

Forum meeting record

Forum:	Program Consultative Forum (PCF)
Date:	10 May 2023
Time:	1:00PM – 3:00PM AEST
Location:	MS Teams

Andrew Peart	AGL	Kamiz Vessali	Secure Meters
Robert Lo Giudice	Alinta Energy	Deepesh Goswami	Secure Meters
Wayne Turner	Ausgrid	Damien Didier	Stanwell
Justin Cooper	AusNet Services	Tim Astley	TasNetworks
Rohan Bhosale	AusNet Services	Chris Murphy	Telstra Energy
Justin Betlehem	AusNet Services	Paul Greenwood	Vector Metering
Karthikeyan Bogunuva	AusNet Services	Chris Muffett	AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator)
Jo Sullivan	Energy Australia	David Reynolds	AEMO
Travis Worsteling	Energy Australia	Emily Brodie	AEMO
Scott Tammara	Energy Q	Greg Minney	AEMO
Christine Ward	Ergon Energy	Jim Agelopoulos	AEMO
Ben Donnelly	Essential Energy	Lance Brooks	AEMO
Michael Karanastasis	Essential Energy	Lenard Bayne	AEMO
Arun Sri	Gentrack	Luke Barlow	AEMO
Dino Ou	IntelliHUB	Meghan Bibby	AEMO
Yvonne Tuckett	Origin Energy	Oliver Derum	AEMO
Helen Vassos	PLUS ES	Paul Johnson	AEMO
Inger Wills	Powercor	Peter Carruthers	AEMO
Nick Gustafsson	Red Energy	Rowena Leung	AEMO
David Woods	SA Power Networks	Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO

PCF Session Summary

- AEMO are seeking input and feedback regarding readiness for the IESS June 2024 release. This feedback is due by 19 May. Feedback can be sent to iess@aemo.com.au.

PCF Session Summary

- AEMO advised that following its 1 May Go Live assessment a decision was made to defer the SAPS component of the May release until the 19th of June 2023. All other non-SAPS components of the May release (CDR, B2BV3.8 and ICFs) remain on track for their intended Go Live date of 30 May 2023.
- AEMO confirmed that the IESS ADC go-live date is 9 August 2023 and noted that the draft go-live plan release for industry comment is due on 19 June 2023.
- The MT PASA and 5MLP October releases remain on track. The FFR release is experiencing delays related to internal testing.
- Deployment and procedure effective dates are subject to consultation for the November 2023 releases
- The IESS June 2024 release procedures are in progress, management action required to address development and system testing delays
- Frequency performance payments remain on track for June 2025 release. Primary Frequency Response requirements were published on 4 May 2023 and Final Frequency Contribution Factor Procedure remains on track for 8 Jun 2023
- More broadly, concerns were raised by participants in relation to compressed timeframes for participant development and testing. AEMO to consider these points for review at the next PCF.

1 Welcome & Agenda

- Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting and gave an acknowledgement of country.
- Participants informed that the meeting will be recorded for the purpose of minute taking only.
- Chair outlined the meeting agenda and objectives and advised that there will be a strong focus on the May commencement activities.

2 Actions & Feedback from Previous Meeting

- One action was recorded from the previous meeting and was closed.

3 Program & Release Update

- AEMO advised that since the previous meeting in April, the program team commenced the Go-Live assessment for the May release on the 1st of May. A decision was made that the SAPS component of the May release would be deferred to the 19th of June 2023.
- All other non-SAPS components of the May release (CDR, B2BV3.8 and ICFs) remain on track for their intended Go Live date of 30 May 2023.
- AEMO noted at previous PCF meeting the key emerging project challenges relate to SME capacity and environment challenges. In addition, AEMO noted that resourcing for 2023 continues to be a key challenge for the project.
- An overview of the program's external milestones and key call outs are outlined on slide 9 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Chris Murphy - Telstra Energy	I challenge that the May 23 rd release is green as participants are yet to receive many of the	Accepted that there continue to be challenges with delivery of May release, including deployment of software for industry to perform Industry Testing.

