POC Executive Forum No.6 Meeting Notes

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| MEETING: | POC Executive Forum |
| DATE: | Monday 29 May 2017 |
| TIME: | 1:30AM-2:30 NOON (AEST) |
| LOCATION: | AEMO Offices Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide- Video/Teleconference |

Attendees:

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| Attendees | Company |
| Arun Wadhwa | Origin Energy |
| David Havyatt | Energy Consumers Australia |
| John Chiodo | ERM Power |
| Stephanie Macri | Lumo & Red Energy |
| Kate Reid | AEMC |
| Matthew Serpell | Jemena |
| Phil Gardner | Citipower & Powercor |
| Kate Goatley | ActewAGL Retail |
| Mike Paine | TasNetworks |
| Warren Brooks | TasNetworks |
|  | United Energy |
| Alex Moran | Ausgrid |
| Brendon McEntee | Endeavour Energy |
| Anna Russo | Endeavour Energy |
| Chris Hookey | Red Energy |
| Murray Chandler | Ausgrid |
| James Barton | Simply Energy |
| Violette Mouchaileh | AEMO (Chair) |
| Ben Healy | AEMO |
| Jenny Fikret | (Minute Taker) |

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**Notes:**

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1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Attendees were welcomed to the forum.

**APOLOGIES AND MINUTES**

Glenn Pallesen from ActewAGL was an apologies and previous Minutes have been  
circulated.

1. **POWER OF CHOICE PROGRAM UPDATE – B. Healy**

AEMO’s CEO sent letters to participating and non-participating organisation regarding readiness six weeks ago.

Procedure Consultation - WP3 has commenced and closes on 27 June. There are four points being addressed and proposed amendments and clarifications to B2M procedures.

The Procedures team are also working with the Victorian Government on the Order in Council which AEMO have not seen in draft as yet, however no changes to B2M and B2B procedures are anticipated.

B2B Procedures - the IEC are not running an “as built” consultation however they will run a change log and will meet to discuss any minor amendments/corrections to B2B procedures as required, along with issues discovered during testing. These will be maintained on AEMO’s website.

Systems Work Stream - gas convergence platform which is merging with the B2B Electricity function went live on 21 May.

Phase 1 testing has commenced with 8-10 participants targeted at WP1 from September last year (MC/EN MSATS changes).

R36 will be released into the pre-prod environment thru patch releases in early June and r37 for API users is in the drafting process with the ASWG and available on the website, with feedback due by 1 June.

Readiness have completed the Testing Strategy and there is a detailed plan in place for Phase 1. Phase 2 and 3 are in draft for review by participants. Phase 3 starts in August which will look at end-to-end testing scenarios. Testing Phase 3 will commence 21 August, with the system being released about week earlier.

Accreditation and Registration is now open. Participants are encouraged to perform accreditation and/or registration ASAP.

Industry Transition and Cutover Focus Group are meeting weekly and discussing how transition from the current to new rules will take place in further detail.

The Industry Testing Work Group are meeting on 2 June to discuss details for Phase 3 industry testing. Industry feedback is requested.

The next PCF is on 9 June and will be discussing an update on the external Readiness Review and the Risk Register.

Current Industry Issue Register. System cutover – going from current rules to new. It is currently implied the system transitions on the evening of 30 November and comes back on 1 December. AEMO is aware most parties require 24-48 hours to perform a system cutover. AEMO are seeking feedback on an outage window from COB Friday 1 December to open of business on Monday, 4 December. AEMO may need to discuss this with the AER once agreement is met.

**Watching Briefs**

Vic AMI meters – Order in Council will continue the classification off Victorian meters as Type 5 and will detail how to put Option 4 in place. AEMO is hoping to see the draft shortly.

**Readiness Reporting**

V. Mouchaileh announced to the Executive Forum a Readiness Audit will occur in Jun/Jul and also toward end of the program. PWC will be engaged to interview reporting and non-reporting participants to get an insight to their risks and how they are planning on mitigating these. PWC may attend the next PCF.

It was queried what would happen if the audit picks up an issue for go live. K Reid (AEMC) advised the window is closing for a rule change as it can take 6 months. Other options would be an urgent rule change, which can be done in 6 weeks and specific criteria has to be met. The criteria consists of 1) there are implications to the wholesale market to change the date, resulting in retailers not delivering data to AEMO to settle transactions and\or 2) there is a national reliability and security issue of the system.

If there is a large issue, it would need an urgent rule change and AEMO would seek back up with the AER to get agreement to operate under existing arrangements until AEMC go thru the rule change.

A question was raised regarding if a natural disaster was occur around “go live” time.   
V. Mouchaileh noted each business should have their own plan to manage these risks. AEMO need to have things handed over and a higher level of support as we transition. Participants are expected to have the same.

Attendees were keen to know the scope of engagement for the audit. ***Action:*** V Mouchaileh to circulate scope of audit and timing within 2 days. To be discussed at next Executive Forum.

P. Gardiner noted the Commonwealth convened Jurisdictional Safety Regulator meetings have not taken place in a long time and jurisdictions have not been looked at. ***Action:*** V. Mouchaileh and B. Healy to have a discussion with Peter Cornelius and David Markham. Follow-up with Commonwealth about status of Safety Regulator discussions.

The AER are now becoming increasingly involved with AEMO’s Power of Choice program.

Industry risks to Readiness are to be circulated. ***Action:*** V. Mouchaileh to circulate to group.

“Other business” items raised by Origin where not able to be discussed within the forum timeframes. These items will be circulated by Origin and will be deferred to a subsequent Executive Forum, possibly an additional Executive Forum.

**NEXT MEETING**

An additional Executive forum is to be scheduled and will be followed by the next Forum to take place on 25 July 2017.