

MINUTES – WA Gas Stakeholder Consultation Forum

MEETING: 2
 DATE: Tuesday, 24 May 2016
 TIME: 1:05 pm to 2:20 pm
 LOCATION: AEMO WA Office; 197 St Georges Tce, Perth
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ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Cameron Parrotte	AEMO
Sandra McLaren (Chair)	AEMO
Courtney Roberts (Secretariat)	AEMO
Christina Madsen	AEMO
Erin Stone	AEMO
Neetika Kapani	AEMO
Martin Maticka	AEMO
Rebecca Petchey	AEMO
Fiona Wiseman	Alinta Energy
Amanda Rudd	Alinta Energy
Adam Welch	APPEA
Michael Brooks	ATCO Australia
Ian Whitehead	BHP Billiton
Adam Stephen	Bluwaters Power
Donald Xie	Chevron Australia Pty Ltd
Dominic Rodwell	Citic Pacific Mining Management Pty Ltd
Trent Leach	DBP
Matt Brown	DOMGAS
Rajat Sarawat	Economic Regulation Authority
Todd Gordon	EDL LNG (WA) Pty Ltd
Maree Arnason	Energy Access Services
Paul Keay	Fortescue Metals Group Ltd
Mike Lauer	Gas Trading
Allan McDougall	Gas Trading
Robin Coombe	Japan LNG
Vincent Blondeau	Kleenheat
Hans Niklasson	Kleenheat
Ashley Chan	KUFPEC Australia
Aaron Kerrigan	Perth Energy
Karen Boyce	Phoenix Energy
Bryon McLaughlin	Public Utilities Office
Alexandra Willis	Quadrant Energy Australia Limited
Matthew Leech	Quadrant Energy Australia Limited
Herman Prinsloo	Regional Power (T/A Horizon Power)
Stephen Eliot	REMCo
Daniel Calder	Shell Australia
Julie-Anne Simmons	South32 Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd
Jacinda Papps	Synergy
Michael Glossop	Woodside Energy Ltd

1. Welcome

Cameron Parrotte (Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)) opened the meeting at 1:05pm and welcomed attendees to the second AEMO WA gas stakeholder consultation forum.

Cameron Parrotte thanked stakeholders for their attendance and the valuable input provided at the previous stakeholder consultation forum, which AEMO has used to develop the first 'Stakeholder Engagement Promise for WA'.

Sandra McLaren (AEMO) provided an update on the actions from the previous meeting and sought stakeholder's endorsement on the minutes from the 12 April stakeholder consultation forum.

A minor amendment was suggested around the reference to communications with System Management during emergency events in the minutes to be removed and reflected in the 'AEMO Stakeholder Promise for WA'. This was raised in agenda item 4.

No further comments were raised and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

2. Gas Statement of Opportunities

Sandra McLaren introduces Neetika Kapani (AEMO) to provide an update on the process of developing the Gas Statement of Opportunities (GSOO).

Neetika Kapani provided stakeholders with an overview of the current stages AEMO takes in developing the report and noted that the GSOO has established itself as a key reference in the WA domestic gas market and because of this, AEMO recognises that the independence and accuracy of this report is integral.

It was noted that stakeholder engagement has been a key part to developing the GSOO and this has been done through public forums and one on one discussions with market participants. It was further noted that the confidential nature of the information shared to assist in developing the GSOO has been respected and this is something AEMO will continue to practise.

It was noted that stakeholders would like to gain a better understanding of AEMO's view of the GSOO process and the value of the report. Sandra McLaren responded that the usefulness and value is guided by the stakeholders as the users of this document hence AEMO relies on stakeholder feedback when developing documents such as the GSOO.

Martin Maticka (AEMO) noted that WA is working closely with the team that develops the national GSOO and discussed ideas such as key messaging and suggested content.

Sandra McLaren reminded stakeholders of the issue raised at the previous meeting being that stakeholders did not feel that the consultation process was adequate in terms of assumptions, difference in opinion and understanding regarding data and base line information and questioned whether stakeholders feel that they could use this forum to address those issues.

Stakeholders agreed that a presentation on the key high level assumptions of the GSOO at the next stakeholder consultation forum would be beneficial. It would enable those who wish to be more engaged in the process to have an insight into earlier draft sections of the GSOO and provide stakeholders with the opportunity to provide comments or information to the sections they are interested in. It was reinforced that the stakeholder consultation forum is an appropriate environment to present this information given the attendance from a broad range of stakeholders.

It was agreed that AEMO will present high level assumptions and a draft implementation plan on the GSOO at the next stakeholder consultant forum scheduled in August. Stakeholders will be welcome to further discuss their thoughts on the day or provide comments to AEMO following this (action item 2.1).

Neetika Kapani noted that AEMO will not be in a position to provide the content of the GSOO at the next forum but suggested chapter headings can be discussed with stakeholders to sought their views on what is still relevant and what can be removed. It was noted that a concern was raised over the level of detail into LNG that was included in the previous GSOO and whether this was necessary going forward.

Stakeholders raised that a table included in the back of the GSOO detailing which parts of legislation have been adopted in the report would be useful. It was also noted that it would be valuable to have a run through of the regulations used to exercise the powers under the act to develop the GSOO in the next forum.

It was questioned whether there are any intentions to align the WA GSOO with the national GSOO and combine the two documents. It was noted that the idea was raised but AEMO would need to assess the value and feasibility of developing one document which covers both markets.

