

Forum meeting record

Forum:	Program Consultative Forum (PCF)
Date:	12 April 2023
Time:	1:00PM – 3:00PM AEDT
Location:	MS Teams

Kate Goatley	ActewAGL	David Woods	SA Power Networks
Andrew Peart	AGL	Nitesh Khanna	Secure Meters
Robert Lo Giudice	Alinta Energy	Kamiz Vessali	Secure Meters
Wayne Turner	Ausgrid	Deepesh Goswami	Secure Meters
Jo Sullivan	Energy Australia	Chris Murphy	Telstra Energy
Joseph Giddings	Energy One	Louise Webb	Telstra Energy
Scott Tammara	Energy Q	Paul Greenwood	Vector Metering
Travis Worsteling	Energy Australia	Blaine Miner	AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator)
Christine Ward	EQL – Customer Division – Energex and Ergon Network	Chris Muffett	AEMO
Ben Donnelly	Essential Energy	Greg Minney	AEMO
Arun Sri	Gentrack	Jim Agelopoulos	AEMO
Lewis Wand	Iberdrola	Lance Brooks	AEMO
Dino Ou	IntelliHUB	Lenard Bayne	AEMO
David Murphy	Jemena	Meghan Bibby	AEMO
Anthony Gatome	Origin Energy	Paul Johnson	AEMO
Yvonne Tuckett	Origin Energy	Peter Carruthers	AEMO
Fergus Stuart	Origin Energy	Rowena Leung	AEMO
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PCF Session Summary

- IESS March 2023 has been successfully deployed
- Industry engagement has commenced for our strategic and foundational reform initiatives (IDAM/IDX and PC).
- May commencement schedule is experiencing schedule challenges related to Test environment management and availability. As a result, this is impacting on SAPS directly and potentially other initiatives. AEMO is working through these challenges now to mitigate. A go-live checkpoint is scheduled for 1 May.
- An updated Implementation Roadmap will be published in mid to late April 2023.

1 Welcome & Agenda

Peter Carruthers (slides 2-4)

- Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting and gave an acknowledgement of country.
- Participants informed that the meeting will be recorded for the purpose of minute taking only.

2 Actions & Feedback from Previous Meeting

Peter Carruthers (slides 5-6)

- All outstanding action items were closed.

3 Program & Release Update

Rowena Leung & Jim Agelopoulos (slides 7-9)

- Commencement dates and status outlined for inflight initiatives. Further details available on slide 8 of the accompanying slide pack.
- It was noted that IESS has been successfully deployed on 31 March and noted that industry engagement has commenced for IDAM/IDX and PC.
- Focus is now on the May release and noted that key emerging project challenges are related to Test environment management and availability. As a result, this is impacting on SAPS directly and potentially other initiatives. AEMO is working through these challenges now to mitigate. Further information is outlined on slide 8 of the accompanying slide pack.
- An overview of the programs external milestones is outlined on slide 9 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO noted that an updated EMMS tech spec will be published on AEMO's website.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Dino Ou - IntelliHUB	Can AEMO expand on the amber status for Metering Exemptions?	Marked amber to reflect procedure consultation is underway. Procedure effective date to be confirmed post consultation.

4 May Commencement Update

Meghan Bibby (slides 10-14)

- An update to SAPS, CDR pt 2, B2Bv3.8, ICFs was provided with further information outlined on slide 11 of the accompanying slide pack.
- The SAPS release status is tracking Red. B2B is on track with CDR (LCCD) to be deferred to November and SAPS experiencing challenges. Further information on the May release and contingency options are outlined on slides 11–14 of the accompanying slide pack.
- A go-live checkpoint will be conducted on 1 May to assess readiness against the go-live criteria.

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Yvonne Tuckett – Origin Energy	On the 1 st of May how will AEMO communicate to participants on this decision?	In terms of announcement, we would be looking at getting it out via e-mail to all the various forums as soon as possible. An implementation forum will be scheduled for immediately after 1 May to discuss the go-live arrangements.
David Murphy - Jemena	CDR development complete 21/04 - delayed due to performance fixes for 15th May. Is there a drop-dead date for accepting final performance fixes to avoid impacting option 1	They are considered separate and CDR performance fixes will not have any impact on the 30 May release. The complex API support will be available from 15 th of May.
Dino Ou - IntelliHUB	Are there any concerns/risks about the start date for testing for the May 2023 Release?	Our Current schedule supports deployment of Retail system upgrades 2 May in line with current Industry test timings, with some overlap of AEMO UAT to be managed

5 Commencement Updates

(slides 15-35)

5.1 March 2023 Update

Chris Muffett (Slide 17)

- AEMO advised that the IESS March release has gone live with further information available on slide 17 of the accompanying slide pack.

5.2 May 2023 Update

Megan Bibby (Slide 18)

- Refer to agenda item 4.

5.3 August 2023 Update

Chris Muffett (Slides 19-21)

- An update on the IESS ADC August release was provided and is on track. Further information is available on slide 19-21 of the accompanying slide pack.

5.4 October 2023 Update

Chris Muffett (Slides 22-27)

Fast Frequency Response

- AEMO provided an update on FFR and advised that the overall status is on track. Further information is available on slides 23-24 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO will soon commence industry testing in the pre-production environment and noted that this will involve exercising dispatch and settlement process for these new services.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Yvonne Tuckett – Origin Energy	On the Oct 2023 FFR release (slide 23) says there is a "service commencement plan" draft	AEMO's draft Service commencement plan available at the following link AEMO Fast Frequency Response

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
	released 6-April. Could AEMO please share the link to this document or forward?	Comments are requested on the FFR Draft Commencement Plan by Friday 21 April 2023.

