

# Forum meeting record

<b>Forum:</b>	<b>Program Consultative Forum (PCF)</b>
<b>Date:</b>	10 July 2024
<b>Time:</b>	1:00PM – 3:00PM AEDT
<b>Location:</b>	MS Teams

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## 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)

- All action items were closed.

## 3 Program & Release Update

David Reynolds (Slides 7-10)

- AEMO provided a program overview and noted that the program is progressing well with key details outlined on slide 8.
- AEMO advised that the following areas are receiving management attention are outlined below.
  - **SCADA Lite:** AEMO have a revised re-baselined plan and committed date.
  - **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 9 of the slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Yvonne Tuckett – Origin Energy	Given ST PASA delivery via Option 2 was determined to be July 2025, could we please see it reported here? I think it needs a bit more visibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AEMO will look to include a summary of anticipated initiative status in the pack going forward.</li> </ul>
Mark Riley – AGL	The plan on a page (Pg 9) shows that 2024 and 2025 will be congested period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted.</li> </ul>

## 4 Spotlight

(Slides 10-12)

### Stand Alone Power Systems (SAPS)

Lance Brooks (Slides 11-12)

- AEMO presented the published [Post Implementation Review for Stand Alone Power Systems](#). AEMO briefly outlined areas that worked well and where improvements could be made during implementation, alongside broader consideration of the reforms policy or reform objectives. Additional information is outlined on slide 12 of the accompanying slide pack.

## 5 NEM Reform Initiative Updates

(Slides 13-45)

### Retail Market Improvements – September / November Release

Blaine Miner (Slides 14-17)

- AEMO provided an update on the September 2024 Retail Market Improvements and noted that the overall status is green. Key details for RMI are outlined on slides 15 through to 17 of the accompanying slide pack.

### SCADA Lite

Luke Barlow / Gareth Morrah (Slides 18-23)

- AEMO provided a brief update on the SCADA lite activities and noted the deployment and Go Live date of 29 January 2025. Key information is outlined on slides 19 through to 22 of the accompanying slide pack. In addition, AEMO presented the SCADA Lite draft high level impacts with key information outline on slide 23 of the accompanying slide pack.

### June 2025 – Frequency Performance Payments (FPP) Update

Oliver Derum (Slides 24-29)

- AEMO provided an update on the FPP activities to date and noted the project status as amber. Additional information available on slide 25 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO is planning a series of engagement offerings in the months before the commencement of non-financial operation (NFO) on 9 December with additional information also outlined on slide 25 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO welcomes participant feedback on the proposed engagement approach.

### Metering Services Review (MSR)

Justin Stute (Slides 30-32)

- AEMO advised that the AEMC have delayed the final determination for 28 November 2024. AEMO advised that an assessment of the procedure consultation timeframe is required, and an updated plan will be communicated to participants in the coming weeks. AEMO noted that submissions for package 1 Issues Paper is due 11 July 2024.

### Enhancing Reserve Information (ERI)

Oliver Derum (Slides 33-38)

- AEMO provided an update on ERI activities with key information and dates outlined on slide 34 through to 38 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO noted that one submission was received on the [Draft ERI High-level Implementation Assessment \(HLIA\)](#). AEMO advised that the final ERI HILA will be published by the end of July. AEMO also highlighted the upcoming discussion at the 16 July Electricity Wholesale Consultative Forum, regarding what changes will be made to the treatment of bids with daily energy constraint figures that are too high (slide 36).

### Improving Security Frameworks (ISF)

Carla Ziser (Slides 39-42)

- AEMO advised that improved Directions Transparency arrangements commenced on 4 July 2024. AEMO noted that in readiness for this, an expedited consultation was held for [AEMO's operating procedure for Directions](#) to include a new section which outlines the content that will be included in direction market notices. The final version of the procedure has been published. In addition, AEMO advised that they released a provisional version of the Security Enablement Procedure on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June with further details outlined on slide 40 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO advised that the first version of the ISF High-level Implementation Assessment (HLIA) was [published](#) on 31 May. In addition, AEMO noted the next steps for ISF and are available on slide 40.

