

Minutes

Meeting:	AEMO Procedure Change Working Group (APCWG)
Date:	Wednesday, 4 September 2024
Time:	10.30am – 11.30am
Location:	Virtual meeting
Teleconference details:	MS Teams

Attendees:

Name	Company
Adam Stephen	Entego
Alex Gillespie	AEMO
Andrew Scarfone	Perth Energy
Ben Tan	Tesla
Brenton Laws	Alinta
Bronwyn Gunn	WA Government
Brooke Edwards	AEMO
Chayan Gunendran	Collgar
Christina Madsen	AEMO
Daniel Tobreck	WA Government
Denis Vukasinovic	Collgar
Dominic Regnard	Synergy
Donna Todesco	AEMO
Eamon Cao	Perth Energy
Elizabeth Waters	ERAWA
Ganesh Anandan	Talison Lithium
Gerrymaine Amoc	Bluewaters
Graeme Ross	Simcoa
Ingrid Hopley	AEMO
Jake Flynn	Collgar
James McIntosh	AEMO
Jas Bhandal	Neoen
Jean Mileto	Alinta Energy
John Nguyen	Perth Energy
Jorge Quezada	Nomad Energy
Katherine Lau	Synergy
Laura Koziol	WA Government
Liz Aitken	Empire Carbon and Energy
Loke Leng	WA Government

Name	Company
Louise Walker	AEMO
Lucy Wu	South 32
Mark McKinnon	Western Power
Mark McPartland	Nomad Energy
Mark Riley	AGL
Mena Gilchrist (Chair)	AEMO
Michelle Nguyen	Alinta Energy
Natalia Kostecki	AEMO
Neil Canby	Sunrise Energy Group
Patrick Peake	Perth Energy
Penny Ling	Metro Power
Richard Cheng	ERAWA
Sarah Graham	AEMO
Scott Cornish	Enel X
Sean Lim	Shell
Stephane Dellac	AEMO
Stefan Scagnetti	Bluewaters
Sue Franke	Tesla
Sumeet Kaur	Shell
Timothy Edwards	Metro Power
Timothy Harrison	Monadelphous
Tonia Curby	WA Government
Valentina Kogon	Western Power
Vinay Chandrasekaran	AEMO
Vlasta Barac	Metro Power

1 Welcome

- Mena Gilchrist (Chair) opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of country.
- Stakeholders were reminded of the ground rules for working group participation and that the session is being recorded.

2 Role of APCWG, AEMO and Rule Participants in the Procedure Change Process

- Mena provided an overview of the Procedure Change Process and the purpose of the APCWG to inform and discuss Procedure Change Proposals.
- The overview also covered the role of the Market Advisory Committee (MAC), the role and responsibilities of AEMO and timings associated with the procedure change process, and the role of Rule Participants in prompting and/or participating in the procedure change process.

- Mena advised that while the WEM Rules specify that Rule Participants can initiate a Procedure Change, AEMO would accept an application from any person, for example, an industry group or consumer representative. The Procedure Change Request Form can be found on the AEMO Website at [AEMO | Procedure changes](#)

3 WEM Procedure: Dispatch Compliance

- Mena introduced Vinay from AEMO who presented the spoke to proposed changes to the WEM Procedure: Dispatch Compliance (Procedure), which effectively replaces and expands upon the existing WEM Procedure: Tolerance Ranges.
- Vinay provided the APCWG with some background on the reason for the changes, which are required to improve alignment with the amended WEM Rules as the result of WEM reforms. More information can be found on the [WEM Website](#).
- AEMO is proposing amendments that will:
 - ensure consistency between the processes for determining, consulting on, publishing and reviewing the Tolerance Range and any Facility Tolerance Range;
 - set-out the triggers for a review of the Tolerance Range or any Facility Tolerance Ranges;
 - enable the consideration of matters relating to Tolerance Ranges that exist in the new market, including the provision of Essential System Services;
 - introduce new sections to specify methods for real-time and ex-post monitoring of dispatch compliance in regard of a Dispatch Instruction Event and the process AEMO will follow to deal with repeated non-compliance in regard of Dispatch Instruction Events;
 - specify a method to calculate the contribution of an ESR within a Semi-Scheduled Facility; and
 - remove duplicative rule references.
- Attendees were invited to ask questions or provide feedback:
 - In response to a question raised by Patrick Peake, Vinay confirmed that Tolerance Ranges are defined as a MW quantity.
 - Two questions were raised by Mark Riley on the efficacy of a MW Tolerance Range on facilities of different sizes (for example, batteries versus mid-sized and large generators) and whether the criteria for determining non-compliance would be shared.
 - Vinay confirmed the existing 6MW ‘minimum’ Tolerance Range would still apply to both small and large facilities; for batteries the Tolerance Range included negative and positive MW values, for semi-scheduled generators it included positive MW values only.
 - Vinay advised that the WEM Rules previously required AEMO to conduct an annual review Tolerance Ranges, to action any resulting determinations and publish an annual Tolerance Range review paper. While the amended WEM Rules no longer require an annual review, AEMO would undertake consultation where it determined to change the Tolerance Range.
 - Vinay also gave some addition detail around the nature of drafting to cover off on repeated non-compliance and Mr Riley was invited to contact AEMO directly should he wish to discuss this matter further.

