DRAFT MINUTES – GAS RETAIL CONSULTATIVE FORUM (GRCF)

MEETING:	142
DATE:	Thursday 15 April 2021.
TIME:	11.00 AM – 1.00 PM AWST (1.00 PM – 3.00 PM AEST)
LOCATION:	AEMO Offices and Teleconference
CONTACT:	GRCF@aemo.com.au

ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY	LOCATION
Danny McGowan (Chair)	AEMO	Melbourne
Arjun Pathy	AEMO	Melbourne
Imogen Mollross	AEMO	Teleconference
Michelle Norris	AEMO	Teleconference
Myra Horomidis	AEMO	Teleconference
Nandu Datar	AEMO	Teleconference
Kate Goatley	ActewAGL	Teleconference
Keiron Moore	ActewAGL	Teleconference
Sue Richardson	Agility CIS	Teleconference
Mark Riley	AGL	Teleconference
Sarah Silbert	AGL	Teleconference
Rick Abbott	AGN	Teleconference
Catherine Rousch	Alinta Energy	Teleconference
Shaun Cupitt	Alinta Energy	Teleconference
Joe Sanches	ATCO Gas	Teleconference
Justin Betlehem	AusNet Services	Teleconference
Nallina Luckshman	CGI	Teleconference
Robert Gubbins	CGI	Teleconference
Lipakshi Dhar	Economic Regulation Authority WA	Teleconference
Jo Sullivan	EnergyAustralia	Teleconference
Jordan Daly	ENSEK	Teleconference
Bart Hawking	ERM Power	Teleconference
Quang Trinh	GloBird Energy	Teleconference
Andrew Zancarano	Jemena Gas Networks	Teleconference
Brad Gee	Jemena Gas Networks	Teleconference
Tim Sheridan	Jemena Gas Networks	Teleconference
Kelly Murray	Multinet Gas Networks	Teleconference
Mario Iogha	Origin Energy	Teleconference
Sean Jennings	Red and Lumo Energy	Teleconference
Stephen White	Red and Lumo Energy	Teleconference
Patrick Lau	Tel Pacific	Teleconference
Craig Norton	VicPower	Teleconference
Adam Kozman	Wesfarmers Kleenheat	Teleconference
Toby Devenish	Wesfarmers Kleenheat	Teleconference
Gerrod Murphy	Weston Energy	Teleconference

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1. Welcome, Apologies and AEMO Competition Law Meeting Protocol (WA) – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Danny McGowan (AEMO) welcomed GRCF participants to the meeting.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted AEMO's Competition Law Policy.

Nina Telford (Wesfarmers Kleenheat) was an apology.

2. Agenda confirmation (WA) – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

The GRCF confirmed the WA portion of the agenda.

3. Accept previous meeting minutes and action items – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

The GRCF accepted the WA component of the meeting minutes for the previous meeting. Action items have been updated in the table attached.

4. Updates on IN001/20W and IN001/18W – Nandu Datar (AEMO)

Regarding IN001/20W and IN001/18W, Nandu Datar (AEMO) noted that AEMO had received responses from Agora Energy, AGL, Alinta Energy, Origin Energy, Synergy, and Wesfarmers Kleenheat, comments from which have been collated and analysed. Nandu noted that AEMO planned to issue another GMI after making some additional amendments to the changes based on participant feedback. AEMO was still aiming for an effective date of 1 January 2022, but given that the updates to the explicit informed consent (EIC) process must become effective on 1 January, if the 1 January 2021 date was not met, the next possible effective date would be 1 January 2022.

5. Other business (WA) – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Joe Sanches (ATCO Gas) asked that any retailers interested in bilateral testing for the Q4 2021 gas retail changes contact ATCO Gas (joe.sanches@atcogas.com.au) to arrange bilateral testing. Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that AEMO would include an item in the next bulletin to invite retailers to contact distributors to arrange bilateral testing (**Action item 142.5.1**). *[Secretariat note – This has been done. The bulletin was issued to the GRCF on 26th April]*

6. Welcome, Apologies and AEMO Competition Law Meeting Protocol (all) – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Danny McGowan (AEMO) welcomed east-coast GRCF participants to the meeting.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted AEMO's Competition Law Policy.

7. Confirm agenda (all and east-coast) – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that AGN submitted a late paper regarding Job Enquiry Code Completion Codes that will be discussed under Other Business (east-coast).

8. Issues and Change Register – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Danny McGowan noted that the following items had been added to the Issues and Change Register:

- IN007/21 (Proposal to add hydrogen blending in the distribution networks)
- IN008/21 (Gas allocation for "No balancing" network sections)

9. Other business (all) – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

No other business was raised.

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10. Next GRCF meeting

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that the next GRCF meeting would occur on 20 May 2021.

Catherine Rousch (Alinta Energy) left the meeting.

11. Accept previous meeting minutes and action items (east coast) – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

The GRCF accepted the east-coast component of the meeting minutes for the previous meeting. Action items have been updated in the table attached.

