

# Forum meeting record

## NEM Reform Delivery Committee (RDC) #13

<b>Forum:</b>	NEM Reform Delivery Committee
<b>Date:</b>	25 March 2024
<b>Time:</b>	10:30AM – 12:00PM AEDT
<b>Location:</b>	Via Microsoft Teams

### Attendees:

Name	Company	Representing
Andrew Lewis	Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)	AEMC
Andrew Pirie	AEMC	AEMC
Dan Mascarenhas	Energy Australia	Retail/Generation
Dominic Adams	Energy Networks Australia (ENA)	Networks
Fergus Stuart	Origin Energy	Retail and Generation
Geoff Hargreaves	Red Energy/Lumo Energy	Retail
Michael Bell	Red Energy/Lumo Energy	Retail
Violette Mouchaileh	Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) (Chair)	AEMO

### Guests:

Name	Company	Representing
Lance Brooks	AEMO	AEMO
Lenard Bayne	AEMO	AEMO
David Reynolds	AEMO	AEMO
Peter Carruthers	AEMO	AEMO
Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO	AEMO

## 1 Welcome

Violette Mouchaileh (Slides 2-4)

- Acknowledgement of country and welcomed members to the meeting.
- Participants provided with a brief overview of the agenda items and meeting objectives. AEMO welcomed Andrew Lewis from the AEMC as the EGM Consumer, Markets and Analytics replacing Michael Bradley on the Committee.

## 2 Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

Peter Carruthers (Slides 5-6)

### 2.1 RDC Meeting Actions

- Item 12.6.0.1 remains open with all other items closed.

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## 2.2 RDC Collaborative Workshop Actions

- Item 4.5.0.1 remains open with all other items closed.

## 3 Review and reshaping of RDC collaboration

Peter Carruthers (Slides 7-12)

- AEMO facilitated a discussion on how to ensure the RDC forum remains fit for purpose. Further details on this approach are outlined on slide 8 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO outlined the proposed recommendations for the committee moving forward with a focus on cadence, agenda material, governance, membership and value proposition with detailed information are outlined on slide 11 of the accompanying slide pack.
- The proposals presented by AEMO on slide 11 were supported by the RDC:
  - List each recommendation
- In off-line discussions with RDC members prior to the session, one RDC member indicated better attendance could be achieved through enabling alternate representatives to attend, thus sharing the load. The RDC discussed this and agreed in principle this could be supported, on the conditions that any alternative representative is well informed and briefed before attending to enable continuity.
- In off-line discussions with interested RDC stakeholders prior to the session, AEMO received an expression of interest from a non-AEC retailer to join the RDC. The RDC discussed this and supported the additional diversity of membership this would bring, but noted that any new member has an obligation to represent the sector/industry and the best long-term interests of consumers rather than their own business specifically, and has a role in disseminating information to their representative group.
- The next steps will be to review the RDC Terms of Reference (ToR) and circulate to members for comment and endorsement. AEMO will adjust the cadence of the committee. Additional next steps are outlined on slide 12 of the accompanying slide pack.

Raised By	Question/Comment	Response
<b>Andrew Pirie – AEMC</b>	Suggest the committee meet three times a year or when there is a need to discuss an informed Go Live process.	Noted.
<b>Fergus Stuart – Origin Energy</b>	In defining the role of the RDC we need to be clear in relation to its advisory vs approval roles and responsibilities.	Agreed. The RDC provides input and advice, and sometimes that advice may or may not align. AEMO will review and update the terms of reference to be explicit on where the decision occurs and who the decision makers are.
<b>Geoff Hargreaves – Red Energy / Lumo Energy</b>	The RDC has been a useful source for industry for changes to the roadmap and information dissemination.	Noted.

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<b>Dan Mascarenhas – Energy Australia</b>	We need to work with the CEC and get more engagement from smaller participants in the market.	Noted. I think Dan took an action to facilitate this, can we note this pls.
<b>Fergus Stuart – Origin Energy</b>	Regarding independent retailers, would they be representing their own business?	AEMO’s expectations are that independent participants of the RDC would be required to disseminate information with other participants through appropriate means (e.g., forums or email).  AEMO will make this expectation clear through the Terms of Reference for the Committee.
<b>Dan Mascarenhas – Energy Australia</b>	Regarding non retailers who are involved in the DER space, what level of engagement and would AEMO consider extending the membership.	Diversification is welcomed. As DER related initiatives progress in the program, AEMO will look to engage with wider stakeholders groups accordingly.  AEMO to finalise RDC value proposition to facilitate engaging additional members.

## 4 Informed Go Live

Lance Brooks (Slides 13-15)

- AEMO presented a proposed informed go-live process in relation to the Unlocking of CER benefits through flexible trading arrangements rule change. Key details are outlined on slide 14 of the accompanying slide pack.

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<b>Fergus Stuart – Origin Energy</b>	Regarding the sequence of events, in particular the 11 <sup>th</sup> of April. It would be good to get this HLID as early as possible to assist with submissions to the draft determination as well as to help frame the Go Live date.	Noted. AEMO will convene a briefing session for industry on 5 April to present the HLID.

## 5 Change Management & Roadmap Update

Lance Brooks (Slides 16-17)

- Taken as read.
- AEMO noted there remains time for RDC members to submit their Program wide participant impact assessments for consideration as part of the revision process of the Roadmap.

## 6 Foundational & Strategic Initiatives – Business Case

Andrew Bell (Slides 18-27)

- Taken as read.

## 7 Other Business

Violette Mouchaileh (Slide 31)

- No other business raised.

### OPEN ACTION ITEMS

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Item	Topic	Action	Responsible
13.3.0.1	Review and reshaping of RDC collaboration	AEMO to update the Terms of Reference and share with committee members for their comment and endorsement.	AEMO
13.3.0.2	Review and reshaping of RDC collaboration	AEMO to review current meeting cadence and issue new invitations (3 time per year).	AEMO
13.3.0.3	Review and reshaping of RDC collaboration	AEMO to update the value proposition one pager document and distribute to members for comment.	AEMO
13.4.0.1	Informed Go Live	AEMO to set up an RDC meeting prior to the 25 April date to discuss the Informed Go Live process for Unlocking of CER benefits through flexible trading arrangements	AEMO
12.6.0.1	Holistic DER Review	AEMO to consider outlining the initiatives associated with DER into themes when presenting back to RDC.	AEMO

### CLOSED ACTION ITEMS

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Item	Topic	Action	Responsible
12.3.0.1	Change Management and Roadmap Update	AEMO to confirm and notify RDC members when ST PASA consultation will begin.	AEMO
12.3.0.2	Change Management and Roadmap Update	AEMO to include PEC, 'Clarifying mandatory primary frequency response obligations for bidirectional plant' and 'Review into electricity Compensation Frameworks' into the Roadmap as part of the December 2023 publication.	AEMO
12.4.0.1	Progression of Foundational & Strategic initiatives	Members to provide feedback on the Foundational and Strategic initiatives scope and approach by emailing <a href="mailto:NEMReform@aemo.com.au">NEMReform@aemo.com.au</a> . Feedback due by 15 December.	Participants
12.4.0.2	Progression of Foundational & Strategic initiatives (IDX, IDAM, PC)	AEMO to provide ENA with a list of network participants who attend F&S sessions.	AEMO