

Forum meeting record

Forum:	NEM Reform Executive Forum #3
Date:	28 March 2024
Time:	10:00AM – 12:00PM AEDT
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Giles Whitehouse	Aurora Energy	Mark Vincent	SA Power Networks
Alex Moran	Ausgrid	James Crocker	SA Water
Charlotte Eddy	AusNet Services	Jennifer Tarr	Stanwell
Alex Jones	CitiPower/Powercor/United Energy	Chris Murphy	Telstra Energy
Karishma Darr	CleanCo QLD	Chris Muffett	AEMO
Annette Domanti	Energy Australia	Gordon Dunsford	AEMO
Ireena Allen	Energy Australia	Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO
Brian Spak	Energy Consumer Australia	David Reynolds	AEMO
Sally Kennedy	IntelliHUB	Rowena Leung	AEMO
Phil Barton	IntelliHUB	Peter Carruthers	AEMO
Mohan Kuppusamy	Jemena	Andrew Bell	AEMO
Sandra Centofanti	Jemena	Luke Barlow	AEMO
Fergus Stuart	Origin Energy	Violette Mouchaileh	AEMO - Chair
Michael Bell	Red Energy		

1 Welcome

Violette Mouchaileh (slides 1-4)

- Ms Mouchaileh welcomed members and offered an acknowledgement of country.
- AEMO provided members an outline of the meeting agenda and objective.

2 Actions from previous meeting

Peter Carruthers (slides 5-6)

- All action items were closed.

3 NEM Reform Foundational & Strategic Initiatives

Luke Barlow / Andrew Bell (slides 7-15)

- AEMO provided a brief recap on the Foundational & Strategic initiatives and the level of engagement undertaken. In addition, AEMO provided a summary of the feedback received in particular the recommendation from formal submissions and one to one conversations. Further details are available on slides 8 through to 11 of the accompanying slide pack. In addition AEMO presented the

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recommendations following industry consultation and are outlined on slide 12 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
Alex Jones – CitiPower Powercor	<p>We are comfortable with the need and the plan for these elements to be done from an industry point of view. The risk that we need to manage is the technology initiatives that are undertaken by AEMO. As an industry we need to understand the investment implications on our side, so we know exactly what we have to spend.</p>	<p>The business case includes views of cost submissions across industry, noting that cost uncertainty regarding IDX transition was a key factor in moving this out to decision point 2 to ensure AEMO and industry are better places to assess investment implications while allowing the foundational elements to proceed to enable new NEM Reform business services.</p>
	<p>We need to be mindful that with the new stuff that comes in, in 2026, there is that possibility that it may still be a legacy during that transition window.</p>	<p>As part of the transition strategy proposed in the business case changes to existing business services within the sunset window for IDX will be made available on both the legacy and new protocols and payloads.</p>
Fergus Stewart – Origin Energy	<p>Regarding the Strategic State Foundation phase, has there been a success criteria defined to allow for the point of decision phase two? What will define the success of the foundation phase to allow for the next decision?</p>	<p>AEMO has captured an action to develop success / exit criteria from the foundation and pilot activities in IDX as an input into Decision Point 2. These will be developed in consultation with industry.</p>
	<p>Regarding the strawman timeline, it appears that the foundation delivery for IDAM next quarter, what is the likely start time following AEMO internal investment approval process?</p>	<p>Indicatively looking to start mid-2024, subject to AEMO's internal approval process. The timeline put forward in the Transition roadmap was based on the best information at that point in time. Part of the transition approach worked through with industry has been to establish a roadmap governance function to continually monitor and maintain the timeline. Also, AEMO has deliberately designed the plan to start with more intense work for AEMO to be able to come back to industry with strong starting materials, so industry should not expect to be in consultation from day 1.</p>

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Chris Murphy – Telstra Energy	I would like to thank the AEMO for bringing this together.	Noted.
Ireena Allen – Energy Australia	It would be good to get clarity on the timeline for transparency to continue.	A strawman transition strategy was developed in consultation with industry indicating the phases and activities assumed for AEMO and Industry. This timeline will be taken as an input into AEMO's internal governance and reconfirmed with any updates through this process.
Sally Kenney – IntelliHUB	Our main challenge is likely to be congestion of changes. Not an issue right now but likely going forward.	Noted, as discussed, we have proposed establishing a roadmap governance agenda item for these initiatives, likely to be coordinated through the PCF to address sequencing and timing.

