

Forum meeting record

Forum:	Program Consultative Forum (PCF)
Date:	09 November 2022
Time:	1:00PM – 2:00PM AEDT
Location:	MS Teams

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1 Welcome

Interim chair of the meeting, Chris Muffett, welcomed members and provided an overview of the agenda.

2 Actions & Feedback from Previous Meeting

Two action items were captured from the previous meeting with both items now closed.

3 ESB Energy Reform Introduction

AEMO advised that this item will be deferred to the next PCF meeting as a representative from the ESB was not available.

4 NEM2025 initiatives

AEMO provided a brief recap of the NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap¹. Further information can be found on slide 9 and 10 of the accompanying meeting pack.

AEMO thanked all participants who contributed to the roadmap and noted that the roadmap is not only for AEMO but a tool for industry.

AEMO encouraged feedback from participants on the timing of any rule changes and welcomed suggestions for improvement via the Reform Delivery Committee (RDC).

5 Inflight Initiatives

An overview was provided of the following inflight initiatives: Increased MT PASA Information, Fast Frequency Response, Frequency Performance Payments, Integrating Energy Storage, Operational Security Mechanism and AEMO's Dispatch Tactical Uplift. Further information can be found on slides 11-17 of the accompanying meeting pack. A number of questions were raised by stakeholders on the initiatives, and AEMO provided the following responses:

Frequency Performance Payments

- *What is the timeline for implementing changes?*

Systems impacts are expected in late 2024. AEMO anticipate providing a breakdown of each key milestone to provide participants with details on when things like technical specifications will be available leading up to the Go Live date.

Operational Security Mechanism

- *What is AEMO's timeframe between when procedures are due to be finalised and the go-live date?*

The draft rule has determined when procedures must be finalised by – 1 January 2025. AEMO's intention is to start consultation work in 2023 with a view to finalise as soon as practicable.

General

- *Will AEMO produce a consolidated view of procedural changes under the program?*

The 'Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum' (EWCF) has been established with the purpose of coordinating procedural changes in the wholesale space. Retail procedures are already coordinated through the Electricity Retail Consultative Forum.

AEMO's Strategic and Foundational initiatives

- *Has AEMO considered a real time MSATS or market data system as part of its initiatives?*

The Strategic and Foundational initiatives include a consolidation of retail systems that would support this type of functionality.

¹
<https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/nem-reform-implementation-roadmap>

- *Will AEMO consult on the overarching principles of design, e.g. the use of industry standards and have flexibility as a key?*

AEMO intends to engage collaboratively with stakeholders in the implementation of the AEMO Strategic and Foundational initiatives.

- *Are there linkages between AEMO's data strategy and that of the other market bodies?*

Speaking to what AEMO is considering only, AEMO see merit in establishing a whole of industry view and will continue to capture synergies to deliver the most efficient outcome.

- *What are the consultation timeframes for AEMO's Strategic and Foundational initiatives?*

Consultation with industry is expected to occur in Q2 or Q3 2023 with the potential to extend for a period of four months. A staged approach is being considered which would start with NEM wholesale and retail, followed by later stages for onboarding gas markets, wholesale, retail and Western Australia.

Stakeholders also proposed to add likely impacted participants and industry testing requirements to the initiative pages and AEMO agreed to update meeting pack.

Action: AEMO to update initiative 1 pagers in meeting pack with likely impacted participants and planned industry testing approach.

6 Participant Impact Assessment

An overview was given of the participant impact assessments provided by industry and stakeholders via the RDC. Further information can be found on slides 20-21 of the accompanying meeting pack.

AEMO encouraged participants to stay engaged with AEMO and to assist with updating this participant impact assessment periodically over the course of the NEM2025 program.

AEMO is open to receiving participant impact assessments from stakeholders who are not part of the RDC.

7 NEM Reform Milestone Approach

AEMO proposed a framework where initiatives are broken down from a draft determination through the implementation phase through to the rule commencement. Slides 24-26 gives an overview of the structure and definition that outlines the breakdown of Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3? milestones.

AEMO noted that the implementation roadmap includes high level timings for phases such as industry tests, market tests and procedure development with the view to refine it as initiatives process through the various delivery phases.

8 NEM2025 Forum Mobilisation

AEMO provided a brief overview of the NEM2025 forum mobilisation highlighting key dates, current focus, and forum cadence.

Nominations have been requested for the EWCF which will commence its first meeting on the 22 November.

AEMO intends to establish the Executive Forum (EF) in early Q2. AEMO welcomes nominations and feedback on the proposed timing for the EF to be sent to NEM2025@aemo.com.au.

A draft agenda framework for the PCF moving forward was presented and is outlined on slide 29. AEMO welcomed feedback from participants on adding any new topics as the program progresses.

The PCF terms of reference (ToR) were circulated to participants for feedback. No feedback was received. AEMO will publish these ToR as final on AEMO's website.

9 Upcoming engagements

AEMO provided a brief overview of the upcoming NEM2025 engagements for the next four months and advised members to refer to the industry calendar located on AEMO's website.

10 General Questions and Other business

No questions raised.

Actions

Topic	Action	Responsible
Inflight initiatives	AEMO to add to the 1 pager overviews of inflight initiatives and republish to PCF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Likely impacted stakeholders b) Anticipated Industry Testing Approach 	AEMO
NEM Reform Milestone Approach	AEMO to share worked example of milestone structure with PCF (5MS and Implementation forum examples).	AEMO
NEM2025 PCF Terms of Reference	AEMO to publish PCF ToR as final on AEMO's website.	AEMO

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