

MINUTES – WA Electricity Consultative Forum (WAE-CF)

MEETING: 5
 DATE: Thursday, 24 November 2016
 TIME: 1:00 pm to 2:55 pm
 LOCATION: AEMO WA Office; 197 St Georges Tce, Perth
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ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Cameron Parrotte	AEMO
Andrew Winter	AEMO
Dean Sharafi	AEMO
Courtney Roberts	AEMO
Martin Maticka	AEMO
Chris Muffett	AEMO
Greg Ruthven	AEMO
Mike Amato	AEMO
Nicole Markham	AEMO
Marc Hettler	AEMO
Neetika Kapani	AEMO
Shaun Pethick	AEMO
Katelyn Rigden	AEMO
Michele Kramer	AEMO
Mehdi Toufan	AEMO
Steve Wall	AER
Fiona Wiseman	Alinta Energy
Tim McLeod	Amanda Energy
Nick Govier	ATCO Australia
Konrad Schmitz	ATCO Australia
Ignatius Chin	Bluewaters Power
Paul Arias	Bluewaters Power
Steve Gould	Community Electricity
Colin Sadlier	DBNGP
Natalie Robins	Economic Regulation Authority
Geoff Hobley	EDL
Wendy Ng	ERM Power
Kristian Myhre	Future Effect
Shane Cremin	Infinite Energy
Michael Frost	Metro Power Company
David Calder	Origin Energy (teleconference)
John Nguyen	Perth Energy
Patrick Peake	Perth Energy
Aaron Kerrigan	Perth Energy
Erin Stone	Point
Jenny Laidlaw	Public Utilities Office
Bryon McLaughlin	Public Utilities Office
Simon Middleton	Public Utilities Office
Andrew Woodroffe	Skyfarming

Adam Stephen	Summit Southern Cross Power
Ben Hammer	Synergy
Jacinda Papps	Synergy
Chi Hong	Tesla Corporation
Peter Huxtable	Water Corporation

1. Welcome

Andrew Winter (Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)) opened the meeting at 1:00pm and welcomed attendees to the fifth AEMO WA Electricity Consultative Forum (WAE-CF).

Andrew Winter provided an update on the actions from the previous meeting and noted that all actions had been closed. Stakeholders were informed that registrations for AEMO's e-learning training courses can still be made by emailing WAMRP@aemo.com.au.

AEMO sought stakeholder's endorsement on the minutes from the previous meeting (29 September 2016). No comments were raised. AEMO to publish the minutes from the previous meeting as final on the website (action item 1.1).

Stakeholders were asked to complete a short survey on the WA Market Reform Program (WAMRP) and information requirements for the various workstreams. Hard copies of the survey were circulated and to be returned at the end of the forum.

2. Stakeholder Engagement Action Plan Update

Andrew Winter provided a status update on the Stakeholder Engagement Action Plan. No comments or questions were raised.

3. Electricity Market Review Update – Public Utilities Office

Simon Middleton (Public Utilities Office (PUO)) provided an update on the Electricity Market Review (EMR) following the news that the Bills would not pass Parliament before the State election in March 2017. The government has indicated that if re-elected in March 2017, the Bills would be resubmitted. The next sitting of Parliament is due in April/May.

The EMR is comprised of 15 projects, some of which are dependent on the Bills. The PUO is currently working on a paper which will be put to the Steering Committee in 2 weeks time identifying the projects that should proceed including the Reserve Capacity Mechanism (RCM) Phase 3 project – development of an auction. It is anticipated that a final report regarding design will be completed by late January for the Minister's approval.

The network connection and access framework is a major component of the Bills, however it was confirmed that minimal amendments to the Electricity Networks Access Code will now be made to maintain the existing network regulatory framework as applied to Western Power.

Under the Access Code, Western Power has obligations regarding metering and retail market operations which have been governed by Chapter 7 of the National Electricity Rules (NER) but in the absence of the Bills, AEMO is still required to design its wholesale systems consistent with Chapter 7 to be adopted. It was questioned when will the PUO provide stakeholders with further details on the projects already underway and next steps given that the go-live date of 1 July 2018 no longer stands. It was advised that the revised go-live date is subject to the decision of funding through AEMO's Allowable Revenue 4 (AR4) submission.

4. WA Market Reform Program - Update

Mike Amato (AEMO) provided stakeholders with an update on the progress of the WAMRP.

It was advised that AEMO is working with the PUO and the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) on a forward plan given the delay to the Bills. AEMO's AR4 submission is currently out for public consultation. Michele Kramer (AEMO) was introduced as the newly appointed Change Manager to support the WAMRP. The change management scope was presented to stakeholders.

