

Forum meeting record

Forum:	Program Consultative Forum (PCF)
Date:	9 August 2023
Time:	1:00PM – 3:00PM AEST
Location:	MS Teams

Kate Goatley	ActewAGL	David Woods	SA Power Networks
Mark Riley	AGL	Andrew Wilkins	SA Water
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Andrew Couttie	Energy Australia	Tim Ashley	TasNetworks
Daniel McLeod	Energy Australia	Paul Greenwood	Vector Metering
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Ranjan Thakur	Energy Australia	Andrew Peart	AEMO
Travis Worsteling	Energy Australia	Anthony Cooke	AEMO
Jo Sullivan	Energy Australia	Blaine Miner	AEMO
Joseph Giddings	Energy One	Carla Ziser	AEMO
Scott Tammara	Energy Q	Chris Muffett	AEMO
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Huy Tran	Ergon	Emily Brodie	AEMO
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Arun Sri	Gentrack	Jodie House	AEMO
Lewis Wand	Iberdrola	Karen Clarke	AEMO
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David Murphy	Jemena	Lenard Bayne	AEMO
Anthony Gatome	Origin Energy	Luke Barlow	AEMO
Graham Matthew	Origin Energy	Meghan Bibby	AEMO
Yvonne Tuckett	Origin Energy	Oliver Derum	AEMO
Helen Vassos	PLUS ES	Paul Johnson	AEMO
Inger Wills	Powercor	Rowena Leung	AEMO
Jordon Rigby	Red Energy	Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO
Sean Jennings	Red Energy		

PCF Session Summary

- IESS ADC will go into production today (09/08).
- Registration for FFR is now open as of today with procedures and technical documents now complete.
- AEMO advised that a settlements and bi-directional unit (BDU) stakeholder information sessions were held in July as part of the June 2024 release.
- AEMO provided a summary of the outcomes of consultation on participant impacts and development timings for FPP.
- Feedback on Foundational & Strategic schedule where a reset was required on the approach to allow sufficient time for material to be reviewed and assessed.
- The first NEM Reform Executive forum will be held on 23 August.
- AEMO provided an Industry risk register update and advised that feedback has been considered following previous PCF discussions

1 Welcome & Agenda

Chris Muffett (Slides 2-4)

- Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting and gave an acknowledgement of country.
- Chair outlined the meeting agenda and objectives.

2 Actions & Feedback from Previous Meeting

Chris Muffett (Slides 5-6)

- Action items were closed.

3 Program & Release Update

Rowena Leung (Slides 7-9)

- AEMO advised that the overall program status is amber and noted that good progress has been made in the following areas:
 - August release (FFR and IESS ADC)
 - MT PASA UAT
 - FPP
- Key areas of challenge are identified the IESS June 2024 release and IDAM/IDX/PC. Further information is outlined on slide 8 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO provided a snapshot of Level 1 & 2 milestones with key call outs listed on slide 9 of the accompanying slide pack.

4 Spotlight

Luke Barlow (Slides 10-13)

August 2023 IESS (ADC) Update

- Overall status is on track and will go into production today (09/08). In addition, AEMO thanked participants for their participation in the pre-production environment. Further details on this release are outlined on slide 12 of the accompanying slide pack.

5 Discussions

(Slides 14-19)

October 2023 FFR Update

Carla Ziser (Slides 16-19)

- Registration for FFR is now open as of today with procedures and technical documents now complete. AEMO noted that industry test will be commencing on 17 August.
- AEMO advised that a draft go live plan has been published with a final version due to be published in September.

6 June 2024

(Slides 20-25)

June 2024 IESS Update

Luke Barlow (Slides 21-25)

- AEMO provided a high-level timeline overview for the IESS June 2024 release with further information available on slide 22 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO advised that a settlements and bi-directional unit (BDU) information session were held with key discussion areas outlined on slide 24 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Huy Tran - Ergon	In the project baseline activity, which milestones on slide 23 are likely to change or shift?	RAG status indicates stability of milestones. Project milestones will be monitored, reported, and discussed on an ongoing basis via Implementation Forum, PCF, and other appropriate channels.
Sean Jennings – Red Energy	Are you suggesting an additional Forum on Settlement specifically? If so, will this be a single date or ongoing forum?	Additional forums (for both Settlements and BDU implementation) will be scheduled as appropriate e.g. when tech specs are released, when requested by participants, or for other suitable reasons.
Yvonne Tuckett – Origin Energy	Further working group session(s) on settlements and BDU designs as you suggest in line with tech specs landing will be much appreciated for our tech teams to confirm their understanding/interpretation.	

