

Forum meeting record

Forum:	Program Consultative Forum (PCF)
Date:	12 June 2024
Time:	1:00PM – 3:00PM AEDT
Location:	MS Teams

Kate Goatley	AGL	Helen Vassos	PlusEs
John Zoch	AGL	Sean Jennings	Red Energy
Mark Riley	AGL	Michael Zhang	SA Power Network
Gav Wise	Alinta Energy	Chris Murphy	Telstra Energy
Anne McTernan	Arrow Energy	Paul Greenwood	Vector Metering
Brittaney Morris	Energy Australia	Chris Muffett	AEMO
Jo Sullivan	Energy Australia	David Reynolds	AEMO
Andrew Couttie	Energy Australia	Emily Brodie	AEMO
Joseph Giddings	Energy One	Greg Minney	AEMO
Racheal Brown	Energy Q	Jim Agelopoulos	AEMO
Laura Males	Energy Queensland	Lenard Bayne	AEMO
Christine Ward	Energy Queensland	Luke Barlow	AEMO
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Fiona Ninness	Essential Energy	Rowena Leung	AEMO
Lauren Macey	Essential Energy	Andrew Bell	AEMO
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Lewis Wand	Iberdrola	Karen Clarke	AEMO
Dino Ou	IntelliHUB	Karen Wilbrink	AEMO
Greg McLeod	Origin Energy	Lance Brooks	AEMO
Anthony Gatome	Origin Energy	Lenard Bayne	AEMO
Yvonne Tuckett	Origin Energy	Meghan Bibby	AEMO
Sourav Basu	Origin Energy	Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO

1 Welcome & Agenda

Chris Muffett (Slides 2-4)

- Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting and gave an acknowledgement of country.

2 Actions & Feedback from Previous Meeting

Chris Muffett (Slides 5-6)

- No actions recorded from previous meeting.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Yvonne Tuckett – Origin Energy	When will AEMO provide feedback on the input received from participants in relation to the options for managing the implementation of the ST PASA rule.	AEMO will provide an email update to participants, and discuss at the EWCF session on 18 June 2024.

3 Program & Release Update

Rowena Leung / Jim Agelopoulos (Slides 7-10)

- AEMO provided a program overview and noted that the program is progressing well. In addition, AEMO noted the successful deployment of the IESS rule.
- AEMO advised that the following areas are receiving management attention with additional information outlined on slide 9.
 - SCADA Lite:** Identification of additional requirements necessitate re-baseline planning.
 - FPP:** Identification of additional challenges necessitate internal re-planning.
- AEMO presented the program level 1 & 2 milestones and noted key call outs as outlined on slide 10 of the slide pack.

4 Spotlight

(Slides 11-17)

June 2024 - IESS Update

Emily Brodie / Greg Minney (Slides 12-17)

- AEMO advised that IESS project is now complete with hyper-care and BDU transition support are on track.
- Further details relating to the BDU transition are outlined on slide 15 and in addition, details relating to hyper-care , and post go live support are outlined on slide 16.
- In addition, AEMO advised that IESS mailbox IESS@aemo.com.au will remain open for the IESS hyper-care period only, noting that:
 - BAU enquiries to be via support.hub@aemo.com.au
 - NEM reform program queries to be via NEMReform@aemo.com.au
 - BDU transition and cutover enquiries and communications to be via NEMReform@aemo.com.au

5 NEM Reform Initiative Updates

(Slides 18-48)

June 2025 - FPP Update

Oliver Derum (Slides 19-24)

- AEMO provided an update on the FPP activities to date with additional information available on slides 35 through to 39 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO noted that the FPP Industry Test Strategy¹ was published on 7 June and is available on AEMO's FPP Project Page².

¹ <https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/frequency-performance-payments-project/aemo-fpp-dec-2024-industry-test-strategy---final-for-publication.pdf?la=en>

² <https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/frequency-performance-payments-project>

Retail Market Improvements – September / November Release

Blaine Miner (Slides 25-28)

- AEMO provided an update on the September 2024 Retail Market Improvements and noted that the overall status is green. Further details are outlined on slides 25 through to 28 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO noted that an RMI Industry test Strategy is due for release by 28 June and will be discussed at upcoming ITWG.

Enhancing Reserve Information (ERI)

Oliver Derum (Slides 29-32)

- AEMO provided an update on Enhancing Reserve Information (ERI) activities with key information and dates outlined on slide 30 through to 32 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO noted that the [Draft ERI High-level Implementation Assessment \(HLIA\)](#) was published on 7 June, with comments invited by Friday 21 June and can be sent to NEMReform@aemo.com.au.

