

# Meeting Notes

## Power of Choice – Industry Test Working Group

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DATE: Wednesday, 5 July 2017  
TIME: 1:30 pm – 15:00 pm AEDT  
LOCATION: Melbourne and teleconference  
MEETING #: Meeting 7

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### Meeting Notes (red text highlights action items)

#### 1. Update on Industry Test (EN/MC)

Tui Grant gave an update on the Industry Test (EN/MC) which concluded on 30 June 2017.

The EN/MC Test Summary Report was discussed:

- A small number of participants (7) took part – with no competitive Metering Coordinators (MCs\_ or Embedded Network Managers (ENM) taking part
- Test cases covered limited functionality from the EN/MC rule changes – all test cases were successfully completed.
- Two defects were raised and rejected (defects were due to user error)

The EN/MC lessons learned slide pack from the PIR held on 4 July 2017 was discussed. Four recommendations were identified:

- All participants to confirm they can sign on to MSATS for all their participant IDs before execution commences
- AEMO offered basic training on how to use MSATS to reduce re-work and assist with identification of valid data
- Review test lab set-up to provide easier visibility for participants of their test cases
- Test daily meetings to be held in smaller groups based on pairing

Participants to inform AEMO if they are interested in attending a session on basic MSAT training.

AEMO to mock-up some set-ups in QC, and/or prepare reports that can be run to show participant test cases and share with the ITWG for feedback.

#### 2. Market Trial Test Plan v1.1

Tui Grant noted that the Market Trial Test Plan had been updated based on participant feedback and published as version 1.1.

Pre-production outage:

- AEMO raised a proposal to move the MSATS pre-production outage commencement from Monday 31 July to 5 pm Friday 28 July – with the data production cut date remaining as at 15:00 hours AEST on 27 July).
- Pacific Hydro requested that the pre-production outage remain as in the Plan.

- AEMO will discuss internally and advise the ITWG (and update the Market Trial Test Plan if required).

Issues identified during industry testing:

- Jemena asked how issues (e.g. design issues – not defects) will be resolved during the Market Trial.
- AEMO noted that as per the Industry Test Strategy these will be escalated to the appropriate Procedures Working Groups and to the Program Consultative Forum.
- However as there is limited time for testing (and some of the new processes may not be tested until cycle 2), the turn-around time for the issue to be resolved.
- Jemena requested that this be raised as a risk on the Industry Risk Register (or if already on the register to provide the risk item #)
- AEMO took an action to follow up.

### 3. Market Trial planning

Tui Grant presented the Market Trial Workbook v0.4 (to be circulated after the meeting):

- A tab “Phase 3 contacts” has been added listing the organisations that have registered to take part in the Market Trial, their participant IDs and primary and secondary contacts.
- The Base – Default MC, Base – MC Churn and Base C&I tabs have been updated based on FRMPs feedback including pairing preferences.
- Note that at this stage no competitive MCs or ENMs are registered into pre-production and this is a risk with testing commencing in 6 weeks. AEMO took an action to raise this risk.
- Participants were requested to give an update on their readiness for Market Trial:
  - Metering Dynamics – ready to commence on the IT side as scheduled with a combination of systems and manual processes however requires new participant IDs and pre-production credentials. Not in a position to say which retailers they will pair with but are happy to receive requests.
  - Energex – will be receiving code in two drops, will be able to commence some scenarios from cycle 1 and others from cycle 2.
  - Essential Energy - will be receiving code in two drops, will be able to commence some scenarios from cycle 1 and others from cycle 2.
  - Stanwell – hoping to be ready but will need to get back to us.
  - ActewAGL Retailer – hoping to be ready.
  - TasNetworks – as advised will be ready from cycle 2.
  - Ergon Retail – plan on being ready for cycle 1, partnering depends on Metering Dynamics.
  - AusGrid Business Services – all ready from IT perspective, started process for pre-production credentials.
  - AusGrid LNSP – ready for cycle 1, all functionality
  - Alinta – one participant ID ready for cycle 1, other for cycle 3 with possibility of other being ready earlier
  - Pacific Hydro – ready for cycle 1, full functionality, MC test pairing in discussion.
  - Aurora – as per TasNetworks will commence from cycle 2.