7 June 2025

(Slides 26-30)

June 2025 FPP Update

Oliver Derum (Slides 27-30)

- AEMO provided a summary of the outcomes of consultation on participant impacts and development timings. Based on feedback, there was no change to the dates, which are now considered final as shown in slide 30.
- In response to a participant inquiry, AEMO will explore how pre-dispatch estimates of FPP outcomes might be calculated and provided to the market. An initial workshop will be held in coming weeks. AEMO will approach people who have participated in previous FPP industry workshops. Anyone interested in attending can also email FPPconsultations@aemo.com.au.

8 Noting

(Slides 31-40)

- AEMO provided the following noting items and were considered read.

- October 2023 MT PASA (Refer to slides 32-34)
- October 2023 5MLP (Refer to slides 35-37)
- November 2023 CDR, Metering Exemptions (Refer to slides 38-40)

9 Foundational & Strategic Initiatives

Andrew Bell & Ulrika Lindholm (Slides 41-44)

- AEMO noted feedback from participants required a reset in the approach to provide sufficient time for material to be reviewed and assessed resulting in an extension in the workshop schedule. Key changes are outlined on slide 42 of the accompanying slide pack.

10 NEM Reform Forums Update

(Slides 45-47)

- Not discussed and was considered read (Refer to slide 46).

NEM Reform Executive Forum

- AEMO provided a brief overview of the establishment of the NEM Reform Executive forum and presented a proposed agenda and encouraged participants to put forward executive nominations by emailing NEMReform@aemo.com.au.

11 NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap Update

Lance Brooks (Slides 48-51)

- AEMO outlined the indicative timeline for making changes to the NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap and supporting artefacts, with an indicative publication date of October 2023.
- AEMO outlined material and incremental changes that have been identified as of July 2023. Further information is outlined on slides 50 and 51 of the accompanying slide pack. These changes were discussed at the recent RDC collaborative workshop on 2 August.
- AEMO will provide a further update on the Roadmap and supporting artefacts including key changes incorporated at the next PCF meeting.

12 Industry Risk Register

David Reynolds (Slides 52-56)

- AEMO provided an Industry Risk Register and advised that feedback has been considered following previous PCF discussions. AEMO noted that items where they are red will be discussed at future PCF meetings for participant awareness and input. This would be in addition to the Risk Register being discussed every quarter.
- AEMO noted that potential delivery congestion to the schedule in 2025 as outlined in the Roadmap. This is monitored via the NEM Reform Delivery Committee (RDC) to identify ways of managing the scope in collaboration with the AEMC.
- AEMO noted risks associated with Sub-optimal delivery outcomes and added that a large amount of regulatory change is underway. In addition, AEMO acknowledges that industry resources which are allocated to the delivery of these initiatives could create conflicts for industry participants. AEMO will consider the above challenges when reviewing the Roadmap to assist with participant planning.
- AEMO expect to provide an update on actions taken at the next PCF meeting in September. Further information can be found on slides 53 -56 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Yvonne Tuckett – Origin Energy	It is important that the rating reflects all the ratings that we consider, reflects the post mitigation.	Noted.
	Regarding resourcing constraints that industry face, the Roadmap is really a key document and note that some items have been pushed out. Being provided with as much time of these changes would assist participants with their own internal planning.	
Huy Tran – Ergon	Suggest including an addition column to the register that indicates if the rating has moved to a lower likelihood or a lower impact.	Noted.

13 Upcoming engagements

(Slides 57-58)

- Not discussed and was considered read (Refer to slide 58).

Fee Consultation Update

(Slides 59-60)

- AEMO provided a brief update on the status of the NEM2025 Participant Fee Structure consultation including next steps. Further information can be found on slides 60 of the accompanying slide pack.

14 General Questions and Other business

Chris Muffett (Slide 61)

- Queries and feedback may be sent to NEMReform@aemo.com.au.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Ref: Item = Meeting number/Agenda item number/Ref)

#	Topic	Action	Responsible	Status
10.11.1	NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap Update	AEMO to provide a further update on the NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap and supporting artefacts including key changes incorporated.	AEMO	Open
10.12.1	Industry Risk Register	AEMO to collate and present actions recently received by PCF members during the July and August meetings.	AEMO	Open
10.12.2	Industry Risk Register	AEMO to review the mitigation ratings are effective.	AEMO	Open