

Forum meeting record

Forum:	Program Consultative Forum (PCF)
Date:	13 March 2024
Time:	1:00PM – 3:00PM AEDT
Location:	MS Teams

John Zoch	AGL	Yvonne Tuckett	Origin Energy
Gav Wise	Alinta Energy	Inger Wills	CitiPower Powercor
Wayne Turner	Ausgrid	Kambiz Vessali	Secure Meters
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Brittaney Morris	Energy Australia	Nick Gustafsson	Red Energy
Gagan Sharma	Energy Australia	Sean Jennings	Red Energy
Jo Sullivan	Energy Australia	Damien Didier	Stanwell
Ranjan Thakur	Energy Australia	Alice Kelly	AEMO
Joseph Giddings	Energy One	Chris Muffett	AEMO
Scott Tammara	Energy Queensland	David Reynolds	AEMO
Christine Ward	Energy Queensland	Emily Brodie	AEMO
Ben Donnelly	Essential Energy	Greg Minney	AEMO
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Andrew Couttie	Energy Australia	Luke Barlow	AEMO
Anthony Gatome	Origin Energy	Oliver Derum	AEMO
Ken Schell	AGL	Paul Johnson	AEMO
Mark Riley	AGL	Rowena Leung	AEMO
Paul Greenwood	Vector Metering	Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO
Sam Unsworth	Aurora Energy		

1 Welcome & Agenda

Chris Muffett (Slides 2-4)

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

2 Actions & Feedback from Previous Meeting

Chris Muffett (Slides 5-6)

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

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Damien Didier - Stanwell	Could AEMO share Sparse Data Model that will be discussed at upcoming MSUG meetings.	Action

3 Program & Release Update

Rowena Leung / Jim Agelopoulos (Slides 7-9)

- AEMO provided a program overview and noted key areas that are receiving management attention. These areas are IESS June 2024 and 2025/2026 Initiatives (IDAM, IDX, PC) with additional information outlined on slide 8 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO added that the program continues to progress well and thanked participants for their involvement with the successful deployment of MSDR which went live as of 3 March 2024.
- AEMO presented the program level 1 & 2 milestones and noted key call outs as outlined on slide 9 of the slide pack.

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 has been published on AEMO's website¹. AEMO advised that the next review will be discussed at the April PCF meeting.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Mark Riley – AGL	AEMO and participants need to be considered overall delivery risk for the program i.e. resourcing.	Taken on notice. Will look to review and incorporate into the register as part of the April update.

4 Spotlight

(Slides 12-24)

March 2024 – Metering Exemptions

Greg Minney (Slides 13-16)

- AEMO advised the MSDR – Metering Exemptions was successfully deployed into production on 3 March 2024 followed by procedural changes taking effect on 4 March 2024. Further details can be found on slide 14 of the accompanying slide pack.

June 2024 - IESS Update

Emily Brodie / Greg Minney (Slides 17-24)

- AEMO provided 3 Month Initiative Go Live checkpoint on the June 2024 release and noted that the overall project status remains Amber and remains on schedule. AEMO noted that with internal testing underway, AEMO's readiness for Market Trial is amber with a risk that there will be some overlap of test phases, however, Market Trial will commence on schedule. Further key details for the June release are outlined on slide 18 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO added that work is underway with developing the Industry Go-Live plan with a draft distributed in February.
- AEMO noted that minor and administrative changes to some procedures will occur over the coming weeks.

¹ https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/stakeholder_consultation/working_groups/other_meetings/program-consultative-forum/industry-risk-register.xlsx?la=en

- In addition, AEMO provided participants a 3-month readiness and Go-Live checkpoint with detailed information outlined on slide 22 and 23 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Ranjan Thakur – Energy Australia	What are the next steps regarding registrations submitted?	Deadline for submitting transition application forms (for Battery participants) was Fri 08 Mar. Next steps are for AEMO to set up BDUs in pre-prod and liaise with participants through market trial.

