

5MS and GS Program Consultative Forum – Meeting Notes

MEETING: Program Consultative Forum #33
 DATE: Wednesday, 19 May 2021
 TIME: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
 LOCATION: Webex

Attendees

Attendee	Organisation	Location
Peter Carruthers	AEMO (Chair)	Remote - WebEx
Anne-Marie McCague	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Blaine Miner	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Carol Bosnjak	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Emily Brodie	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Graeme Windley	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
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Jim Agelopoulos	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Liz Bernhardt	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Monica Narayan	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Naomi Byrnes	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Rowena Leung	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Sarah Pearson	AEMO	Remote - WebEx
Nik Galanopoulos	Accenture	Remote - WebEx
Collette Reedy	Actewagl Retail	Remote - WebEx
Ben Davis	AEMC	Remote - WebEx
Sam Martin	AEMC	Remote - WebEx
Joanna Gall	AER	Remote - WebEx
Pip Eastgate	AER	Remote - WebEx
Sam Markham	AER	Remote - WebEx
Sarah Helms	AER	Remote - WebEx
Sue Richardson	AgilityCIS	Remote - WebEx
Tristan Whitley	AgilityCIS	Remote - WebEx
Mike Stockley	AGL	Remote - WebEx
David Rundell	Alcoa	Remote - WebEx
John Woodward	Alinta	Remote - WebEx
Rupal Jain	Arrow Energy	Remote - WebEx
Steve Ferry	Arrow Energy	Remote - WebEx
Kevin Boutchard	Aurora Energy	Remote - WebEx
Justin Betlehem	Ausnet Services	Remote - WebEx
Stephen Thompson	Ausnet Services	Remote - WebEx

Suresh Maguluri	Ausnet Services	Remote - WebEx
Damien Herd	CS Energy	Remote - WebEx
David Jenkins	CS Energy	Remote - WebEx
Janelle Durie	CS Energy	Remote - WebEx
Kristen Matthews	CS Energy	Remote - WebEx
Dino Ou	Endeavour Energy	Remote - WebEx
Andrew Fooks	Energy Australia	Remote - WebEx
Cameron Bath	Energy Australia	Remote - WebEx
Mai Huynh	Energy Australia	Remote - WebEx
Nicole Bright	Energy Queensland	Remote - WebEx
Steve Blair	Energy Queensland	Remote - WebEx
Wayne Rau	ENGIE	Remote - WebEx
Rob Oshlack	ERM Power	Remote - WebEx
Alison Davidson	Essential Energy	Remote - WebEx
Ben Donnelly	Essential Energy	Remote - WebEx
Daniel Pain	Essential Energy	Remote - WebEx
Jeff Roberts	Evo Energy	Remote - WebEx
Joe Milazzo	Evo Energy	Remote - WebEx
David McKenzie	Flow Power	Remote - WebEx
Ben Friebel	Hansen Technologies	Remote - WebEx
Anthony Croce	Infigen Energy	Remote - WebEx
Robert Lo Giudice	Intellihub	Remote - WebEx
Joseph Lyttleton	Jemena	Remote - WebEx
Mark Reid	LUMO	Remote - WebEx
Nick Gustafsson	LUMO	Remote - WebEx
Alan Love	Meridian Energy	Remote - WebEx
Cindy Matthews	Metering Dynamics	Remote - WebEx
Mark Leschke	Metering Dynamics	Remote - WebEx
Prabath Kamalasena	Metlogic	Remote - WebEx
Shaun Cole	Origin Energy	Remote - WebEx
Yvonne Tuckett	Origin Energy	Remote - WebEx
Linda Brackenbury	PlusES	Remote - WebEx
Eugene Tverdolv	Powercor	Remote - WebEx
David Woods	SA Power	Remote - WebEx
Audrey Follett	Snowy Hydro	Remote - WebEx
Justin Stute	Spotless	Remote - WebEx
Elizabeth Keogh	Stanwell	Remote - WebEx
Adrian Honey	Tasnetworks	Remote - WebEx
Paul Gazzignato	Tasnetworks	Remote - WebEx
Paul Greenwood	VectorAMS	Remote - WebEx
Rich O'Conner		Remote - WebEx

1. Welcome, Introduction, Attendance and Apologies – P. Carruthers (slides 2 - 4)

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 for inclusion on the attendees list. The meeting notes for the previous PCF held on 23 April 2021 were confirmed.

2. Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting – AM. McCague (slides 5 - 6)

The actions from meeting PCF #33 have been reviewed and updated. Please refer to the meeting pack.

3. Program Update – R. Leung (slides 7 – 11)

AEMO provided an update on each of the 5MS workstreams as set out on slide 8. It was noted that the Retail workstream is Red against the 31 May milestone and the go-live date of 31 May would not be achieved. After an assessment of alternative dates, AEMO has re-scheduled the Retail go-live to the back up date of 21 June.

A question was raised on why the delay to the FSIP release has not resulted in an amber status for the Bidding and Dispatch workstream. AEMO confirmed that the FSIP release is needed by 01 October 2021 and moving the release date from 03 May to 07 July does not impact that requirement.

The current high-level 5MS Program Timeline was shown on slide 9 which included the Retail Go-Live being shown as red and the impacted milestones being displayed as amber.

It was noted by a participant that previously AEMO had confirmed that if 21 June was selected as the Retail Go-Live date the Market Trial would not be impacted. AEMO explained that a data refresh is needed to run the Market Trial and it was determined that the data refresh would not be available by 05 July if the Retail release was scheduled for 21 June. It is necessary to ensure the Market Trial has the most up to date data available. It was noted that the duration of the Market Trials remains the same. The period has not been compressed.

Slide 10 presented the revised timeline as a result of deferring the Retail Go-live to 21-June-21. AEMO walked through the re-planned milestones.