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	components and key dates to complete their testing.	Would consider release amber based on current progress
Yvonne Tuckett – Origin Energy	Suggested that issues with a Program-wide impact be identified up-front, setting out the issue, program-wide implications, response, and timing. This suggestion was called out in relation to the resourcing challenges being experienced by AEMO and their impacts across several of the in-flight initiatives.	Noted and agreed. Suggestion to be adopted for the next PCF session

4 May Commencement Update

4.1 CDR pt 2, B2Bv3.8, ICFs

- AEMO completed the minor amendment consultation for the LCCD field, which is the last consumer change date field. The effective date has moved to 1 November. AEMO noted that the field still remains within the schema and will be released as part of the May 2023 date.
- AEMO commenced the 30 May procedure consolidation with feedback due on 15 May with the final report to be published on 29 May.
- Further information on SAPS, CDR pt 2, B2Bv3.8, ICFs is outlined on slide 11 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Chris Murphy - Telstra Energy	If there is an issue during testing, how can we raise it and how will a decision be made.	Via the Q&A session initially. Escalation via forums (e.g. Implementation Forum) where the timing works, otherwise special purpose session will be established.
General	Several participants raised a concern that industry testing has been compressed due to AEMO delays in establishing the pre-prod environment and open defects.	AEMO to resolve defects as quickly as practicable and provide information to participants in relation to expected resolution time. Status of industry testing to be monitored through the Q&A sessions and as required through the Implementation Forum.

4.2 SAPS

- AEMO advised that the final report on the expedited consultation for SAPS is due on 26 May.
- It was noted the SAPS commencement date has been moved to 19 June 2023.
- AEMO provided a status update on the May release go live criteria. Further information is available on slide 14 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO outlined the next steps on slide 17 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Justin Cooper – AusNet Services	What is the downstream impact on people trying to do bilateral and industry testing? Has that been factored into this optimistic scenario that they can also complete within the timeline?	We have been engaging through the Q&A sessions, ITWG and Implementation forums to keep a sense check.

5 Commencement Updates

5.1 May 2023 Update

- Refer to agenda item 4.

5.2 August 2023 Update

- AEMO provided an update on the IESS – Aggregated Dispatch Conformance and noted that overall status is Amber. Further information is available on slide 21 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO confirmed that the ADC go-live date is 9 August 2023 and noted that the draft go-live plan release for industry comment is due on 19 June 2023.

5.3 October 2023 Update

Fast Frequency Response

- AEMO provided an update on FFR and advised that the overall status is amber due to internal delays. Further information is available on slides 24-25 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO will commence and facilitate industry testing in the pre-production environment and will include exercising dispatch and settlement processes of the new services.

Increased MT PASA Information

- AEMO provided an update on Increase MT PASA Information and advised that the overall status is on track. Further information is available on slides 26-27 of the accompanying slide pack.
- Industry testing will be similar to the process outlined for FFR and 5MLP and in addition require generation of settlement runs as part of the FFR activities.

5 Minute load profiling (5MLP)

- AEMO provided an update on 5MLP and advised that the overall status is on track with development in progress. Further information is available on slide 28 of the accompanying slide pack.
- Go-Live will be effective from 1 October 2023 with industry testing approach to be coordinated via the ITWG.

5.4 November 2023 Update

CDR Tranche 3 & CDR MSATS LCCD, Metering Exemptions

- AEMO provided an update on CDR Tranche 3 & CDR MSATS LCCD, Metering Exemptions and advised that development and procedure effective dates for Metering Exemptions are due 12 May 2023. Further information is available on slide 30 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO advised that Industry Testing is yet to be determined.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Rob Lo Giudice – Alinta Energy	When will the workshops be set up?	AEMO is looking to hold these via the ERCF or on an ad hoc basis.

