

MEETING OUTCOMES – AEMO PROCEDURE CHANGE WORKING GROUP (WEM)

MEETING: AEMO Procedure Change Working Group (WEM) Meeting 1
 DATE: Tuesday, 18 July 2017
 TIME: 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm (AWST)
 LOCATION: AEMO Perth Boardroom

ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Greg Ruthven	AEMO
Matthew Fairclough	AEMO
Neetika Kapani	AEMO
Katelyn Rigden	AEMO
Teresa Smit	AEMO
Mark Riley	AGL (dial-in)
Jacinda Papps	Alinta
Ignatius Chin	Bluewaters Power
Gemma O'Reilly	Collgar Wind Farm
Wendy Ng	ERM Power
Patrick Peake	Perth Energy
Laura Koziol	RCPWA
Angelina Cox	Synergy

1. Welcome

Extension to consultation for Market Procedure: Certification of Reserve Capacity (AEPC_2017_04)

AEMO advised that, following the publication of the Procedure Change Proposal for the Market Procedure: Certification of Reserve Capacity on 23 June, the Minister for Energy gazetted amendments to the WEM Rules detailing the certification processes for new generation facilities entering under the Generator Interim Access (GIA) solution. Due to this, the proposed revised Market Procedure published as part of the Procedure Change Proposal is now inconsistent with the WEM Rules and could not be approved without additional amendments. As such, AEMO has revised the Procedure and will extend the consultation period to allow stakeholders additional time to consider the new proposed amendments.

Details of the requisite minor amendments that are proposed for the Market Procedure were discussed. AEMO indicated that the notice of extension, with an updated call for submissions, would be published on 21 July 2017 with the consultation extended by 10 Business Days and submissions closing on 8 August 2017. AEMO will provide a version of the Procedure indicating tracked-changes from the current version undergoing consultation, as well as compared to the existing published Procedure.

2. Procedure Change Proposal for Power System Operating Procedure: Dispatch

- Question – Should “Synergy’s Balancing Portfolio” be “Balancing Portfolio”?

Answer – Agreed. The defined term will be used.

- Question – Is there any difference between text boxes and footnotes?

Answer – Both are used where appropriate. However, while textboxes are not part of the Procedure, best practice is that footnotes do form part of the Procedure. This will be clarified in step 1.2.

- Question – Step 1.3.2: the Procedure used to apply to the operation of Participant’s facilities. Why was this removed?

Answer (question taken on notice during the meeting and response now provided) – Upon consideration, given that the Procedure relates to operation of Facilities in terms of Dispatch Instructions and commitment, this will be reinstated.

- Question – Step 2.1.1: “AEMO must store, and maintain from time to time”. What does “maintain” mean?

Answer (question taken on notice during the meeting and response now provided) – AEMO will revise the Procedure to indicate that AEMO must maintain data.

- Question – Step 2.1.1: This Procedure indicates AEMO’s requirements. What about the data transfer from Western Power to AEMO?

Answer –Responsibilities for System Management have transferred from Western Power to AEMO. As a transitional measure, AEMO has a service agreement with Western Power to provide facilities, data and services. This is no different to any third party contracted by AEMO, and the obligations remain entirely with AEMO. In addition, the IMS Interface Market Procedure – Network Operators and AEMO (to be released for consultation within a week of this meeting) describes the data flows between Western Power and AEMO.

- Question – Step 4.5.1: at one time Participants were directed not to provide this information. Is the “direction” still in force? Where are “directions” stored?

Answer (question taken on notice during the meeting and response now provided) – AEMO advises that the information in step 4.5.1 is not currently required. AEMO will advise in a future Working Group details regarding the status and storage of directions (Action #1).

- Question – Step 4.5.3: refers to Non-Scheduled Generator. Is this purposefully different to Intermittent Generator as indicated in step 4.5.1?

Answer (question taken on notice during the meeting and response now provided) – The rule references in each clause are to Non-Scheduled Generator and Intermittent Generator respectively. An Intermittent Generator is a type of Non-Scheduled Generator. Intermittent Generators are specifically required to provide forecasts (unless otherwise directed by System Management). Step 4.5.3 is not only for Intermittent Generators but all Non-Scheduled Generators.