SCADA Lite

Luke Barlow (Slides 33-38)

- AEMO provided a brief update on the SCADA lite activities with further details outlined on slides 34 through to 38 of the accompanying slide pack. In addition, AEMO advised that a final go live date will be determined by 14 June.

Improving Security Frameworks (ISF)

Carla Ziser (Slides 39-42)

- AEMO provided an update on Improving Security Frameworks (ISF) advised that the first version of the ISF High-level Implementation Assessment (HLIA) was [published](#) on 31 May, with comments invited by 14 June and can be sent to NEMReform@aemo.com.au. Key details and next steps are outlined on slides 40 through to 42 of the accompanying slide pack.

Foundational & Strategic Initiatives (FaSI)

Andrew Bell (Slides 57-58)

- AEMO thanked industry for the significant contribution in co-developing the FaSI Business Case and advised that AEMO's internal governance has now endorsed the FaSI Business Case to proceed.
- AEMO will now progress the next stages of planning for these initiatives:
 - Progress planning activities for IDX and IDAM
 - Establishing technical working groups for IDX and IDAM
 - Updated plan on a page is being prepared
 - Updates to the Final Business Case and close out
- AEMO will seek industry input in terms of structure, participation and timing and will come back to industry at the July PCF meeting.
- Key information is outlined on slide 44 of the accompanying slide pack.

Metering Services Review (MSR)

Justin Stute (Slides 45-48)

- AEMO have started consultation in advance of the AEMC final determination for areas which are critical to the acceleration of smart meter roll out due to start in July 2025.
- AEMO have split the reform into three packages

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Tim Lord	Regarding package 1, can you please share the link to AEMO's B2M documentation?	https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/metering-services-review/metering-services-

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
		review---draft-high-level-implementation-assessment.pdf?la=en

6 NEM Reform – Forward Plan

(Slides 49-63)

- AEMO provided a brief overview of the upcoming reform initiatives with current timeline outlined on slide 51 of the accompanying slide pack.

Unlocking CER Benefits through Flexible Trading

Justin Stute (Slides 53-48)

- AEMC have issued a Draft Determination
 - Sets Proposed Rule Commencement Date of 2 Feb 2026
 - Stakeholder submissions on Draft due 11 April 2024
 - Final determination due 11 July 2024
- AEMO held HLIA/ PIA briefing on April 5th and published the HLIA/ PIA on 10th April
 - Initial views of impacts provided based on AEMC’s Draft Determination
 - Informed Go-Live process with RDC will include updated approach to timing based on participant feedback
 - RDC session held 3rd May and agreed to the updated timeline proposal of 2 November 2026.
 - AEMC have received feedback from the RDC session .
 - RDC Minutes and updated HLIA will be published on AEMO’s website in due course.
 - Final decision on timing with AEMC.

7 High Level Implementation Assessment (HLIA) Process Dominic Mendonca (Slides 64-66)

AEMO provided an overview of the HLIA process and purpose with key information outlined on slides 54 through to 57 of the accompanying slide pack.

8 CER Data Exchange Industry Co-design Project

(Slides 67-71)

- AEMO presented an industry co-design project for CER Data Exchange. Further details are outlined on slide 58 through to 63 of the accompanying slide pack. Participants are encouraged to reach out to the project team by emailing cerdataexchange@aemo.com.au or by visiting [AEMO CER Data Exchange Industry Co-design](#) webpage.

9 NEM Reform Stakeholder Engagement

(Slides 67-71)

NEM Reform Program Stakeholder Briefing

- AEMO provided a recap and feedback received during the stakeholder briefing on 22 May 2024. Further details are available on slide 68 of the accompanying slide pack.

Upcoming Engagements

- Taken as read.

10 General Questions and Other business

Chris Muffett (Slide 72)

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

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Item = Meeting # – Agenda # – Reference)

Item	Topic	Action	Responsible	Status
19.2.0.1	ST PASA	AEMO to communicate to industry next steps regarding the implementation of ST PASA Option 2.	AEMO	Open
19.6.0.1	Unlocking CER Benefits through Flexible Trading	AEMO to reach out to Origin Energy regarding timing for the Unlocking CER Benefits through Flexible Trading HLIA.	AEMO	Closed