5 NEM Reform – Forward Plan

(Slides 25-28)

5.1 Upcoming Initiatives – Ways of Working

Greg Minney (Slides 26-28)

- AEMO provided an update on upcoming initiatives as part of the NEM Reform Program and are outlined below.
 - **Unlocking CER Benefits through Flexible Trading**
 - AEMC have issued a Draft Determination
 - Sets Proposed Rule Commencement Date of 2 February 2026.
 - Requests stakeholder submissions on Draft 11 April 2024.
 - Final determination July 2024.
 - Based on these timings AEMO will endeavor to bring forward publication of draft HLID/PIA, from estimated 26 April 2024 issue date TBC. AEMO will also schedule a briefing session at a date TBC.
 - AEMO noted that participants should assess implementation and policy positions in the Draft determination and provide their feedback directly in the AEMC consultation process. It was unlikely that AEMO’s draft HLID/PIA would be available prior to the 11th April, if at all.
 - AEMO noted it was continuing to discuss with the AEMC whether and how participant feedback on the proposed rule commencement date can be incorporated post 11 April.
 - **Smart Meter Deployment (Metering Services Review)**
 - AEMO anticipates a Draft Determination will be issued by end March 2024.
 - AEMO will confirm policy direction on review of Draft and plans to issue Draft HLID/PIA by the end Of April (date dependent on Draft available in March).
 - Subject to confirmation of policy direction and proposed rule commencement dates – AEMO may also seek to commence procedures consultation in advance of final determination.
 - **Improving Security Frameworks**
 - AEMO will review policy and Rule Commencement Dates on publication of final Determination – expected 28 March.
 - Planned Issue of HLIA/PIA based on final determination end May (TBC).

6 NEM Reform Initiative Updates

(Slides 29-50)

June 2025 - FPP Update

Oliver Derum (Slides 30-35)

- AEMO presented the FPP development and testing timeline with details outlined on slide 31 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO highlighted new FPP resources that had been published and presented an overview of all the documents, slide packs and other media available about the FPP reform (slide 34).
- AEMO reiterated that the FPP reporting data model tech spec would be published on 15 April 2024. If any changes to the tech spec are required following testing of the FPP engine, these will be communicated via the monthly update that covers all AEMO tech specs.

Foundational & Strategic Initiatives (FaSI)

Andrew Bell (Slides 36-45)

- AEMO provided a recap for the Foundational & Strategic Initiatives with detailed information outlined on slide 37 of the accompanying slide pack. In addition, AEMO provided key information on progress to date and information on the draft business case. Further details are available on slide 39 to 49 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO provided key milestones/next steps with details and key dates outlined on slide 44 and 45 of the accompanying slide pack.

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Helen Vassos – PlusES	When considering working groups associated with FaSI to consider industry resource challenges and resource constraints.	<p>1) The roadmap put forward in the Business Case reflects the advice from industry on optimal sequencing of activities with consideration of the broader change agenda and challenges. AEMO has proposed that a Roadmap Governance function be established to maintain the schedule going forwards to manage any changes or additional constraints identified downstream.</p> <p>2) AEMO will seek to leverage existing working groups and forums where practical to minimise consultation overheads (for example – the Roadmap Governance function is seen as a candidate agenda item for PCF rather than a new discreet forum).</p>

Retail market Improvements – September / November Release

Greg Minney (Slides 46-50)

- AEMO provided an update on the September / November release with the below details provided.
 - AEMO has completed consultation on various changes to its Retail and Metering Procedures and issued final report on 15 December 2023
 - July 2023 Retail Electricity Market Procedures Consultation: <https://aemo.com.au/consultations/current-and-closed-consultations/july-2023-retail-electricity-market-procedures-consultation>
- Report has established procedure effective dates for:
 - A preferred longer-term Net System Load Profile (NSLP) Methodology (ICF_072)
 - Considers situations where positive and negative NSLP trading interval values are present.

- Procedure Effective Date 29 September 2024
- Substitution Types review (ICF_054)
 - Intends to provide recipients a clearer understanding of the reason and method used to support a substituted metering data value
 - Procedure Effective Date 4 November 2024
- AEMO is currently considering finalising development and implementation plans and timings (including Industry Test) to support introduction of both ICFs.

7 NEM Reform Stakeholder Engagement

(Slides 51-53)

Upcoming Engagements

For Noting (Slide 53)

- Taken as read.

8 General Questions and Other business

Chris Muffett (Slide 54)

Queries and feedback may be sent to NEMReform@aemo.com.au.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Item = Meeting # – Agenda # – Reference)

Item	Topic	Action	Responsible	
16.2.0.1	Actions & feedback from previous meeting	AEMO share Sparse Data Model that will be discussed at upcoming MSUG meetings.	AEMO	Open
13.5.0.1	NEM Reform Program Review	AEMO to develop: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. an industry survey on the year past; and 2. ways that the program can improve for the year ahead. 	AEMO	Item 1 complete Item 2 in progress