- Question – Step 4.7.1 refers to “Synergy Dispatch Plan”. Should this be “Dispatch Plan”?

Answer – Agreed. The defined term will be used.

- Question – Step 4.8.2: what does “best endeavours” mean?

Answer – This is a general term to define the amount of effort that must be undertaken, as differentiated from “reasonable endeavours”.

- Question – Step 5.3: does this need to be clarified for the Generator Interim Access scheme?

Answer – Many practical aspects of the operation of the GIA scheme will need to be finalised. Further rule changes may be required. AEMO welcomes suggestions as to the best method for operation of Dispatch Instructions and Orders in relation to the scheme.

- Question – Step 6.1.3: what does “significantly” mean? Can this be documented?

Answer – Operation of the SWIS is a much more manual process than in the NEM. Given this, tolerances and impacts of each aspect vary due to a multitude of factors, including time of day, weather, system conditions, and operator discretion. As such, “significantly” cannot be defined. However, AEMO (WA) is revising power system operation work instructions and may be able to provide more concrete details at some point.

- Question – Step 8.1.1: does this only apply to Synergy?

Answer – Yes. The text will be revised to clarify this.

- Question – Many web-site references are included in footnotes. If footnotes “do not form part of the Procedure”, can AEMO update those references without the formal Procedure Change Process?

Answer – AEMO will investigate and advise in a future meeting (Action #2). This would be preferred to avoid the administrative overhead of the Procedure Change Process to revise a web-site address. Note that best-practice is for footnotes to form part of the Procedure (see earlier question).

3. Procedure Change Proposal for Market Procedure: Notices and Communications

- Question – For general enquiries the wa@aemo e-mail is used; should that enquiry be directed to the AEMO Support Hub?

Answer – The Procedure provides contact details for Market Operations, System Capacity and System Management. All other miscellaneous enquiries are dealt with during business hours, by the WA office (which may involve the AEMO Support Hub).

- Question – Step 2.1.1: Are fax details still required?

Answer – Banks and other organisations still use faxes.

- Question – Step 2.1.1: Is the Wholesale Electricity Market Systems main contact always used?

Answer (question taken on notice during the meeting and response now provided) – AEMO confirms that notices and communications will always be provided to the Wholesale Electricity Market Systems main contact. In addition, AEMO may utilise other email addresses.

- Question – Step 2.2.1: What happens if an email is sent followed by post?

Answer – A notice may be sent by multiple means. Where more than one method is used, the earliest time that the notice is received, by whichever method, becomes the date and time of notification.

- Question – Step 2.2: Please explain the rationale for this change?

Answer – AEMO has revised the Procedure to clarify details in the existing step 2.2.1 (c).

- Question – Step 2.2.2: Indicates 9am. Should this be 8am in accordance with the definition of Business Hours?

Answer – Agree. Procedure will be revised.

- Question – Step 2.2.2: Indicates “on the following Business Day”. Does this mean that if a notice was sent at 4am it would not be deemed to be received until the following Business Day (that is, skipping a day)?

Answer – The intent is that the notice is deemed to be received on the next occurrence of 8am on a Business Day. Procedure will be revised.

- Question – Step 5.1.4: Is this phone recorded?

Answer – Both the Market Operations and the System Management Market and System Operations phones are recorded.

4. Next meeting

Stakeholders will be advised of the date for the next Working Group meeting. AEMO advised next Procedures to be reviewed, including PSOP: Outages, PSOP: Security, Market Procedure: Prudentials, and Market Procedure: Capacity Credit Allocation.

Action items raised at meeting – AEMO Procedure Change Working Group

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
1	Directions	AEMO to advise Working Group on the status and storage of 'directions' issued in PSOP: Dispatch.	AEMO	Sep 2017
2	Footnotes	AEMO to advise the Working Group on the status of footnotes in Procedures, and whether such text can be revised (e.g. following new web-site link) without requiring the formal Procedure Change Process	AEMO	Sep 2017