

Forum meeting record

Forum:	Program Consultative Forum (PCF)
Date:	14 February 2024
Time:	1:00PM – 3:00PM AEDT
Location:	MS Teams

Kate Goatley	ActewAGL	Helen Vassos	PlusES
John Zoch	AGL	Nick Gustafsson	Red Energy
Roy Chaudhuri Soham	Alinta Energy	Sean Jennings	Red Energy
Gav Wise	Alinta Energy	Damien Didier	Stanwell
Anne McTernan	Arrow Energy	Chris Murphy	Telstra Energy
Wayne Turner	Ausgrid	Andrew Bell	Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)
Lindsay Williamson-Hanna	CQ Energy	Carla Ziser	AEMO
Brittaney Morris	Energy Australia	Chris Muffett	AEMO
Gagan Sharma	Energy Australia	Emily Brodie	AEMO
Jo Sullivan	Energy Australia	Greg Minney	AEMO
Ranjan Thakur	Energy Australia	Karen Wilbrink	AEMO
Joseph Giddings	Energy One	Lance Brooks	AEMO
Scott Tammara	Energy Queensland	Lenard Bayne	AEMO
Christine Ward	Energy Queensland	Monica Morona	AEMO
Ben Donnelly	Essential Energy	Oliver Derum	AEMO
Lewis Wand	Iberdrola	Paul Johnson	AEMO
Dino Ou	IntelliHUB	Rowena Leung	AEMO
Greg McLeod	Origin Energy		

1 Welcome & Agenda

Chris Muffett (Slides 2-4)

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

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Damien Didier – Stanwell	Would like to discuss on the Sparse Data Model, specifically on the bid period.	Action taken.

2 Actions & Feedback from Previous Meeting

Monica Morona (Slides 5-6)

- Action item 13.5.0.1 partially completed; engagement plan for 2024 remains in progress. All other action items were closed.

3 Program & Release Update

Rowena Leung / Jim Agelopoulos (Slides 7-9)

- AEMO provided a program overview and key areas of focus with detailed information outlined on slide 8 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO added that the program continues to progress well.
- AEMO presented the program level 1 & 2 milestones and noted key call outs as outlined on slide 10 of the slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Helen Vassos – PlusES	Could AEMO consider expanding the roadmap to outline upcoming initiatives.	AEMO will cover off this as part of agenda item 5.2

3.1 Industry Risk Register

Update by exception only (Slides 10-11)

- AEMO provided a status update by exception on the industry risk register and noted a revised version of the register will be published on 16 February. AEMO encourage members to provide any feedback by emailing NEMReform@aemo.com.au. AEMO advised that no additional risk added since the December 2023 PCF meeting, and no major change in trend or impact for the current risks

4 Spotlight

(Slides 12-25)

June 2024 - IESS Update

Carla Ziser (Slides 13-20)

- AEMO provided a status update on the June 2024 release and noted that the overall project status is amber.
- AEMO noted that while internal testing is underway, AEMO's readiness for Market Trial is amber due to dependency on internal testing. Further key details for the June release are outlined on slide 14 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO presented the IESS June 1 & 2 milestones, highlighted on slides 15 & 16 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO added that work is underway with developing the Go-Live plan.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Ranjan Thakur – Energy Australia	Commencing use of the PDSE for development has been delayed by time taken for setup.	AEMO notes this feedback and plans to hold a Q&A session in the near future to assist with resolving PDSE establishment concerns.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Andrew Wilkins – SA Water	With time taken to establish use of PDSE, timeframe for industry development has been reduced. Recommend AEMO review availability for industry to perform development and consider within the program.	AEMO notes this feedback.
Damien Didier – Stanwell	Regarding EMMS data model 5.3 release, it was difficult to understand what each of these steps and would appreciate confirmation before pre-release.	In general the scripts are released for participants to update their structures, prior to the population of data from the released capability. AEMO has progressively released versions of the data model to assist Participant development
	In relation to the EMMS Technical Specification and BDU Bidding functionality, when will AEMO release the full list of bid validations?	The next version of the EMMS Technical Specification will be published by 22 February and contains the full list of bid validations.

March 2024 – Metering Exemptions

Greg Minney / Noura Elhawary (Slides 21-25)

- AEMO advised the status is currently green and on track for the 4 March effective date with further details outlined on slide 22 of the accompanying slide pack.
- The March 2024 Milestones timeline was provided and is outlined on slide 23 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO provided details on of the transition and Go-Live details and can be found on slide 24 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO encourages participants to raise questions or concerns at the March 2024 Release - Industry Testing Q&A Sessions.