3. AEMO website

Sandra McLaren invited Christina Madsen (AEMO) to present on AEMO's website redevelopment project.

Christina Madsen provided a brief background on the project which commenced in August 2015 and was expanded to incorporate WA post November 2015. It was noted that the website has been downsized in order to be user friendly and not content heavy and it will be mobile compatible. The redeveloped website is due to go live end of June.

It was questioned whether the WA part of the website will incorporate something similar to 'NEMwatch' as it is a valuable tool for participants to view information. It was advised the website development team has in looked into this but are not able to confirm at this stage whether this will be adopted. AEMO will confirm whether 'NEMwatch' style functionality has been considered for the new website and address this at the next forum (action item 3.1). The value in extracting Gas Bulletin Board (GBB) data was also noted and stakeholders questioned whether this functionality would be retained. It was informed that the GBB data and existing format will be retained.

With the new website due to be rolled out by end of June it was suggested that a walkthrough of the new website at the next forum would be beneficial to stakeholders so that they become familiar on where to find necessary information (action item 3.2).

It was also questioned whether the GSOO could be structured in a way to align it with the data presented on the GBB so that the links between the two are reinforced. As data such as demand, evolution and forecasts are referenced throughout the GSOO. Martin Maticka advised that this was explored in the visualisations and that the feedback would be provided to the website redevelopment team for consideration.

4. AEMO stakeholder engagement promise for Western Australia

Sandra McLaren presented the 'AEMO Stakeholder Promise for WA' and sought endorsement from stakeholders. It was agreed that stakeholder consultation forums scheduled on a quarterly basis was necessary with additional forums/workshops scheduled as needed.

Cameron Parrotte noted that a comment was received from a stakeholder in relation to market fees raised at the previous meeting and the document will be amended to reflect that AEMO is conscious around fees and cost reduction in the WA market (action item 4.1). It was noted that stakeholders would like to see cost reductions flow through as well as efficiency improvements in the market.

Sandra McLaren advised stakeholders that AEMO will be introducing a Stakeholder Engagement Manager to WA so that participants have that one representative from AEMO that will attend to any issues or enquiries.

It was discussed that any changes or plans to the GBB will be tabled at the stakeholder forums and a GBB reference group will be established when required.

Feedback around the emergency management arrangements mentioned in the document was noted. It was agreed that the document be amended to reflect that contact with the market during a 2015 gas disruption created confusion for stakeholders (action item 4.2). The PUO will provide proposed wording around this to clarify any potential misconception in the original reference that the emergency management response was disjointed. The response was effective but influenced by the IMO contacting stakeholders during the event which created the confusion. It was also suggested that the reference to communications with System Management during emergency events in the minutes from the previous meeting be extracted and reflected in the document (action item 4.3). Stakeholders endorsed the 'AEMO Stakeholder Promise for WA' following this amendment.

The PUO informed stakeholders of upcoming emergency management events and exercises occurring in June in the electricity and gas market. It was agreed that the PUO will present the outcomes of the exercise at the next forum (action item 4.4).

5. Other business

No further business was raised.

6. Future agenda items

Sandra McLaren invited stakeholders to raise any further suggestions for agenda items for future stakeholder forums and acknowledged that potential agenda items already discussed had been noted.

It was noted that it would be worthwhile having a presentation on the changes on the national GBB likely to occur as a result of the AEMC completing their review. AEMO to brief stakeholders on the outcomes of the review at the next forum (action item 6.1).

7. Next meeting

Sandra McLaren thanked stakeholders for their contribution and advised that the next meeting will be scheduled for August. The meeting was closed at 2:20 pm.

Post meeting: AEMO received requests to omit attributing names to statements in the meeting minutes. AEMO acknowledges this request and will omit names from the minutes going forward.

Action items raised at meeting - WA Gas Stakeholder Consultation Forum

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
2.1	GSOO and stakeholder input	AEMO to provide the following for discussion at the next forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high level assumptions; • draft chapter headings; and • draft implementation plan (including dates) 	AEMO	August
3.1	AEMO website	AEMO with confirm whether 'NEMwatch' style functionality has been considered for the new website.	AEMO	August
3.2	AEMO website	AEMO to include walkthrough of new website on the agenda at the next forum.	AEMO	August
4.1	AEMO Stakeholder Engagement Promise for WA	AEMO to amend the 'AEMO Stakeholder Promise for WA' to reflect that it is conscious around fees and cost reduction in the WA market.	AEMO	June
4.2	AEMO Stakeholder Engagement Promise for WA	AEMO to amend its comment around emergency arrangements to reflect that contact with the market during a 2015 gas disruption created confusion for stakeholders. The PUO to provide proposed wording around this to clarify any potential misconception in the original reference that the emergency management response was disjointed.	AEMO/PUO	June
4.3	AEMO Stakeholder Engagement Promise for WA	AEMO to remove the reference to communications with System Management during emergency events in the minutes from the previous meeting and reflect in the 'AEMO Stakeholder Promise for WA'.	AEMO	June
4.4	AEMO Stakeholder Engagement Promise for WA	The PUO to present the outcomes of the EMF event at the next forum following the exercise scheduled in June affecting the electricity and gas market.	PUO	August
6.1	Future agenda items	AEMO to brief stakeholders on the outcomes of the AEMC review on the national GBB at the next forum.	AEMO	August