



Newsletter

NEM Reform

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Welcome to our June edition of the NEM Reform newsletter.

Since our last edition in February several key milestones have been delivered. These could not have been achieved without the committed collaboration with you, our industry stakeholders.

This year continues to be a busy reform year. We encourage stakeholders to continue to engage with our program to understand the opportunities and implications the reform initiatives will have on their organisations and how best to prepare for their implementation.

Highlights over the period

Public Forums

- On 11 May, AEMO welcomed stakeholders to two public forums. Firstly, a [General stakeholder briefing](#) on the [NEM Reform Program](#) was held. Stakeholders interested in an overview summary of the NEM Reform Program may find the [meeting pack and/or recording of the session](#) a helpful reference tool. The second forum presented the release of version 2 of the [NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap](#). Stakeholders interested in understanding the current view of the forward

implementation timeline for the NEM reforms will find [this session](#) a helpful reference source.

May 2023 Releases

- AEMO deployed the Consumer Data Rights (CDR), Business to Business (B2BV3.8) and Issue Change Commencement Form (ICFs) initiatives in line with their intended Go Live date of 30 May 2023.

August 2023 Releases

- The Integrating Energy Storage Systems (IESS) initiative [factsheet for Aggregated Dispatch Conformance](#) has been published ahead of August commencement in addition to the [Guide to Generator Exemption and Classification of Generation Units](#).

October 2023 Releases

- Ahead of the Very Fast Frequency Control Ancillary Service (VFFCAS) 1 October commencement AEMO has released the [Final FFR Service Commencement Plan](#) alongside an [FAQ](#) on VFFCAS markets and the Electricity Market Management System (EMMS) [Technical Specification for FFR](#).

November 2023 Releases

- Minor amendment consultation completed on 28 April to delay [Consumer Data Rights \(CDR\) Market Settlement and Transfer Solutions \(MSATS\) procedure](#) effective date to 1 November.

June 2025 Releases

- In working towards the Frequency Performance Payments (FPP) June 2025 commencement date, AEMO has released its Final [Primary Frequency Response Requirements](#) (PFRR) report on 4 May and the [Frequency Contribution Factor Procedure](#) (FCFP) on 1 June.

Foundational & Strategic Initiatives

- AEMO has established a [Foundational and Strategic Initiative Focus Group \(FaSI FG\)](#) to enable collaboration with industry to progress a business case assessment of its Foundational and Strategic initiatives which include Industry Data Exchange (IDX) Identity and Access Management (IDAM) and Portal Consolidation (PC).
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Spotlight - May 2023 Release

AEMO's May Release comprises several initiatives and we are happy to share that all our non-SAPS components of the May Release (Consumer Data Rights (CDR, Business to Business (B2BV3.8 and Issue Change Commencement Form (ICFs) met their intended Go Live date of 30 May 2023.

AEMO made the decision to delay the SAPS component of the May Release to 19 June following its May 1 Go Live Assessment.

Further information about what these reforms mean for the NEM is outlined below:

- **Business to Business (B2B v3.8) and Retail ICF changes** bring new efficiencies for AEMO and our market participants in the retail environment. The B2B and Other Retail ICFs changes includes enhancements to existing IT Retail systems, enabling support for the Shared Fuse One Way Notification regulatory change.
- **Consumer Data Rights (CDR)** make it possible for large retailers to actively participate in CDR for complex requests from 15 May 2023. This change empowers consumers and their accredited third parties to gain better access to data, fostering greater transparency and accessibility within the industry.
- **Stand-Alone Power Systems (SAPS)** allow electricity services to be delivered to individuals and communities through cheaper, safer, and more reliable alternatives to a traditional grid connection, which is an exciting step in transitioning the energy market.

What's ahead

May 2023 Releases

- Stand Alone Power Systems (SAPS) will support go-live on the 19 June 2023.

August 2023 Releases

- IESS Aggregated Dispatch Conformance will commence on 9 August 2023. The IESS Go-Live plan and industry test explainer will be published in June 2023 to support participants.

October 2023 Releases

- The [Fast Frequency Response \(FFR\)](#) Go-Live and Industry Test Plan will be released in July 2023. Registrations for FFR will be available on 9 August 2023 with industry testing underway August – September 2023. MT PASA is currently in testing phase with its Go Live Plan. A draft plan will be published at the end of August 2023 with the final in September 2023.

November 2023 Releases

- Metering exemptions consultation is underway with publication of a draft report expected on 16 June and final report due on 21 August.

June 2024 Releases

- Industry support planning is underway for the IESS June 2024 release. A consolidated design for bidirectional unit model implementation will be released at the end of June to facilitate industry readiness. Discussions on industry readiness support for IESS settlement changes are currently ongoing.

Foundational & Strategic Initiatives

- AEMO has scheduled industry workshops through July - August 2023 to focus on the Transition strategy and business case as part of its ongoing [consultation on NEM Reform Foundational & Strategic initiatives](#) which include Industry Data Exchange (IDX) Identity and Access Management) (IDAM) and Portal Consolidation (PC).

June 2025 Releases

- The next stage for Frequency Performance Payments (FPP) involves the development and testing phases for the project.

Upcoming releases

Release Date	Initiative	Likely impacted stakeholders
19 June 2023	Stand Alone Power systems (SAPS)	Local Network Service Providers (LNSP), Financially Responsible Market Participants (FRMP), Meter Data Providers (MDP) and Metering Providers (MP)
9 August 2023	Integrating Energy Storage Systems (Aggregated dispatch conformance (ADC)	Aggregate systems, connecting NSPs, control system vendors/developers
9 October 2023	Fast Frequency Response (FFR)	Generators, Market Customers, Traders
	Increased MT PASA Information	Scheduled Generators
	5 Minute load profile (5MLP)	Market Customers (MC) / FRMP
1 November 2023	Metering Exemptions (MSDR)	MC and MP/MDP
	CDR (LCCD)	FRMPs
2 / 3 June 2024	Integrating Energy Storage Systems (IESS) <i>(Final release)</i>	FRMPs, Metering Service Providers, Bidirectional Unit participants, Bidding system vendors/developers
8 June 2025	Frequency Performance Payments (FPP)	Generators, Market Customers

NEM Reform Consultations

Please refer to the [consultation](#) section of the AEMO website for a full list of all NEM Reform Program consultations.

Upcoming forums

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NEM Reform Program Forums

Program Consultative Forum

Reform Delivery Committee

Reform Delivery Committee - Collab W.

Implementation Forum

Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum

Electricity Retail Consultative Forum

Industry Testing Working Group

AEMO Consumer Forum

NEM Reform General Stakeholder Briefing & Implementation Roadmap Briefing

Initiative Specific Meetings

NEM Reform Foundational and Strategic initiatives

May Go-Live Criteria

Other

National Public Holiday

State/Territory Public Holiday

To learn more about these events, please visit [AEMO's Industry meeting calendar](#) or contact the program at NEMReform@aemo.com.au.

See you there!

Getting involved

Key NEM Reform Program forums and working groups can be found on the [NEM Reform Stakeholder Engagement](#) page.

Reach out to us

Don't hesitate to contact the team at NEMReform@aemo.com.au if you wish to discuss approaches, potential impacts and to understand which program forum may be relevant to your organisation.

You can also stay in touch with us via the [NEM Reform Program website](#).

Regards,

NEM Reform Program Team