POC Executive Forum No.8 Meeting Notes

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| MEETING: | POC Executive Forum |
| DATE: | Thursday 5 October 2017 |
| TIME: | 10:00 AM – 11:30 am (AEST) |
| LOCATION: | AEMO Offices Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide- Video/Teleconference |

Attendees:

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| Attendees | Company |
| Aakash Sembey | Simply Energy |
| Adrian Hill | Ausnet Services |
| Alex Moran | Ausgrid |
| Andrew Dillon | Energy Networks |
| Anna Russo | Endeavour Energy |
| Bernard Sheppard | ERM Power |
| Bob Poker | Alinta Energy |
| Brendan Bloore | Powercor Australia |
| Cameron Dorse | Jemena |
| Camille Hymer | Pacific Hydro |
| Chris Giaouris | Acumen Metering |
| David Nair | Activestream |
| Fiona Walker | Australian Energy Regulator |
| Gino Fragapane | AGL Energy |
| Glenn Pallesen | ActewAGL Distribution |
| Jan Prichard | Origin Energy |
| Jay Graham | Select Data and Measurement Solutions |
| Kate Goatley | ActewAGL Retail |
| Mike Paine | TasNetworks |
| Patrick Carrick | Energy Australia |
| Leigh D’Arcy | Energex Limited |
| Richard Owens | Australian Energy Market Commission |
| Scott Chapman | Select Data and Measurement Solutions |
| Sean Kelly | SA Power Networks |
| Stefanie Macri | Lumo/Red Energy |
| Tony Sennitt | Diamond Energy |
| Warren Ritchie | Pacific Hydro |
| Sarah Proudfoot | Australian Energy Regulator |
| Arun Wadwa | Origin Energy |
| Frank Sama | Activestream |
| Stephen Thompson | Spotless |
| Sonny Lee | Covau |
| Antara Mascarenhas | AEMO (Chair) |
| Tim Sheridan | AEMO |
| Paul Le Favi | AEMO |
| Tui Grant | AEMO |
| Jennifer Fikret | AEMO (Secretariat) |

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1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

A.Mascarenhas welcomed and recorded attendees.

1. **APOLOGIES AND MINUTES**

Apologies received from P. Geers, V. Mouchaileh, B. Healy (AEMO), D. McNeil (Alinta), W. Brooks (TasNetworks) and James Barton (Ipower).

Minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed.

**MARKET READINESS UPDATE – T. Sheridan**

Readiness Reporting

Overall project status remains at “Amber” and Project Risk Rating is “At risk” as at September reporting period. 50% of respondents have a risk rating of medium which is unchanged from the previous month. October reports are due Monday, 9 October.

Participants were requested to focus on self-assessment and not other organisation’s readiness to enable AEMO to obtain a true assessment of readiness. Reporting indicates uncertainty around transition and cutover arrangements - however the final Transition and Cutover Plan, developed with industry, released yesterday should alleviate this. The Industry Contingency Plan has been included in the latest version of the Market Readiness Strategy, released yesterday.

A.Russo (Endeavour Energy) asked if AEMO are able to present some detailed analysis on readiness reports submitted by participants with the view to highlighting any areas of concern e.g. what % of participants are concerned with their system readiness or where there might be a disconnect between retailer and MC’s reporting on contracts readiness.  The intention being, to draw out of the readiness reports, areas to be worked on by AEMO. Action: AEMO to supply.

Accreditation & Registration – should be completed by end of October to be processed in time for 1 December. EN and MC accreditations need to be submitted ASAP. Eleven MCs expressed interest in registering, with one currently competed and five in progress. Others are awaiting further documentation. Of 20 interested ENMs four are also in progress. AEMO has contacted MCs to remind them of their obligations to be registered as an MC or appoint an MC. B2B registrations are also in progress.

A number of applications have not provided required documentation. The Accreditations and Registrations team have requested this documentation and Jemena raised concerns over delays for the 15-day completion and noted this was raised at the previous PCF (last Thursday, 28 October) and remains unanswered. Action: AEMO still to follow up. Follow up - Jemena to supply evidence of where AEMO has not met the outcome.

Industry Testing (T. Grant) – Testing Cycle 2 ends Friday, 6 October. Defects will be corrected in pre-prod to be released on 12 October. 62% of test cases have been achieved to date. 2000 test cases have passed.

Attendees requested more clarity of what exit criteria resembles for testing, however it was noted this is for participants to decide what they do and don’t achieve to go into the next cycle.

B. Poker (Alinta) expressed concerns around the A&R not progressing as non-accreditation can result in an inability to participate in market opening and retailers want to engage. AEMO has encouraged early application processes for months, but are limited with action they can take as the onus is on the applicant to apply and provide required supporting documentation. AEMO has distributed guides and held forums to assist MCs on submitting applications.

C. Dorse (Jemena) queried a request made at the PCF to include what has passed and failed in the testing report. He has concerns testing is regressing and current reporting is not an accurate representation as it is not showing this visibility. T. Grant (AEMO) informed him only one retailer deferred to cycle 3. Action: AEMO to provide a more detailed report of information visible to AEMO.

T. Grant noted in testing to date, companies who are compliant with R36 are more than capable of operating in the “new world” and their queries need to come from participants own internal test teams.

Action: AEMO to supply more detail on planned, executed, failed and re-testing. AEMO are also to supply a specific slide relating to this Readiness on specific MCs.

Energy Australia/Origin/AGL want guidance/feedback on their top 10 issues which could pose a problem at “go live”. AEMO is not able to advise on some of these issues. Action: AEMO to confirm if they have a position or can facilitate. Follow up - previously addressed in a meeting between the parties involved. To be included in next Executive Forum Agenda for discussion.

Industry Transition & Cutover – P. Le Favi

Draft version on IT&C Plan was published on 31 August and AEMO received 21 feedback submissions. Version 1 was released yesterday. The next IT&CFG will discuss industry approach for dress rehearsals tomorrow.

Key issues are understanding arrangements participants will be entering into around new arrangements, adds and alts.

1. **COMMUNICATIONS PLAN UPDATE**

AEMO has been coordinating discussions with representatives across industry (AER/AEMC/Commonwealth Government/AEC/ENA, a representative from a MP, Doug Ross and small retailer, Andrew Mair) to cover all parties regarding communicating the PoC changes. Factsheets will be released to provide consistent messages as a joint group of market bodies, and participants can utilise these as they wish. FAQs draft sheets will go out early next week. The AER has been circulating to retailers.

1. **ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil.

**NEXT MEETING**

An Executive Forum will be scheduled for late October. A. Hill (AusNet) requested executive management from AEMO attend the Executive Forum in future. Action: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 31 October from 9.30am to 11am.