity activities, announcements and key reminders, noting AEMO has triggered the requirement to procure up to 326 MW of Supplementary Reserve Capacity over the 1 December 2023 – 1 April 2024 period. A call for tender was issued on 11 August and the invitation to tender can be found on the [Vendor Panel system](#). The Certified Reserve Capacity window for the 2023 Reserve Capacity Cycle (1 October 2025 - 1 October 2026) closes on Thursday, 24 August 2023.

3.2 WEM Reforms: Credit Limit review

Nicholas Nielson (AEMO) presented the plans for updating Credit Limits during the transition from current to post-reform Market, noting the general approach to determining Credit Limits will remain the same, but with some minor changes.

4 Other Business

No other business was raised.

5 Meeting close

Teresa Smit (AEMO) thanked participants for attending and the ongoing support and engagement as we navigate through the ongoing challenges of the energy transition. Any further suggestions and feedback can be sent to WAElectricityforum@aemo.com.au

Teresa noted the date for the next WAECF is scheduled for 18 October 2023. The meeting was closed at 2:18pm.

Disclaimer

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- This document is a summary only and is not a complete record of discussion at the forum.
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