

## 5MS and GS Executive Forum – Meeting Notes

MEETING: Executive Forum #9  
 DATE: Thursday, 30 July 2020  
 TIME: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
 LOCATION: Webex

### Attendees

Attendee	Organisation	Location
Andrew Pirie	AEMC	WebEx
Michael Bradley	AEMC	WebEx
Anne-Marie McCague	AEMO	WebEx
Carol Bosnjak	AEMO	WebEx
Elizabeth Bernhardt	AEMO	WebEx
Graeme Windley	AEMO	WebEx
Greg Minney	AEMO	WebEx
Kevin Ly	AEMO	WebEx
Naomi Byrnes	AEMO	WebEx
Peter Carruthers	AEMO	WebEx
Peter Geers (Chair)	AEMO	WebEx
Rowena Leung	AEMO	WebEx
Mike Stockley	AGL	WebEx
Simon Sarafian	AGL	WebEx
Buzby Kuramoto	Alinta Energy	WebEx
Naomi Donohue	APA	WebEx
Brendan Charles	Aurora Energy	WebEx
Corrina Woolford	Aurora Energy	WebEx
Alistair Parker	Ausnet Services	WebEx

Stephen Thompson	Ausnet Services	WebEx
Ben Skinner	Australia Energy Council	WebEx
David Warman	CS Energy	WebEx
Georgina Snelling	Energy Australia	WebEx
Libby Hawker	ERM Power	WebEx
Alison Davis	EVO Energy	WebEx
Elton Judd	Hydro	WebEx
Robert Lo Giudice	IntelliHUB Group	WebEx
Jesse Mills	Jemena	WebEx
Kylie Holland	Mondo	WebEx
Gary Swinburn	Origin Energy	WebEx
Linda Brackenbury	Plus ES	WebEx
Eugene Tverdolov	Powercor	WebEx
Tim Ryan	Ready Energy	WebEx
Michael Bell	Red Energy	WebEx
Stefanie Monaco	Red Energy	WebEx
David Woods	SA Power Networks	WebEx
Elizabeth Byrne	Stanwell	WebEx
Owen Self	Stanwell	WebEx
Gus Poh	Tango/ Pacific Hydro	WebEx
Neil Bryden	VectorAMS	WebEx
Daniel McLeod		WebEx
Jodie Hallam		WebEx

**1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies – P. Geers (slide 5 - 6)**

AEMO noted that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of preparing meeting notes and requested for dial-in attendees to email [5ms@aemo.com.au](mailto:5ms@aemo.com.au) for inclusion on the attendees list. The meeting notes for the previous Executive Forum held on 12 March 2020 were confirmed.

The actions from meeting EF #8 have been reviewed and updated. Please refer to the meeting pack and list below for more details.

## **2. AEMC Decision on Deferral – A. Pirie AEMC (slides 7 - 10)**

AEMC provided a summary of the final determination on delayed implementation of 5MS and GS including the rationale for a three-month deferral as set out in slides 13-15.

## **3. Impact on AEMO Program – R. Leung, G. Minney, P. Carruthers (slides 11 - 20)**

R. Leung presented the milestones that have been impacted by the three-month deferral noting that the AEMO systems development and deployment remain the same.

The summary of the impact on the AEMO program is presented on slide 14.

G. Minney presented the impact of the deferral on industry readiness plans and activities.

A discussion took place on the limitations of the pre-production environment(s) for participant testing. It was noted that this would be worked through with the RWG and ITWG.

The results of the special readiness survey were presented. The purpose of this survey was to assess the impact of the three-month deferral on industry readiness. It confirmed that 100% of the 37 organisations that responded were on track to deliver against the new commencement dates.

A discussion took place on whether participants agreed that the survey results reflected the overall industry readiness. It was noted that there was more uncertainty for organisations that are based in Victoria due to the current Covid-19 situation and that this should be monitored as a component of ongoing readiness reporting.

## **4. Interactions with other market changes – P. Carruthers (slides 18 - 20)**

AEMO provided the approach to updating the regulatory implementation roadmap.

It was confirmed that the roadmap would also take gas changes into account.

A participant asked if Customer Switching could be moved to early 2022. AEMO indicated it was committed to a go-live in 3Q 2021 and would be offering July 21 or October 21 as the alternatives, and that any other option was highly unlikely. However, participants may raise suggestions through the consultation process.

## **5. Industry Risks and Issues – P. Carruthers (slides 21 – 25)**

AEMO presented key risks and issues from the Industry Risks and Issues Register under three headings:

- The proposed deferral of the 5MS and GS go-live dates
- The impacts of moving the Metering Solution release to 09-Mar-21
- The impacts of Covid-19.

AEMO confirmed that their delivery partner TCS is based in India and has moved to a working from home arrangement since February 2020. Impacts to productivity as a consequence of Covid-19 were mitigated through this approach. There is a risk associated with TCS's delivery of the milestone on 31 August 2020 "Internal AEMO System Build Complete" but overall, AEMO considers their exposure to risk of Covid-19 impact to be low.

#### **6. Program Update – R. Leung (slides 26-27)**

AEMO provided the update of the current status for the 5MS Program. It was noted that the program was overall tracking as green however there are a number of pressures on delivery at this time.

#### **7. Update on Cost Recovery – K. Ly (slides 28 -30)**

An update was provided on the process for determining the approach to cost recovery for the 5MS Program. The key dates are set out on slide 29.

Participants raised the following questions in the discussion:

- Whether gas systems have been changed
- The allocation between legacy systems uplift and 5MS
- Whether total costs would be provided, and if this would be presented on a net basis (i.e. showing comparison to business-as-usual).

AEMO confirmed that these matters would be addressed through the cost recovery consultation process.

#### **8. Update on Critical Capability for Go-Live – G Minney (slides 31-32)**

AEMO provided an update on the definition of critical capability for go-live as set out on slide 32.

#### **9. Industry Engagement – AM. McCague (slides 33-35)**

It was agreed that the Executive Forum dates would be changed as set out on slide 34.

It was agreed that the PCF scheduled for 6 August 2020 would be cancelled as a PCF was held on the 17 July and no status change or significant issues had been raised since.

#### **10. General Questions – P. Geers (slide 36)**

No additional questions were raised

#### **11. Meeting Close – P. Geers**