

Summary:

- Project status has changed from green to amber compared to January 2017:
 - Status of “at risk” of achieving project deliverables on schedule.
 - Progress approximately 20% (substantially unchanged).
 - Risk rating of “medium”.
- Participant categories:
 - Retailers and Distribution Businesses overall reporting amber (“at risk”).
 - MC, MP and MDP, ENM overall reporting green (“within schedule”).
- Jurisdictional status and rating in line with overall project status apart from a high risk rating in Victoria

Highlighted risks:

- Amber status primarily relates to the timing and scope of B2B procedure changes and subsequent impacts on:
 - Business process design.
 - System development, build and testing, with compressed timeframes for Industry Testing highlighted.
- Other issues highlighted include:
 - Lack of clarity on safety regulations
 - “Medium” to “high” risk rating highlighted in Victoria relates to the ongoing uncertainty associated with:
 - The Victorian Government Transition to Metering Competition in Victoria decision timing in March 2017.
 - VICAMI meter type classification.
- Mitigating actions include:
 - B2B working group working towards planned timeframes (IEC meeting 20 February and final determination publication on 6 March 2017)
 - Readiness working group commencing planning for Industry Testing and Industry Accreditation and Registration in February 2017.
 - Industry actively engaging with the Vic Government process, March 2017 remains on track.
 - Industry discussion on VICAMI meter type classification on the agenda for the February 2017 Program Consultative Forum meeting.

Number of submissions:

- 27 reports received in total representing the following participant roles:
 - 12 retailers
 - 13 distribution businesses (includes initial MC, MP and MDP)
 - 3 metering companies (MPD, MP)
 - 5 metering coordinators (MC)
 - 2 embedded network manager (ENM)
- Majority of participants' reporting unchanged from January 2017.

Note that organisations can nominate for multiple roles and participants can submit combined reports (i.e. one report for two distribution businesses)

















Overall Status	Commentary	Risk Rating	# Open Risks - Rating:			Issues:
	The overall project status has changed from green to amber with participants reporting increased risks of implementing the required system and process changes on schedule due to ongoing uncertainty regarding the scope of the B2B Procedures changes and overall constrained timeframes. Other issues highlighted include the uncertainty associated with the Victorian Government Transition to Metering Competition in Victoria decision timing due in March 2017, and lack of clarity on safety regulations.		High	Med	Low	#
			1	4	2	

AEMO and NEM Participants Readiness Criteria			AEMO		Retailers		Distributors		MP and MDP		Metering Coordinator		Embedded Networks (ENM, ENO)		Third party e-hub	
#	Category	Criterion	Status	Note	Status	Note	Status	Note	Status	Note	Status	Note	Status	Note	Status	Note
1. Assessment and preparation																
1.1	Assessment and preparation	Consequences of the POC reforms for your business considered, and appropriate implementation plans are in place				#1										
1.2		Key readiness planning documents delivered														
2. Legal, regulatory, contractual and policy																
2.1	Legal, regulatory, contractual and policy	Updated retail electricity market procedures and associated documents published														
2.2		Internal policies updated for consistency with regulatory changes including jurisdictional regulations and requirements (e.g. safety)				#2		#5				#8				
2.3		Operationally critical commercial contracts in place				#3										
2.4		Accreditation and registration activities completed														
3. People																
3.1	People	Operational roles specified, assigned to staff, and training delivered														
4. Business processes																
4.1	Business processes	Updated, validated and approved business processes in place														
4.2		Successfully validated critical business processes during industry testing														
4.3		Process work-arounds in place for any issues identified during industry testing														
5. Market systems																
5.1	Market systems	Delivery of the re-developed B2B e-hub for industry testing														
5.2		Successfully tested market systems capable of being moved into production				#4		#6								
5.3		Performance of, and communication between, market systems validated during industry testing						#7								
6. Transition planning																
6.1	Transition planning	Transition and cutover plan(s) in place														
6.2		Prerequisite transition and cutover processes completed (e.g. trial data conversions and cutover dress rehearsals)														

Jurisdictional Status																
Jurisdiction	Comments	AEMO		Retailers		Distributors		MP and MDP		Metering Coordinator		Embedded Networks (ENM, ENO)		Third party e-hub		
		Status	Risk	Status	Risk	Status	Risk	Status	Risk	Status	Risk	Status	Risk			
ACT	Jurisdictional risk is a reflection of overall project risk.															
NSW	Jurisdictional risk is a reflection of overall project risk.															
QLD	Jurisdictional risk is a reflection of overall project risk.															
SA	Jurisdictional risk is a reflection of overall project risk.															
TAS	Jurisdictional risk is a reflection of overall project risk.															
VIC	Jurisdictional risk is a reflection of overall project risk, with additional risk noted due to the uncertainty associated with the Victorian Government Transition to Metering Competition in Victoria decision timing in March 2017, and the treatment of VICAMI meters.															

Variances		
Note #	Explanation of Variance/Note	Mitigating Actions
1	Variance reported by Retailers: Development of implementation plans are dependent on industry-wide progress on the finalisation of the B2B procedures and associated technical design.	The B2B working group are working through the feedback to the second stage consultation on the procedures and the technical delivery specification, with the IEC meeting scheduled for 20 February 2017.
2	Variance reported by Retailers: Updating policies and procedures on schedule is at risk due to lack of clarity on safety regulation.	Retailers are continuing to engage with the relevant departments and safety bodies.
3	Variance reported by Retailers: Updating commercial arrangements on schedule is at risk due to volume of contracts that need to be entered into with industry parties and variable meter service provider maturity.	
4	Variance reported by Retailers: System design and development are dependent on finalisation of procedures and technical specifications for completion.	The B2B working group are working through the feedback to the second stage consultation on the procedures and the technical delivery specification, with the IEC meeting scheduled for 20 February 2017.
5	Variance reported by DBs: The assessment of legal and regulatory frameworks cannot be completed until the Victorian government decision is made (expected around March 2017).	Distribution businesses are continuing to engage with Victorian Government and the ESC/ECS. Discussion at 13 February POC-PCF to discuss VICAMI meter classification.
6	Variance reported by DBs: Business processes in certain areas are dependent on, or heavily impacted by, the B2B procedures. These processes cannot be fully designed until procedures are published in Mar 2017.	Distribution businesses are continuing business process design based on draft material. This involves risk of re-work and wasted effort if the final B2B procedures differ from the drafts.
7	Variance reported by DBs: System design is dependent on B2B procedures and the scope of changes to be delivered is greater than anticipated and delivery timeframes are highly compressed.	As with business design - distribution business are progressing system design based on draft material. This involves risk of re-work and wasted effort if the final B2B procedures differ from the drafts.
8	Variance reported by Metering Coordinator: Same as #3	

Notes

Key - Progress and Status					Key - Risk Rating	
Progress			Status		Rating	
Harvey balls represent progress towards achieving the criterion			Colour indicates the readiness status		Rating	
~0%		~50%		Criterion is within agreed schedule and deliverable requirements		High
~10%		~60%		Criterion is at risk of not meeting requirements and corrective action may be required		Medium
~20%		~70%		Criterion not meeting requirements. Immediate corrective action required		Low
~30%		~80%				
~40%		~90%		Criterion has been achieved		

See POC Industry Risk Register for open risks and issues:
[POC Industry Register](#)