- Stakeholders were invited to submit written responses to the Procedure consultation to WA.MarketDevelopment@aemo.com.au by 6 September 2024.

4 WEM Procedure: Supplementary Capacity

- Mena introduced Ingrid from AEMO who presented the proposed amendments to the WEM Procedure: Supplementary Capacity (SC Procedure).
- Ingrid provided the APCWG with some background on the reason for the changes.
- AEMO is amending the SC Procedure because of the Coordinator of Energy's review of Supplementary Capacity, which included feedback from stakeholders.
- The proposed amendments to the SC Procedure:
 - improve competitiveness and efficiency of procuring supplementary capacity, including the removal of the requirement for AEMO to document the method for determining the maximum contract value per hour of availability.
 - enable alternative supplementary capacity service whereby providers who cannot commit to the standing obligations on availability can provide services and receive remuneration on an 'activation only' basis.
- Ingrid advised that AEMO has already tendered for Supplementary Capacity for the forthcoming Hot Season, with the tender process closing on 5 September 2024. The publication of the Procedure Change Proposal has been timed to occur in advance of AEMO undertaking tender assessments.
- Ingrid advised the WEM Rules were amended to remove the requirement on the Coordinator of Energy to undertake an annual review of Supplementary Capacity. As the review is now discretionary, this may reduce the frequency of SC Procedure updates in future. Stakeholders were invited to submit written responses to the SC Procedure consultation to WA.MarketDevelopment@aemo.com.au by 6 September 2024.
- Attendees were invited to ask questions or provide feedback; no questions or feedback were provided at the meeting. Attendees were reminded that AEMO can be contacted directly to discuss the proposed changes.

5 WEM Procedure: Reserve Capacity Testing

- Mena introduced Louise from AEMO who presented the proposed amendments to the WEM Procedure: Reserve Capacity Testing.
- Louise provided the APCWG with some background on the reason for the changes.
- AEMO is proposing some minor amendments to the Procedure to provide clarity on the Reserve Capacity Testing communication protocol following the retirement of Operating Instructions since new market start on 1 October 2023. The proposed amendments:
 - specify the form of the notification AEMO provides to Market Participants for Reserve Capacity Tests and the information to be included, for example, the specific Trading Intervals in which the Reserve Capacity Test is to be conducted; and
 - improve alignment of the Procedure with the WEM Rules.

- Stakeholders were invited to submit written responses to the Procedure consultation to WA.MarketDevelopment@aemo.com.au by 24 September 2024.
- Attendees were invited to ask questions or provide feedback. In the chat Patrick Peake identified an incorrect reference to clause 5.2.11, which will be corrected in the final version of the procedure. No other questions or feedback were provided at the meeting. Attendees were reminded that AEMO can be contacted directly to discuss the proposed changes.

6 WEM Procedure: Network Access Quantity

- Mena introduced Stephane from AEMO who presented the proposed amendments to the WEM Procedure: Network Access Quantity.
- Stephane provided the APCWG with some background on the reason for the changes.
- AEMO is amending the Procedure to align with WEM Rules changes resulting from WEM Reform and the outcomes of the Reserve Capacity Mechanism Review. The proposed amendments:
 - ensure alignment with amendments made to Appendix 3 (Determination of Network Access Quantities) of the WEM Rules;
 - remove transitional requirements associated with the 2022 Reserve Capacity Cycle only;
 - incorporate concepts contained within explanatory notes into the body of the Procedure;
 - update the process in relation to the number of scenarios to be run and the convergence check;
 - incorporate a process to cater for Over-constrained Scenarios; and
 - improve wording, insert new definitions and amend existing definitions.
- Stakeholders were invited to submit written responses to the Procedure consultation to WA.MarketDevelopment@aemo.com.au by 24 September 2024.
- Attendees were invited to ask questions or provide feedback. In response to a question from Mark McPartland on whether the changes would apply for the 2024 or future capacity cycles, Stephane confirmed the changes would apply from the 2024 cycle, noting the Procedure commences 30 September 2024 when AEMO will publish the Network Access Quantity results.
- The Chair reminded attendees that AEMO can be contacted directly to discuss the proposed changes.

7 Next Steps and Other Business

- Mena noted the consultation closing date for two of the Procedure changes presented was 6 September 2024, and that the consultation closing date for the remaining two Procedure changes was 24 September 2024.
- Mena advised that the next APCWG will be scheduled for end-September 2024, and that an invite would be sent shortly.
- There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 11.30am.