5 NEM Reform – Forward Plan

(Slides 26-34)

5.1 NEM Reform Roadmap Update

Lance Brooks (Slides 27-31)

- AEMO advised that several material (and incremental) changes to the NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap (v3.1) were made and was published in December 2023. Key changes captured in v3.1 are outlined on slide 28 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO outlined the next steps for the April 2024 update of the Roadmap, version 4 of the Roadmap will include information outlined on slide 29 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO highlighted the key changes identified since December 2023 and will capture these changes as part of v4 of the Roadmap.
- In discussing the changes, AEMO notes its plans to compile High Level Implementation Designs for the Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading, Improving Security Frameworks for the Energy Transition and Enhancing Reserve Information rule changes. Further details of this process are covered in Section 5.2.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Damien Didier – Stanwell	Where on the Roadmap has the inclusion of MSATS Release / B2B / AseXML Release on main 'Roadmap' worksheet been addressed as per slide 28?	AEMO have captured these changes under a single row 'Retail Market Improvements' with key go-live dates documented separately.

5.2 Upcoming Initiatives – Ways of Working

Greg Minney (Slides 32-34)

- AEMO will provide industry with initial views on implementation approach and participant impact upon release of the initiative Draft Determination. This is subject to sufficient policy direction contained in the draft determination
 - As determination delivery dates are confirmed, scheduled timeframes for HLID/ PIA timeframes will be assessed
 - Outputs of the HLID/PIA will include an indicative delivery timetable and interim milestones for participant consideration
- This is to provide industry with early information regarding delivery and implementation planning. Further details on the approach and content of deliverables are included on slide 33 of the accompanying slide pack, with initiatives being planned on Slide 34

6 NEM Reform Initiative Updates

(Slides 35-49)

June 2025 - FPP Update

Oliver Derum (Slides 36-41)

- AEMO advised that FPP high level technical data design on the 9th of December with further details available on slide 37 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO will hold a number of general information sessions for stakeholders that have not been closely engaged with the development of the reform implementation plan. The first session will be held on 24 February and participants can register by emailing FPPconsultation@aemo.com.au. In addition, explanatory videos and FAQ documents will be published on our website later this month.

SCADA Lite Update

Luke Barlow (Slides 42-44)

- AEMO provided a summary of the SCADA Lite release and function with detailed information outlined on slide 43 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO advised that final steps are progressing for the development of the proof of concept. AEMO added that milestones and progress reporting will be incorporated into the NEM Reform program and forums such as PCF and Implementation forums. Further details are available on slide 44 of the accompanying slide pack.

Foundational & Strategic Initiatives (FaSI)

Andrew Bell (Slides 45-49)

- AEMO provided a recap for the Foundational & Strategic Initiatives with detailed information outlined on slide 46 of the accompanying slide pack. In addition, AEMO provided an overview of the two options, with key information outlined on slide 47 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO provided key milestones/next steps and outlined matters / questions it had requested FaSI participants to consider in the development of submissions for the consultation period. Further details and key dates can be found on slide 49 of the accompanying slide pack.

7 NEM Reform Stakeholder Engagement

(Slides 50-59)

NEM Reform Forums Update - RDC February Update

Lance Brooks (Slide52)

- AEMO advised that the RDC met on the 7 February and outlined the key agenda items discussed. AEMO highlighted that a process has commenced to review bundling and sequencing opportunities to ensure efficiency and optimisation in Program delivery. Further details are outlined on slide 52 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Chris Murphy - Telstra Energy	For the Participant Impact Assessment to fully inform the Bundling and Sequencing Review, how can we ensure the smaller participant impacts are appropriately covered?	AEMO will discuss how best to capture this information with smaller participants directly.

Stakeholder Sentiment Survey – Results & Next Steps

Monica Morona (Slides 53-57)

- AEMO presented results from the recent NEM Reform stakeholder sentiment survey. Key activities and next steps are outlined on slide 54 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO will circulate proposed engagement changes to participants ahead of the March PCF meeting.
- AEMO outlined results, suggested improvements with key information outlined on slides 55 to 57.

Upcoming Engagements

For Noting (Slides 58-59)

- Taken as read.

8 General Questions and Other business

Chris Muffett (Slide 60)

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
15.1.0.1	Welcome	AEMO check the status and provide further information to members on the Sparse Data Model.	AEMO	Open
15.3.1.1	Industry Risk Register	PCF members are encouraged to provide feedback on the Industry Risk Register by emailing NEMReform@aemo.com.au .	Participants	Open