5.5 June 2024 Update

Integrating Energy Storage Systems (IESS)

- AEMO provided an update on IESS June 2024 release and advised that the overall status as amber.
- AEMO is currently assessing development and testing activities and will confirm with PCF members the overall timeline.
- AEMO is working through feedback received from stakeholder on Bidirectional Units (BDU) and plan to present at the 30 May Implementation forum to discuss stakeholder responses.
- AEMO are seeking input and feedback regarding the June 2024 readiness by 19 May. Feedback can be sent to iess@aemo.com.au. In particular AEMO are seeking the following:
 - Settlement impacts
 - level of interest in a further IESS settlement information session
 - indicative timing for readiness documents
 - Completeness and accuracy of participant impacts
 - Areas for further consideration.
- Further information is available on slides 33-40 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Damien Didier – Stanwell	Is it possible from a technical point of view that the BDU and non-energy cost recovery could be separate, or do they need to be together?	<p>From AEMO's perspective, there are elements that will be implemented at the same time, example of this is changes to registration categories.</p> <p>However, AEMO's considering an approach to BDU industry transition that gives participants some flexibility in when they transition, recognising that these existing energy storage assets operate in the five minute market. This approach depends on whether the participant is a new or existing Integrated Resource Provider participant, which is defined by the IESS transitional rule (NER 11.145.1). This work will be developed as a transition/go-live plan/s in consultation with the Implementation Forum. Tentative dates for developing</p>

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
		<p>these documents have been floated with the Implementation Forum for its feedback.</p> <p>Affected participants are encouraged to get in touch with the IESS project directly with any specific queries or concerns. IESS@aemo.com.au</p>

5.6 June 2025 Update

Frequency Performance Payments (FPP)

- AEMO advised that the FPP Final Primary Frequency Response Requirements procedure was published on 4 May 2023.
- It was noted that the Final Frequency Contribution Factor Procedure is now being prepared for release by 8 June 2023.
- Further information is available on slides 42-43 of the accompanying slide pack.

6 Foundational & Strategic Initiatives

- AEMO conducted an introduction session was completed in March 2023.
 - AEMO provided a brief overview of the initial insights from the consultation to date. Further information is available on slide 46 of the accompanying slide pack.
- An outline of the consultation is outlined on slide 45 of the accompanying slide pack with Session 3A scheduled for 15 May 2023 and session 3B scheduled on 22 May 2023.
 - AEMO outlined the next steps for both 3A and 3B sessions.
- Further information on the Foundational & Strategic initiatives are outlined on slides 44-47 of the accompanying slide pack.

7 NEM2025 Forums Update

- Overview and update of NEM Reform program forums and respective focus areas.

8 NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap Update

- AEMO advised that the NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap (v2)¹ has been published.
- A general stakeholder briefing on the NEM reform program and implementation roadmap is scheduled for 11 May 2023.
- Some participants requested a changed marked version of changes made since v1. Participants are invited to email NEMReform@aemo.com.au if they would like a changed marked version. AEMO to provide a change marked version of the artefacts to those requesting them.
- Further information is available on slide 51 of the accompanying slide pack.

¹ <https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/regulatory-implementation-roadmap/reform-update-v2/nem-reform-implementation-roadmap-v2.xlsx?la=en>

9 Upcoming engagements

- Overview of NEM Reform engagements for the next four months.

10 Fee Consultation Update

- Submissions for the fee consultation paper have now closed.
- AEMO advised that draft report and determination is due for publication on 17 May 2023, subject to internal review process and approvals, with submissions subsequently due by 14 June 2023
- AEMO advised that a new committee (PFCC) was established to discuss key issues and potential fee structures.

11 General Questions and Other business

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

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

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#	Topic	Action	Responsible	Status
7.4.1	CDR pt 2, B2Bv3.8, ICFs	AEMO to share link to the updated tech spec with PCF members.	AEMO	Open
7.5.5	June 2024 Update	<p>Participants to provide feedback on IESS readiness approach timing and IESS participant impacts, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlement impacts • Level of interest in a further IESS settlement information session. • Indicative timing for readiness documents • Completeness and accuracy of participant impacts • Areas for further consideration <p>Feedback to be sent by emailing iess@aemo.com.au by Friday 19 May.</p>	Participants	Open
7.8.0	NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap Update	Participants to email NEMReform@aemo.com.au to request a changed marked version of the NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap v2.	Participants	Open
		AEMO to provide a change-marked version of the artefacts to requesting participants	AEMO	Open

CLOSED ACTION ITEMS

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6.5.5	November 2023 Update	AEMO to check distribution list for the Metering Exemptions consultation.	AEMO	Closed