It was noted that a majority of the calculations in RCM Phase 3 will need to be updated for October 2017 as the existing codes cannot be used. ThoughtWorks were awarded the tender and will design and develop these changes. AEMO will update participants and demonstrate the first element of the user interface at the 12 December IT forum. Stakeholders were advised of the following key dates:

- January/February 2017 – Stakeholder consultation on the market trial and training approach
- End of Q1 2017 – Application Program Interface (API) design released
- Late Q2 2017 - Training/delivery late
- Q3 2017 - Market trial

Stakeholders were presented with a draft schedule of the WAMRP Workstream forum meetings for 2017. This schedule is available on the AEMO website: <http://aemo.com.au/Stakeholder-Consultation/Industry-forums-and-working-groups/WA-Forums>.

Andrew Winter sought stakeholders feedback on whether to progress with the WAMRP Workstream forums in December. Stakeholders agreed that AEMO proceed with the IT forum on 12 December as they are keen to see the preliminary IT specifications if available and understand what RCM Phase 3 involves. It was noted that the System Operations must also proceed as stakeholders are interested in updates with AGC interfaces and SCADA information, and further noted that the earlier this information is communicated, the better.

5. WA Market Reform Program – Market Readiness

Greg Ruthven (AEMO) provided an update on the WAMRP's market readiness activities and timeframes.

It was noted that AEMO proposes to carry out participant training in two phases. Phase 1 being general market knowledge and phase 2 being an in-depth knowledge for operational staff. Stakeholders questioned if AEMO will charge participants for the training. It was confirmed that training provided to participants is free of charge and that prompts for online training charges would be considered. AEMO to ensure participants are not charged for WAMRP training courses (action 5.1).

Greg Ruthven noted that AEMO intends to undertake market registration in 4 phases and outlined each phase to stakeholders. It was noted that the registration timeline included in the presentation is based on a 1 July 2018 start date.

Stakeholders questioned what would happen if insufficient information is provided. It was noted that under this circumstance, AEMO would go back to the participant and request the missing information. It was noted that the Market Rules framework in which this is based on is expected to be ready by late 2017.

Stakeholders questioned if the new market start date would be delayed if a participant was not ready in time. It was advised that AEMO will be doing all it can to ensure participants are ready but under the circumstance that a participant's systems are not ready, the situation would be assessed. Greg Ruthven noted that it was possible that the new market could commence even if a participant was not ready, though this may depend on the participant.

Stakeholders were reminded that any feedback or thoughts on market readiness can be emailed to WAMRP@aemo.com.au.

6. WA Market Reform Program – Wholesale Workstream

Chris Muffett (AEMO) provided an update on the progress of the WAMRP's wholesale workstream key activities. Stakeholders were presented with a brief overview of the components within the wholesale workstream, the key activities currently underway and a recap of the wholesale forum content to date. No comments or questions were raised.

7. System Management Update

Dean Sharafi (AEMO) provided an update on a South West Interconnected System (SWIS) incident from 22 September 2016.

It was advised that there was a generator trip that led to a drop in frequency. Dean Sharafi outlined the cause of the incident and the outcomes.

It was also advised that System Management's quarterly Generator Forums would continue in 2017. AEMO to schedule first Generator Forum within Q1 2017 (action 7.1). Stakeholders were invited to contact AEMO with suggested topics they would like covered. Generators of the WAE-CF to identify topics for the Generator Forums in 2017 (action 7.2).

8. Draft Report: 2017 Benchmark Reserve Capacity Price for the 2019-20 Capacity Year

Katelyn Rigden (AEMO) presented key components of the draft report for the 2017 Benchmark Reserve Capacity Price (BRCP) for the 2019-20 Capacity Year which was published on 21 November 2016. This was previously referred to as the Maximum Reserve Capacity Price and renamed alongside the change of ownership of the Market Procedure which has been transferred to the ERA.

It was noted that the draft report is currently out for consultation. Stakeholder feedback is due by 2 December 2016. The draft report and other supporting information is published on AEMO's website: <http://aemo.com.au/Stakeholder-Consultation/Consultations/Draft-Report-2017-Draft-Benchmark-Reserve-Capacity-Price-for-the-2019-20-Capacity-Year>.

9. Other business

Cameron Parrotte (AEMO) announced that AEMO became responsible for the System Management functions in the SWIS on 31 October 2016 as well as the transfer of gas retail market operations functions in WA.

No other business was raised.

10. Future agenda items

No further items were suggested by stakeholders. Andrew Winter invited stakeholders to email AEMO with any agenda items to be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Next meeting

The following WAE-CF meeting dates for 2017 were noted:

- 7 February
- 4 April
- 27 June
- 22 August
- 17 October
- 5 December

Andrew Winter thanked stakeholders for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2.55pm.

Action items raised at meeting - WA Electricity Stakeholder Consultation Forum

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
1.1	Welcome	AEMO to publish minutes from the previous meeting as final on the website.	AEMO	November
5.1	WA Market Reform Program – Market Readiness	AEMO to ensure participants are not charged for WAMRP training courses.	AEMO	November
7.1	System Management Update	AEMO to schedule first Generator Forum within Q1 2017.	AEMO	January 2017
7.2	System Management Update	Generators of the WAE-CF to identify topics for the Generator Forums in 2017.	WAE-CF	January 2017