

Forum meeting record

Forum:	NEM Reform Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum #5
Date:	16 May 2023
Time:	1:00PM – 3:00PM AEST
Location:	MS Teams

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EWCF Session Summary

- AEMO provided a high-level report overview of the NEM Q1 2023 and East Coast Gas markets.
- An overview was provided of the following inflight initiatives: Integrating Energy Storage Systems (IESS), Fast Frequency Response (FFR), Frequency Performance Payments (FPP), Enhancing Information in MT PASA, and Operational Security Mechanism (OSM).
- An overview of the Amendment of automated procedures for determining a manifestly incorrect input consultation.

1 Welcome

- Chris Muffett welcomed members to the EWCF (Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum) meeting and provided an overview of the agenda.

2 Actions & Feedback from previous meeting

- Item 4.7.0 was closed with no feedback from the previous meeting.

3 Quarterly Energy Dynamics Report¹

- AEMO provided a high-level report overview of the NEM Q1 2023 and East Coast Gas markets. Further information is available on slides 7 - 22 of the accompanying slide pack.

4 Inflight reform update

- An overview was provided of the following inflight initiatives: Integrating Energy Storage Systems (IESS), Fast Frequency Response (FFR), Frequency Performance Payments (FPP), Enhancing Information in MT PASA, and Operational Security Mechanism (OSM). Further information can be found on slides 23 – 41 of the accompanying meeting pack.
- An IESS timeline was provided to members. AEMO advised that the next major milestone is the commencement of ADC on 9 August. AEMO advised that the non-energy cost recovery date has been confirmed for 2 June. AEMO outlined on slide 27, the changes since the last EWCF meeting and upcoming key activities. AEMO provided an update on the AEMC rule change associated with reducing implementation costs, improve clarity and reduce uncertainty in its implementation. Further information on the IESS project is available on slides 24 – 29 of the accompanying slide pack.
- An FFR² refresher was provided to members with additional information available on slides 30 and 33 of the accompanying slide pack. A procedure update was outlined on slide 32 along with timings. AEMO advised that a stakeholder information session was held on 8 May to inform stakeholders of the FFR Service Commencement plan with the final version published on 11 May. AEMO advised that continuous engagement with existing Fast FCAS providers who are looking to provisionally confirm their Very Fast FCAS maximum capacity, prior to their formal registration application being submitted, is continuing.
- An update on FPP was provided to members with key updates outlined on slide 35 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO advised that the final version of Frequency Response Requirements procedure was published on 4 May. AEMO noted that the draft Frequency Contribution Factors procedure closed on 15 March and will look to publish the final version on 1 June. In addition, AEMO are currently planning to conduct a non-financial trial of the new FPP system from December 2024. AEMO provided information on the Market Ancillary Services Specification and FCAS Verification tool³.
- AEMO provided a recap on the implementation for MT PASA. A procedure consultation⁴ update was provided and noted that during the first round of consultation, AEMO received 7 submissions with no

¹ <https://aemo.com.au/energy-systems/major-publications/quarterly-energy-dynamics-qed>

² <https://www.aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/fast-frequency-response>

³ <https://aemo.com.au/en/energy-systems/electricity/national-electricity-market-nem/system-operations/ancillary-services/market-ancillary-services-specification-and-fcas-verification-tool>

⁴ <https://www.aemo.com.au/consultations/current-and-closed-consultations/2022-reliability-forecasting-guidelines-and-methodology>

substantive issues raised about AEMO's implementation of the rule. As part of the second round, AEMO received 7 submissions. A final determination and procedures were published on 24 April 2023. Further information is available on slides 38 and 39 of the accompanying slide pack.

- No substantial update since the previous EWCF meeting. AEMO are awaiting the AEMC's final determination for OSM. Further information on the AEMC's OSM project can be found [here](#).

5 Other reforms

- A brief overview was provided of the ongoing consultation on strategic/foundational initiatives Identity and Access Management, Industry Data Exchange and Portal Consolidation.
- Further information is available on slides 42 and 45 of the accompanying slide pack.

6 Consultation Update

6.1 Amendment of automated procedures for determining a manifestly incorrect input

- AEMO advised that the consultation paper and proposed procedure was published on 14 April and 8 May, respectively. Submissions on the consultation paper are due Thursday 25 May 2023 and should be sent to lsvan.szabo@aemo.com.au with the final report and determination expected to be published on 20 July 2023. Implementation is indicatively set for 4 October 2023. Further information on this consultation is outlined on slides 48 – 51 of the accompanying slide pack.

7 Procedures consultation roadmap

- AEMO provided an overview of the procedures consultation roadmap to assist stakeholders to manage and plan timeframes for upcoming changes.
- AEMO provided summary of the indicative procedure change timeline for both the inflight reform projects and BAU changes, with further information outlined on slide 54 – 57 of the accompanying meeting pack.

8 Upcoming engagements

- AEMO provided a brief overview of the upcoming NEM Reform engagements and key milestones/consultations for the next few months.
- Members are encouraged to refer to the industry calendar located on AEMO's website⁵ and the AEMC activity calendar via their website⁶.
- AEMO advised that they will be holding an industry engagement session on the General Power System Risk Review (GPSRR) targeted for around 1 June. Further information will be coming out via the AEMO communication newsletter.

⁵ [AEMO | Industry meetings calendar](#)

⁶ <https://www.aemc.gov.au/calendar>

9 General questions and other business

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

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Item = Meeting # – Agenda # – Reference)

Item	Topic	Action	Responsible
5.7.0.1	Procedures consultation roadmap	AEMO to consider splitting out formal consultations and identifying documents that are only seeking feedback (non-formal consultation) and placing on AEMO's website.	AEMO