

Meeting Notes

Power of Choice – Readiness Working Group (Meeting #5)

Power of Choice – Industry Testing Working Group (Meeting #2)

DATE: Tuesday 7 March 2017

TIME: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Teleconference

Attendees: 60

Attendees	Company	Location
Tim Sheridan (Chair)	Australian Energy Market Operator	Melbourne
Kerry Galloway	Australian Energy Market Operator	Melbourne
Jackie Krizmanic	Australian Energy Market Operator	Melbourne
Paul LeFavi	Australian Energy Market Operator	Melbourne
Amale Yamak	Australian Energy Market Operator	Melbourne
Robert Speedy	Australian Energy Market Operator	Sydney
Hamish McNeish	Australian Energy Market Operator	Sydney
Jeff Roberts	ActewAGL Distribution (AAD)	Melbourne
Kate Goatley	ActewAGL Retail	Teleconference
Alena Chia	Active Stream	Teleconference
Helen Vassos	Active Stream	Teleconference
Keith Graham	Acumen	Teleconference
Andrew Peart	AGL	Teleconference
Mark Riley	AGL	Teleconference
Sandra Jones	Alinta Energy	Teleconference
Thiru Nagalingam	Alinta Energy	Teleconference
James Rowbottom	Aurora Energy	Teleconference
Paul Willacy	Aurora Energy	Teleconference
Peter Gilligan	Ausgrid	Teleconference
Justin Betlehem	AusNet Services	Teleconference
Richard Dumont	AusNet Services	Teleconference
Roy Thompson	AusNet Services	Teleconference
Shikha Gupta	Brave Energy Systems	Teleconference
Sarah Grundy	Brave Energy Systems	Teleconference
Phil Gardiner	CitiPower/Powercor	Teleconference
Louzanne Diaz	Computer Share Utilities	Teleconference

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Ammar Aljuboori	CovaU	Teleconference
Sarah Palmer	CovaU	Sydney
Dino Ou	Endeavour Energy	Teleconference
Anna Russo	Endeavour Energy	Teleconference
Charles Coulson	Energy Australia	Teleconference
Gurvir Singh	Energy Australia	Teleconference
Vishnu Vijayan	Energy Australia	Teleconference
Steven Tadic	Energy Australia	Teleconference
Teri Etchells	Energy Network Services	Teleconference
Jackie Mayo	Energy QLD	Teleconference
Martin Andonovski	Ergon Energy Queensland Pty Ltd	Teleconference
Ingrid Farrah	Ergon Energy Queensland Pty Ltd	Teleconference
Michelle Norris	Ergon Energy Queensland Pty Ltd	Teleconference
Claire Tamplin	ERM Power	Teleconference
Debbie Voltz	Essential Energy	Teleconference
Craig Taylor	Hansen Technologies	Teleconference
Ferouza Saran	Jemena	Teleconference
Matthew Mullen	Jemena	Teleconference
Peter Alberts	Jemena	Teleconference
Clinton Gadsden	Lumo Energy / Red Energy	Teleconference
Tom Cole	Metering Dynamics	Teleconference
Chantal Wright	Momentum Energy	Teleconference
Alex Fattal	NSW Department of Industry	Teleconference
Ciro Barbieri	Origin Energy	Teleconference
Paul Cliff	Origin Energy	Teleconference
Malcolm Hempel	Pacific Hydro	Teleconference
Peter Meywes	Pooled Energy	Teleconference
David Woods	SA Power Networks	Teleconference
Lance McMinn	Secure Meters (Australia) Pty Ltd	Teleconference
Aakash Sembey	Simply Energy	Teleconference
Warren Brooks	TasNetworks	Teleconference
Richard McNulty	United Energy	Teleconference
Tony Cartwright	United Energy	Teleconference
Paul Greenwood	Vector Advanced Metering Services	Teleconference

Meeting Notes (red text highlights action items)

1. Market Readiness Update

- AEMO presented a Program update:
 - Final determination for WP2 and final versions of the MC registration guide and ENM, MP and MDP accreditation checklists published on 28 February.
 - POC Procedures Working Group (POC-PWG) held a meeting on 6 March to discuss the WP3 (as built) process and timelines.
 - Final determination for B2B consultation published on 6 March and B2B accreditation guide expected by the end of March.
 - Systems work stream is holding a focus group meeting on 15 March to walkthrough the draft SMP User Guide/Technical Guide.
- Questions and comments made by the POC-RWG at the meeting included:
 - The importance of having a protocol on how the WP3 consultation will interact with the Industry Testing process was raised – with the protocol to include how information is shared and how the industry will make decisions regarding proposed changes.
 - It was noted that the B2B final determination was available on the website, and an AEMO communications will be made on Thursday
- AEMO presented a Readiness update:
 - Participant Information Sessions scheduled for 24 March, and are planned to cover the WP2 Procedure changes, B2B Procedure changes and the industry registration and accreditation process. AEMO noted however that the session will only cover finalised information so the industry registration and accreditation process may be scheduled in a second, later session depending in the progress of the Accreditation and Registration Plan.
 - An updated version of the Industry Accreditation and Registration Plan is scheduled for 24 March, however depending on the scope of the changes it may be a draft version 0.2 for industry feedback rather than a final version 1.0.
 - A version 0.2 of the draft Industry Test Strategy is expected to be circulated to the ITWG for review by the end of March.
 - AEMO has appointed an Industry Test Lead – Amale Yamak who will be chairing the ITWG and progressing the planning of Industry Testing.
- Questions and comments made by the POC-RWG/ITWG at the meeting included:
 - In the previous RWG/ITWG meeting the idea of having subgroups to progress test planning was raised. At this point the POC-ITWG will be the primary group for test planning and if it is deemed that separate sub-groups are required these will be formed as required.

