

Forum meeting record – Reform Delivery Committee (RDC) #8

Forum:	Reform Delivery Committee #8
Date:	1 December 2022
Time:	10:00AM – 12:00PM AEST
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Name	Company	Representing
Andrew Pirie	Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)	AEMC
Dominic Adams	Energy Networks Australia (ENA)	ENA
Fergus Stuart	Origin Energy	Australian Energy Council (AEC)
Greg Hannan	CitiPower/Powercor/United Energy	ENA
Liz Gharghori	AGL	AEC
Michael Bell	Red Energy/Lumo Energy	AEC
Stephanie Monaco	Red Energy/Lumo Energy	AEC
Violette Mouchaileh	Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) (Chair)	AEMO

Guests:

Name	Company	Representing
David Reynolds	AEMO	AEMO
Lance Brooks	AEMO	AEMO
Lenard Bayne	AEMO	AEMO
Peter Carruthers	AEMO	AEMO
Phil Hayes	AEMO	AEMO
Trent Morrow	AEMO	AEMO
Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO	AEMO

Apologies:

Name	Company	Representing
Brian Spak	Energy Consumers Australia (ECA)	ECA
Craig Chambers	Engevity	Clean Energy Council (CEC)
Craig Memery	Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC)	PIAC
Declan Kelly	Flow Power	Energy Efficiency Council (EEC)
Dor Son Tan	ENA	ENA
Geoff Hargreaves	Red Energy	AEC
Mark Feather	Australian Energy Regulator (AER)	AER
Michael Bradley	Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)	AEMC

1 Welcome

Ms Mouchaileh, AEMO's Executive General Manager for Reform Delivery, gave an acknowledgement of country and welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Ms Mouchaileh provided a brief overview of the agenda items and meeting objectives and recapped on some topics that were discussed at the August 2022 RDC meeting. These topics included the RDC purpose, direction, cadence, and membership.

2 Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

Mr Carruthers reviewed the actions items from the RDC Meeting #7. Items 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.5 will be discussed as part of agenda item 4 and were closed. Item 7.4 was also closed. RDC meeting #7 minutes was finalised and will be published on the AEMO's RDC webpage.

Mr Carruthers advised members that AEMO conducted a NEM2025 briefing session to metering service providers. AEMO discussed work that has been conducted to date through the RDC and discussed the NEM2025 participant impact assessment and membership representation. Finalisation of a formal nomination from metering service providers remains in progress.

Ms Monaco asked if there were any concerns by metering service providers and was it because some were not represented by the Energy Network Association (ENA) or Australian Energy Council (AEC)? AEMO advised that there were some that felt they were not represented by either ENA or AEC. AEMO added that some metering providers had different perspectives of the reform impacts and therefore felt there was an opportunity to provide those perspectives into the RDC discussions and considerations.

Mr Carruthers noted that AEMO has stood up the Program Consultative Forum which will meet monthly and noted the Executive forum will be held in the first or second quarter in 2023.

3 Taking Cost Out of Industry and Consumers

Mr Brooks provided a presentation on taking cost out of industry for the benefit of industry and consumers and highlighted where the NEM2025 program presents opportunities and alignment of expectations on what is possible and where industry may face challenges. More information is available on slide 8 – 12 of the accompanying slide pack.

Ms Monaco raised a question around consultation and if there was a need to reassess areas before the final determination such as incremental changes to ensure transparency and dialogue from decision makers to impacted parties.

Mr Pirie added that consulting with participants who are directly impacted prior to a draft determination to obtain their feedback would be beneficial.

Mr Stuart asked RDC members to consider how the NEM2025 program could bring smaller participants through the process more effectively.

Mr Adams added the need to review who we are engaging with as we may not be engaging with the right people at the right time.

Ms Monaco recommended that when strategic opportunities arise throughout parts of the NEM2025 program that it would be beneficial to directly contact key personnel on what is coming up to ensure that their organisations are well briefed and leverage from ENA, AEC, and CEC membership. This would allow for working groups to work effectively and come prepared.

4 Setting an informed GO-Live Date

Mr Morrow outlined information on setting an informed go live date and recapped on the potential issues to delivery. In addition, AEMO provided feedback on the key requirements which are outlined on slide 14 of the accompanying slide pack.

AEMO provided a diagram outlining the current process for setting go live dates and presented a pathway for an alternative process for setting an informed go live date with activities from policy and rule development to participant implementation planning to a final determination. Further information is available on slide 15 - 16 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO noted that the alternative pathway will require some work to be done by AEMO at their end-to-end implementation process from a market systems procedures perspective, and then utilising the NEM2025 forums/working groups to work through the detail with industry participants.

Mr Pirie noted that the AEMC supports considering implementation matters as early as practical in rule changes. A high-level understanding of implementation cost informs our National Electricity Objectives (NEO) assessment for draft determinations. The efficient point for detailed implementation planning is between draft and final determinations. The AEMC supports consulting on the implementation of NEM2025 rule changes, selected by AEMO, through the RDC. The consultation on implementation that is to occur through the RDC will be additional to, and not replace, the consultation that the AEMC will carry out through the rule change process. The AEMC will remain the decision-maker on rule changes and implementation timing.

5 Change Management Update

Mr Brooks presented a change management update and highlighted further updates on the FTA's model 2 and noted that the AEMC have published their proposed FTA schedule for including;

- Consultation Paper 8 December
- Directions Paper (if required) May 2023
- Draft Determination August 2023
- Final Determination November 2023.

Further information is outlined on slide 20 of the accompanying slide pack.

6 Stage Gate Status Update

AEMO noted that this item will be a standing agenda item at the RDC moving forward. AEMO outlined the stage gate timings as best currently understood and indicated a review of timing is underway. Further information is outlined on slide 23 of the accompanying slide pack. AEMO will table the stage gate 3A, 3B and 3C activities at the next RDC meeting.

7 Other Business

AEMO advised the February 2023 workshop will discuss all the prospective changes and impacts to the roadmap such as FTA2 (Flexible Trading Arrangements Model 2) and the NEM2025 change register. In addition, a change template will be presented.

8 Thanks and Close

Ms Mouchaileh indicated that the next RDC meeting will be held in February 2023 as part of the new quarterly cadence. Members were thanked for their representation and attendance at the meeting and for their contribution over the last 12 months on the development of the NEM2025 roadmap and progress.

Actions

Item #	Action	Responsibility	Due Date
8.1	AEMO to consider engaging with industry I.T stakeholders and vendors as part of the NEM2025 engagement.	AEMO	February 2023
8.2	RDC members to suggest opportunities on how the NEM2025 program can effectively engage better with industry on various levels to avoid establishing more workshops/working groups.	RDC Members	February 2023
8.3	AEMO to implement the proposed approach on a reform initiative as a first step in implementing, learning and refining the process. AEMO to identify candidate reform initiative(s) (not FTA2) and advise the RDC.	AEMO	February 2023
8.4	AEC to seek feedback from members regarding the proposal and revert to AEMO with any additional points as soon as available.	AEC	February 2023