4 NEM Reform Program

Peter Carruthers (slides 16-23)

- AEMO provided a 2023 Post Implementation Review and outlined lessons learnt from an implementation point of view and in addition, were the reform objectives achieved and were the benefits delivered or not.
- AEMO noted that two reviews are currently underway and are listed below.
 - Increased MT PASA Information
 - Fast Frequency Response
 - Stand Alone Power Systems
- AEMO outlined the post implementation review for Increased MT PASA Information with detailed information outlined on slide 19 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO added that this format is a work in progress and will ultimately be the template for future reviews moving forward.

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Chris Murphy – Telstra Energy	As a suggestions, we may need to do subsequent reviews which would provide greater value when conducting these post implementation reviews moving forward.	Noted.

- AEMO provided an inflight initiative forward looking view of initiatives that have been committed and are expected to commence up to 2025. Detailed information is available on slide 20 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO encouraged participants to review this information and discuss with their teams internally.

- AEMO outlined activities associated with mobilisation and noted that inflight activities, several reforms are now close to reaching a final determination. AEMO advised that work is progressing with regards to the implementation requirements and encouraged participants to engage in these activities. Further information is available on slide 21 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO outlined the planning activities on slide 22 and encouraged participants to provide input on the key activities to ensure efficiency and cost-effective delivery of the portfolio of reform initiatives.

5 NEM Reform Program Engagement Structure Review

David Reynolds (slides 20-29)

- AEMO presented a review of the program from an engagement perspective with key details outlined on slide 25 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO provided Executive Forum results from the recent stakeholder survey with detailed information and suggestions outline on slide 27 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
Robert Lo Giudice – Alinta Energy	Regarding the Implementation Forum and PCF, it feels like the information presented is the same.	As indicated in this presentation, AEMO is making refinements to manage duplications across these forums and will report back through the Program Consultative Forum (PCF).

6 Overall Program Delivery Cost and Risk

Rowena Leung (slides 28-33)

- AEMO provided a program update with detailed information outlined on slide 29 of the accompanying slide pack. The remaining slides were taken as read.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
Ireena Allen – Energy Australia	Regarding IESS, I note that it is marked as amber currently, do we have any other concerns to the timeframe for IESS?	We are not calling out any industry impacts, but progression against milestones is monitored very closely.

7 Other Business & Meeting Close

Violette Mouchaileh (slide 34)

- No other business.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

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#	Topic	Action	Responsible	Status
3.3.0.1	NEM Reform Foundational & Strategic Initiatives	AEMO to draft a criteria for the strategic state foundational phase and share with members for comment and review.	AEMO	Open
3.4.0.1	NEM Reform Program	Participants to provide any feedback on the post implementation review template.	Participants	Open
3.4.0.2	NEM Reform Program	AEMO encouraged participants to provide input on the key activities and identify efficiency and bundling opportunities.	Participants	Open

CLOSED ACTION ITEMS

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2.4.0.1	NEM Reform Program – 2023 Review and 2024	Participants to provide AEMO feedback relating to 2023 activities and potential improvements to the 2024 engagement approach.	Participants	Closed
2.4.0.2	NEM Reform Program – 2023 Review and 2024	AEMO to document its process for completing post project implementation review.	AEMO	Closed
2.4.0.3	NEM Reform Program – 2023 Review and 2024	AEMO, in conjunction with PCF, to consider the addition of 'Cost Recovery' risk to the Industry Risk Register	AEMO	Closed
2.4.0.4	NEM Reform Program – 2023 Review and 2024	Participants to suggest options on risk mitigation strategies.	Participants	Closed
2.5.0.1	NEM Reform Program – 2023 Review and 2024	Participants to ensure that their organisations are able to provide detailed costs feedback when reviewing and commenting on the business case.	Participants	Closed
1.2.0.1	Purpose and Objectives	AEMO to schedule the next EF prior to the end of the calendar year.	AEMO	Closed

1.2.0.2	Purpose and Objectives	AEMO to communicate that EF is not a technical forum.	AEMO	Closed
1.3.0.2	Mobilising to Deliver the NEM Reform Program	AEMO to consider IESS approach / value based on Keith Robertson comment.	AEMO	Closed