2. Transition and Cutover

- AEMO presented an overview of Industry Transition and Cutover planning:
 - Paul LeFavi was introduced as the Transition and Cutover stream lead.
 - Transition and Cutover planning discussions will take place at the POC-RWG, with a separate group formed later if deemed necessary.
 - The Industry Transition and Cutover Plan will set out the sequence of task to support participants as they transfer to the new industry processes and solutions.
 - Draft guiding principles were presented for feedback and discussion.
 - AEMO described its bottom-up approach to transition and cutover planning, focusing on identifying key transition and cutover issues and understanding transition issues at a transaction type level.
 - AEMO is targeting to release a discussion paper in April with further information
- Questions and comments made by the POC-RWG at the meeting included:
 - It was raised that the Program Overview shows industry testing and registration and accreditation activities completing at the end of October and Transition commencing at the start of November. AEMO confirmed that these are nominal timeframes that will be firmed up with the detailed planning.
 - Discussion was held around the differences between the guiding principles: (3) “minimise the number of in-flight transactions as at the cutover date” and (6) “all transactions / messages begin and end under same business rules/systems to the extent possible”:
 - It was suggested that these were effectively the same, and that (6) may not be necessary as some transactions may start on the previous schema and finish on a new schema
 - Some participants thought that (3) was worthwhile keeping as participants can take actions to pro-actively complete inflight transactions prior to transition
 - A suggestion was made to modify (3) to say effectively manage the inflight transaction rather than minimise.
 - Some key transition issues were raised:
 - New roles and role changes in MSATS – including bulk role changes for large customers.
 - Updating Meter Standing Data (MC/ENM role, NMI/Meter Register Status) across industry participants.
 - Embedded network changes and interaction with Distribution Business.

3. Accreditation and Registration Plan – Industry feedback

- AEMO summarised the feedback to v0.1 of the Accreditation and Registration Plan:

- AEMO is incorporating industry feedback and aligning the plan with internal processes under the final qualification procedure, an updated plan is due to industry by 24 March 2017.
- Dates to submit plans will be shifted to end of March
- Plan clarifies that all participants who wish to use the B2B e-hub must be accredited as e-hub participants and that these guidelines are expected to be published by the end of March (due under the rules by 1 June 2017).
- Added a milestone to confirm registration and accreditation statuses prior to go-live.

4. Industry Test Strategy and Industry Test Plan (EN/MC) – industry feedback

- AEMO summarised the feedback v0.1 of the Industry Test Strategy and Industry Test Plan (EN/MC):
 - Industry feedback was focused on requiring more details in both the Strategy and the Plan.
 - AEMO's External Test Lead is concentrating on developing the detail required for the Strategy and the Plan, as well as the forward plan for ITWG interaction and planning milestones.
 - Phase 1 – EN/MC testing refers to the B2M changes due to Embedded Network and Competition in Metering rule changes. This phase is optional and will commence from May (however changes will be available in April).
 - Phase 2 details are dependent on the release schedule from AEMO's system team and they are expected by end of March.
 - Phase 3 is constrained to commence from mid-August (so compressing phase 1 and phase 2 will not bring phase 3 forward).
- AEMO will update the POC program overview – readiness work stream – to reflect the new start date of the EN/MC test execution
- AEMO will upload the draft versions of the strategy and the plans on to the AEMO website.

5. Next Meetings (details to be confirmed)

- Participant Information Session: 24 March 2017
- Joint POC-RWG and POC-ITWG: 5 April 2017

6. Actions Summary

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

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
1	RWG/ITWG meeting notes	Prepare and distribute meeting notes to RWG	AEMO	14-Mar-17
2	Program overview – Readiness work stream	Update to reflect start of EN/MC testing in May (and correct mistake in years)	AEMO	14-Mar-17
3	AEMO website	Upload draft versions 0.1 of the Accreditation and Registration Plan, Industry Test Strategy and Industry Test Plan (EN/MC)	AEMO	14-Mar-17