- People Energy – from cycle 2
- Powershop – aiming for cycle 2, will confirm
- Vector – currently formulating test plan, not sure if they will participate but may in the last cycle.
- Select Solutions – targeting cycle 1 as MC, MDP, MP, will give more detail in a week or so.
- Jemena – ready for cycle 1.
- Origin – ready for cycle 1 for mass market, cycle 2 for C&I.
- AusNet – ready for cycle 1.
- Simply Energy – partially ready for cycle 1 (high priority tests).
- ActewAGL Distribution – ready for cycle 1.
- ActiveStream – should be ready for cycle 1, participant ID for MC pending.
- Lumo/Red – ready for cycle 2 with their existing participant IDs, new IDs from cycle 3.
- Acumen – aiming for cycle 2, need participant ID for MC.
- SA Power / CitiPower/ Powercor – partially ready for cycle 1, aiming for full functionality for cycle 1.
- AGL and Powerdirect – all scope ready for cycle 1.
- Energy Australia – partial cycle 1, Victorian functionality cycle 2.
- ERM Power/ Powermetric – partial for cycle 1, need participant ID for MC.
- Momentum – partially ready for cycle 1 as retailer, participant ID for ENM pending.
- AEMO and participants suggested options given the overall state of readiness and lack of competitive MCs:
  - Cycle 1 VIC, Cycle 2 Non-VIC
  - Cycle 1 Initial MC, Cycle 2 Competitive MC
  - Cycle 1 non-VIC, Cycle 2 VIC
  - Mix of above depending on individual readiness and pairing arrangements

#### Next steps:

- **AEMO to circulate the Market Trial Workbook v0.4 by COB 5 July 2017.**
- AEMO requested all participants to nominate when they will be able to commence each individual scenario (using cycle 1, week 1, 2, 3).
- AEMO requested LNSPs, and MP, MDP, MPB to provide their feedback on the workbook – volume of tests versus capacity, test pairing, etc.
- **Participants to provide above feedback by COB 13 July 2017.**
- AEMO requested volunteers for a workshop on 12 July 2017 to discuss detailed test steps:
  - EnergyQLD, CitiPower/Powercor, EA, Origin, Momentum and Acumen volunteered

#### Other discussion points:

- Test scenarios – request for one additional end-to-end ENM scenario.
- Bilateral testing – participants to coordinate bilateral testing – AEMO will not be coordinating, monitoring or reporting on bilateral testing.

- Cycle approach – the plan is that cycle 3 will be a catch-all and regression cycle. Cycle 3 test scenarios will be planned after cycle 1 and cycle 2 plans are complete.
- New participant set-up (participant IDs and pre-production access) – organisations undertaking new roles are encouraged to start their registration (MC) or accreditation (ENM, MP, MDP) processes ASAP. This requires as a minimum submission of signed application form (including IT details) and payment of the fee (note that AEMO will send an invoice after receiving the application form). AEMO's Onboarding team will then work with the applicant towards planned dates.

#### 4. Action summary

Post meeting actions for the POC-ITWG are summarised below.

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
1	EN/MC PIR: MSATS	Participants to request basic MSATS training if required	Participants	13 July 2017
2	EN/MC PIR: HP SaaS QC	AEMO to develop some options for HP SaaS QC or reporting for test case set-up and share with ITWG	AEMO	30 July 2017
3	MSATS Pre-Prod outage	AEMO to advise the ITWG on the pre-production outage dates (if moving to Friday 28 July)  <i>Secretariat Note: The pre-production outage date will commence from 5pm Friday 28 July)</i>	AEMO	7 July 2017
4	Risks	AEMO to follow up on the risk raised around resolving issues identified during market trial within the limited timeframes available  <i>Secretariat Note: This is Risk R05 on the <a href="#">POC Risk and Issue Log</a></i>	AEMO	13 July 2017
5	Risks	AEMO to follow up on the risk discussed around lack of competitive MCs and ENMs ready to commence market trial  <i>Secretariat Note: This has been raised internally and will be shared with the POC-PCF</i>	AEMO	13 July 2017
6	Market Trial workbook	AEMO to circulate version 0.4	AEMO	5 July 2017
7	Market Trial workbook	Participants to provide feedback on version 0.4	AEMO	13 July 2017

#### 5. Next meetings (*details updated*)

- 12 July – Test steps walkthrough – with nominated participants
- 20 July – MSAT overview for the purpose of industry testing
- 28 July – ITWG (Melbourne and teleconference)
- 2 Aug – Participant Information Session #6 on market trial processes (teleconference)

## **6. Attendees**

Not recorded