### Market Interface Technology Enhancement (MITE)

Blaine Minder/Graeme Windley/Nirmal Narayanamurthi (Slides 43-45)

- AEMO advised that planning activities to support the delivery of the approved business case are progressing. Further details on the external engagement strategy are outlined on slide 44. In addition, AEMO noted that progress on the key milestones (PoaP) with details outlined on slide 44.
- AEMO outlined the proposed approach with establishing a Market Interface Technology Enhancement Working Group (MITEWG) with further details outlined on slide 45. In addition, AEMO will be seeking nominations for the MITEWG following the July PCF meeting with the first session to occur in August. AEMO will confirm timings and agenda with participants prior to the first working group.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Ranjan Thakur – Energy Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the business case been approved?</li> <li>• Does AEMO have a plan for implementation?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The business case has been endorsed as outlined on the <a href="#">MITE initiative page</a></li> <li>• AEMO will present the PoaP at the August PCF meeting.</li> </ul>

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Mark Riley – AGL	This project will have a lot of involvement from industry executive and board involvement as this project will have significant budgeting and resourcing considerations.	Noted.

## 6 NEM Reform – Forward Plan

(Slides 46-60)

- AEMO provided a brief overview of the upcoming reform initiatives with current timeline outlined on slide 47 of the accompanying slide pack.

### Unlocking CER Benefits through Flexible Trading

Justin Stute (Slides 48-49)

- AEMO advised that the final determination is expected on the 15 August. The Reform Delivery Committee (RDC) recommendation is to move the effective date of this reform to 2 November 2026. AEMO has proposed the final HLIA to be published 4 to 6 weeks after the publication of the final determination AEMO will consider a webinar session based on the materiality of the change of the Final Determination compared to the Draft determination – noting the AEMC proposal of removing the DNSP from NMI creation and maintenance of a secondary settlement point to a new accredited role, NMI Service Provider.

### ST PASA Recall Time

Chris Muffett (Slides 50-52)

- AEMO outlined the required changes following the final determination and listed these changes on slide 51 of the accompanying slide pack. In addition, AEMO outlined the indicative high-level timetable with detailed information on slide 52 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO advised that a workshop is scheduled for next month to work through the requirements for a new procedure.

### Integrating price-responsive resources (IPRR) into the NEM

Luke Barlow (Slides 53-57)

- AEMO provided a brief overview of the IPRR reform on slides 54 through to 56 of the accompanying slide pack. In addition, AEMO pressed a high-level timeline outlining activities to date and noted the next milestone is the AEMC draft determination & rule scheduled to be completed on 25 July. In addition, AEMO advised that an industry briefing on the draft HLIA will be held on 7 August and encouraged participants to provide feedback to the draft HLIA by Monday 19 August.

### Project Energy Connect Market Integration (PEC-MI)

Chris Muffett (Slides 58-60)

- Taken as read.

## 7 NEM Reform Industry Risk Register

(Slides 61-63)

- AEMO provided a quarterly review of the NEM Reform Industry Risk Register as of July 2024. AEMO outlined on slide 63 the proposed changes and welcomes members to provide additional feedback by Friday 19 July. AEMO will publish on the PCF webpage version 5 following the 19 July and will provide the next review in October.

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Ken Schell - AGL	Would be good to understand what the basis is when looking at the risk profile for MITE.	AEMO to consider revising risk descriptions for risks listed under the volume of regulatory change category.

## 8 NEM Reform Stakeholder Engagement

(Slides 64-66)

### Upcoming Engagements

- Taken as read.

## 9 General Questions and Other business

Chris Muffett (Slide 67)

Queries and feedback may be sent to [NEMReform@aemo.com.au](mailto:NEMReform@aemo.com.au).

### OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Item = Meeting # – Agenda # – Reference)

Item	Topic	Action	Responsible	Status
20.5.0.1	Improving Security Frameworks (ISF)	AEMO to consider how the Directions Transparency arrangements apply to situations like the recent load shedding event in Northern NSW and provide an update at the next meeting.	AEMO	Open
20.6.0.1	ST PASA Recall	AEMO to circulate the workshop material to PCF members.	AEMO	Open
20.7.0.1	NEM Reform Industry Risk Register	Participants to provide additional feedback on the NEM Reform Industry Risk Register by Friday 19 July.	Participants	Open