Increased MT PASA Information

- AEMO provided an update on Increase MT PASA Information and advised that the overall status is on track. Further information is available on slides 25-26 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO will soon commence industry testing with the same timeframes as outlined for FFR and 5MLP.

5 Minute load profiling (5MLP)

- AEMO provided an update on 5MLP and advised that the overall status is on track with development in progress. Further information is available on slide 27 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO will soon commence industry testing with the same timeframes as outlined for FFR with coordinated settlement runs.

5.5 November 2023 Update

Megan Bibby (Slides 28-29)

CDR Tranche 3 & CDR MSATS LCCD, Metering Exemptions

- AEMO provided an update on CDR Tranche 3 & CDR MSATS LCCD, Metering Exemptions and advised that development and procedure effective dates for Metering Exemptions are subject to consultation. Further information is available on slide 29 of the accompanying slide pack.

5.6 June 2024 Update

Chris Muffett (Slides 30-32)

Integrating Energy Storage Systems (IESS)

- AEMO provided an update on IESS June 2024 release and advised that the overall status is on track with procedure development in progress. AEMO is currently assessing development and testing activities and will confirm with PCF members the overall timeline.
- AEMO is working through the requirements for its Bidirectional Units (BDU) program of work.
- Further information is available on slides 31-32 of the accompanying slide pack.

5.7 June 2025 Update

Chris Muffett (Slides 33-35)

Frequency Performance Payments (FPP)

- AEMO provided an update on FPP June 2025 release and noted that planned non-financial trials are anticipated to commence in December 2024.
- AEMO are currently reviewing received submissions.
- Further information is available on slides 34-35 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Chris Murphy – Telstra Energy	Are we confident that isn't something that could potentially impact this work throughout the draft and final determination?	Nothing has indicated to AEMO that raise concerns to the approach in the draft procedure

6 NEM2025 Forums Update (Slide 36-37)

- Overview and update of NEM Reform program forums and respective focus areas.

7 NEM Reform Implementation Roadmap Update (Slide 38-43)

- An update on the Roadmap was provided and outlined material changes from the RDC and AEMO.
- AEMO advised that an updated roadmap will be published in mid to late April 2023.
- It was advised that updates have been made to supporting artifacts as outlined on slide 42 of the accompanying slide pack.
- Further information is available on slides 38-43 of the accompanying slide pack.

8 Foundational & Strategic Initiatives Ulrika Lindholm (slides 44-48)

- AEMO conducted an introduction session on the 22 March 2023.
- An outline of the consultation is outlined on slide 45 of the accompanying slide pack with Session 2 scheduled for 17 April 2023.
- Further information on the Foundational & Strategic initiatives are outlined on slides 44-48 of the accompanying slide pack.

9 Upcoming engagements Ulrika Lindholm (slides 49-50)

- Overview of NEM Reform engagements for the next four months.

10 General Questions and Other business Peter Carruthers (slide 51)

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

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

(Ref: Item = Meeting number/Agenda item number/Ref)

#	Topic	Action	Responsible	Status
6.5.5	November 2023 Update	AEMO to check distribution list for the Metering Exemptions consultation.	AEMO	Closed

CLOSED ACTION ITEMS

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5.3.0.1	Program & Release Update	AEMO to clarify PMS dispatch remainder in relation to the three tech spec milestones.	AEMO	Closed
5.4.0.1	NEM Reform Forum Update	PCF members to provide any suggested agenda items for the NEM Reform Executive Forum by 31 March 2023.	Participants	Closed
5.6.3.1	Oct Release – FFR	AEMO to consider publishing a track change technical specification outlining changes made since the previous version to assist industry when conducting their initial impact assessment.	AEMO	Closed
5.7.0.1	Foundational & Strategic Initiatives	AEMO to share with members outputs from the IDX workshops held in 2021.	AEMO	Closed
5.7.0.2	Foundational & Strategic Initiatives	PCF members to provide feedback on the proposed consultation approach including the focus, timings, workshop structure and intended audience.	Participants	Closed
5.7.0.3	Foundational & Strategic Initiatives	PCF members to put forward nominations for the IDAM, IDX & PC Business and Technical focus groups by emailing NEM2025@aemo.com.au by 23 March 2023.	Participants	Closed
5.7.0.4	Foundational & Strategic Initiatives	AEMO will look to adjust the estimated length of each workshop and breakdown participant involvement against each workshop.	AEMO	Closed
5.7.0.5	Foundational & Strategic Initiatives	PCF members queried what imperative might support participants' case for funding of the uplift of systems. AEMO to consider what imperatives will support participants case for funding (e.g. Security of Critical Infrastructure Act) as we progress work on strategic and foundational initiatives.	AEMO	Closed
5.8.0.1	Upcoming engagements	AEMO to include public holidays in the legend as part of the upcoming engagement agenda item moving forward.	AEMO	Closed
4.6.3	Oct Release – FFR	AEMO to consider publishing a track change tech spec outlining changes made since the previous version to assist industry when conducting their initial impact assessment.	AEMO	Closed