12. IN007-21 - Distributed Gas Resources (Hydrogen and Bio-Methane Gas) – Myra Horomidis (AEMO)

Myra Horomidis (AEMO) spoke to the AEMO's presentation on distributed gas resources. The GRCF discussed procedure changes that would likely need to be made in order to accommodate hydrogen blending, including a sub-division of Victoria's statewide heating value and AEMO's modelling capacities given the differences in density between hydrogen and natural gas. Joe Sanches (ATCO Gas) asked whether feedback was only being sought from east-coast participants; Myra confirmed that WA participants were also invited to submit feedback given that AEMO also needed to consider how the introduction of hydrogen might impact the WA market. All participant feedback on the paper should be submitted to gwcf_correspondence@aemo.com.au by 21 May 2021. The GRCF requested that AEMO circulate the presentation with the draft minutes (**Action item 142.12.1**)

13. IN008-21 Gas allocations on No Balancing network sections (Nowra) – Andrew Zancanaro and Brad Gee (Jemena Gas Networks)

Andrew Zancanaro (Jemena Gas Networks) and Brad Gee (Jemena Gas Networks) spoke to Jemena's provided GMI regarding gas allocations on the Nowra "No Balancing" network section. A workshop to discuss the Nowra balancing arrangement is being considered. Those wanting to attend are to contact Andrew or Brad **by 22 April 2021**. As noted in the GMI the outworking of this workshop will be communicated to the GRCF.

14. Other business (east coast)

Job Enquiry Codes Completion Codes Amendments

Rick Abbott (AGN) noted that AGN believed there was a drafting error in the completion codes for some of the job enquiry codes. The GRCF broadly agreed that AGN's proposed changes represented a net benefit and would be able to be implemented without substantial additional cost, however not all participants were present at the meeting. Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that AGN's proposal could have IT implication for some participants therefore could represent a material change and therefore not be considered as part of the ongoing IN018/20 (Residual tidy-up for Q4 2021 gas retail release) consultation. Danny further noted that if all participants agreed with AGN's proposed amendments, that AGN's proposal could be implemented in the existing timeframes for the Q4 2021 gas retail release without substantial additional cost, that AGN's proposal would not jeopardise their ability to complete recertification work for the Q4 2021 gas retail release, and that AGN's proposal would not jeopardise their ability to implement the 2021 gas retail system changes by the agreed 29 November 2021 go-live date, then it would create a case for AEMO's issuing an IIR to make the changes that AGN proposes to the job enquiry code completion codes. Rick agreed to send a questionnaire to the GRCF ascertaining their answers to these four questions (**Action item 142.14.1**). Danny noted that the earlier that questionnaire was completed by all participants, the higher the likelihood that AEMO would be able to issue the IIR with enough time for the changes to be release as part of the Q4 2021 package of work.

Mandatory / optional fields in DMS and PRE job enquiry codes

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Shaun Cupitt (Alinta Energy) noted that the Technical Protocol (TP) documents do not list specific mandatory / optional statuses for fields in DMS and PRE job enquiry codes (hence meaning that all fields default to being optional). AEMO noted that a new initiative would be included on the register to correct this (*Secretariat note: this initiative is IN009/21*). The GRCF agreed in the interim to mirror the mandatory / optional statuses of UMS fields in DMS JECs and of OTH in PRE JECs.

15. Meeting close

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that the next GRCF meeting is on 20 May 2021.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) closed the meeting.

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Action items raised at meeting #142

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
142.5.1	Bulletin item regarding bilateral testing	AEMO is to include an item in the April bulletin regarding the Q4 2021 gas retail system release to invite retailers to contact distributors to arrange bilateral testing if desired. *[Secretariat note – This has been done. The bulletin was issued to the GRCF on 26th April]*	AEMO	Next meeting
142.12.1	Distributed gas resources presentation	AEMO to circulate presentation slides on distributed gas resources with draft minutes.	AEMO	ASAP
142.14.1	Job Enquiry Codes Completion Codes Amendments	Issue a questionnaire to the GRCF seeking confirmation that the proposed changes put forward by AGN are supported by all participants and that the changes will not jeopardise any of the Q4 2021 gas retail release timelines.	AGN	ASAP

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Action items raised prior to meeting #142

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
141.10.1	Calendar invites for GRCF meetings	AEMO to send calendar invites for all GRCF meetings until end of June 2021.	Arjun Pathy (AEMO)	Completed
137.7.1	GMI on customer self-reads	Nina Telford (Wesfarmers Kleenheat) to develop a GMI on Kleenheat's desired changes regarding customer self reads. November 2020 update: Wesfarmers Kleenheat continues work on this item and will continue to keep AEMO and the GRCF informed of progress. March 2021 update: No update. April 2021 update: No update.	Nina Telford (Wesfarmers Kleenheat)	Next GRCF meeting

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