Rule commencement 1 Oct remains Green, although a heightened risk profile is attached to that date due to the potential compression of time available for readiness activities.

Reason 1 Oct is green is because we do have an achievable plan/ timeline through to market commencement. The critical path is dependent on:

- AEMO's successful go-live of Retail on 21st June and
- Completion of Market Trials.

Action 33.3.1: AEMO to discuss the impacts of the change in the Retail Go-Live date and Market Trial dates with WDR and Customer Switching Programs and report to PCF.

It was noted by a participant that while September is identified as a spare month for preparation, this time is necessary for any remediation by Participants that may be identified - so does compress the turnaround time for resolutions before production cutover (if major issues arise of course). This elevates the risk in terms of readiness, however, isn't something that can be easily quantified until the major market trial activities have been undertaken.

4. Retail Go-Live Status– G. Windley (slides 12 - 16)

AEMO presented the updated timetable to communicate Retail status to PCF noting that a Go/No-Go decision would be provided on 14 June.

Action 33.4.1: AEMO to consider including an interim Retail checkpoint meeting with PCF in advance of 14 June 2021.

Action 33.4.2: AEMO to consider how to engage with Executive Forum if a No-Go notice is issued for the Retail Go-Live on 21 June 2021.

AEMO provided an overview of the Retail status against the checkpoint criteria which included the rationale for needing to defer the go-live date from 31-May to 21-June. It was confirmed that AEMO is committed to

meeting the 21 June go-live date and that prioritisation of functionality may be considered to deploy a workable market solution for 21 June.

It was confirmed that it is AEMO's intention that the NCONUML functionality would go-live with the Retail solution on 21 June 2021. AEMO will confirm that it is possible to include the NCONUML functionality in the testing for Retail Go-Live without compromising the rest of the solution. It was noted by a participant that any later would impact on transition start for NCONUML.

Action 33.4.3: AEMO to confirm that the NCONUML functionality will be available from 21 June 2021.

AEMO confirmed that Covid-19 remains an issue as resources require time off which has impact the defect fix rate. This issue is a contributing factor to the delays being experienced, but is not the driving issue for the Retail delay.

AEMO provided an update on the Retail testing progress as set out on slide 15.

5. Readiness Implications – G. Minney (slide 17 - 18)

AEMO provided an overview of the implications of the retail go-live date change on the industry readiness activities as set out on slide 18.

A participant noted that the impact assessment for the extension of the market trial period should reflect industry wide activities, given the potential impact for WDR and CS.

It was confirmed that the readiness implications would be discussed with the RWG on 28 May 2021. Participants were requested to consider impacts to their programs based on proposed changes.

6. Readiness Working Group Update – G. Minney (slide 19 - 25)

AEMO provided an updated version of the readiness dashboard as a result of the change in retail go-live date. The Essential Capability indicated that the 1 Oct 5MS rule commencement is considered on track, noting the heightened risk profile. It was noted that Readiness Survey Round 8 would be issued 02 June 2021. A discussion took place on whether participants should report on the readiness implications of the Retail solution not going live on 21 June.

Action 33.5.1: AEMO to consider whether Readiness Survey Round 8 should include questions on the impact of Retail not going live on 21 June 2021 on participant readiness programs.

7. Contingency Planning – Summary of Feedback and Next Steps – AM. McCague (slide 26 - 30)

AEMO provided an overview of the contingency options that were discussed at the previous PCF and RWG. It was confirmed that the first response, should 21 June not be met, will be to identify mitigation measures that would maintain the 5MS Rule commencement on 01 October 2021. These mitigation measures may include compressing the period for Market Trial and transition activities.

A summary of the feedback received were presented as set out on slides 28 and 29. The conclusions and next steps are provided on slide 30.

8. Industry Risks and Issues – Impact of Retail Go-Live Date Change – AM. McCague (slide 31 – 36)

AEMO presented the impact of the change in Retail Go-Live on the key industry risks. The changes that were presented to the issues and risks were accepted.

Action 33.8.1: AEMO to update the Industry Risk and Issues Register in line with the discussion at PCF 33.

9. Forward Meeting Plan – AM. McCague (slide 37 – 40)

The changes to the forward plan are outlined in red on slide 38.

It was confirmed that the Special Executive Forum on 1 June would take place to discuss the change in Retail Go-Live date.

10. General Questions – P. Carruthers (slide 40)

No further questions were raised.

11. Meeting Closed - P. Carruthers (slide 41)

Meeting closed.

ACTION ITEMS

No.	Status	Topic	Action	Owner	Due By	Comment
33.3.1	Open	Program Update	AEMO to discuss the impacts of the change in the Retail Go-Live date and Market Trial dates with WDR and Customer Switching Programs and report to PCF.	AEMO	01 June 21	
33.4.1	Closed	Retail Go-Live Status	AEMO to consider including an interim Retail checkpoint meeting with PCF in advance of 14 June 2021.	AEMO	01 June 21	Invitations sent for 4 June 2021 update meeting.
33.4.2	Open	Retail Go-Live Status	AEMO to consider how to engage with Executive Forum if a No-Go notice is issued for the Retail Go-Live on 21 June 2021.	AEMO	01 June 21	
33.4.3	Open	Retail Go-Live Status	AEMO to confirm that the NCONUML functionality will be available from 21 June 2021.	AEMO	14 June 21	
33.5.1	Open	Readiness Implications	AEMO to consider whether Readiness Survey Round 8 should include questions on the impact of Retail not going live on 21 June 2021 on participant readiness programs.	AEMO	01 June 21	
33.8.1	Open	Industry Risks and Issues	AEMO to update the Industry Risk and Issues Register in line with the discussion at PCF 33.	AEMO	01 June 21	