

Forum meeting record – Reform Delivery Committee (RDC) Workshop #3

Forum:	Reform Delivery Committee Workshop #3
Date:	1 November 2023
Time:	10:00AM – 10:45AM AEDT
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Name	Company	Representing
Andrew Pirie	AEMC	AEMC
Rachel Thomas	AEMC	AEMC
Sebastien Henry	AEMC	AEMC
Shannon Culic	AEMC	AEMC
Greg Hannan	CitiPower/Powercor/United Energy	Networks
Christiaan Zuur	Clean Energy	Renewable Energy
Dominic Adams	ENA	Networks
Dan Mascarenhas	Energy Australia	Retail/Generation
Fergus Stuart	Origin Energy	Retail/Generation
Geoff Hargreaves	Red Energy	Retail
Michael Bell	Red Energy	Retail
David Reynolds	AEMO	AEMO
Kevin Ly	AEMO	AEMO
Lance Brooks	AEMO	AEMO
Lenard Bayne	AEMO	AEMO
Michelle De Saram	AEMO	AEMO
Peter Carruthers <i>(Chair)</i>	AEMO	AEMO
Ulrika Lindholm	AEMO	AEMO

1 Welcome

Peter Carruthers (slides 1-4)

- Welcome, acknowledgement of country and outlined agenda for today’s workshop.

2 AEMC Update

Rachel Thomas, Shannon Culic & Sebastien Henry (slides 5-6)

Integrating price responsive resources into the NEM

Rachel Thomas (slides 6-7)

- AEMC provided a project update on the Integrating price responsive resources into the NEM rule change, as well as context on the expected growth of Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) and the development path for coordinated dispatchable storage. AEMC noted that Scheduled Lite dispatch mode anticipates providing situational awareness for AEMO on the behaviours of price responsive resources.

- AEMC provided an overview of stakeholder feedback received following the recent consultation paper and noted that a total of 34 submissions were received. Key findings from this consultation are outlined on slide 7 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMC advised that an ‘update’ paper will be published later this year take in consideration feedback received during the recent consultation. AEMC advised its intention to progress this program of work through the establishment of technical working groups in early to mid-2024.

Raised by	Question/Issue Raised	Response
Dom Adams - ENA	Are you getting the engagement that you need from networks?	Positive engagement has been observed from networks overall the engagement during the consultation has been representative.
Kevin Ly - AEMO	What is the timing of the Cost Benefit Analysis?	Benefits assessment to be completed and included in the update paper to be published towards the end of 2023. Full CBA to be completed by mid-next year.

Enhancing reserve information

Shannon Culic & Sebastien Henry (slides 8-11)

- AEMC provided a project update and context on the enhancing reserve information (formally Operating Reserves) rule change, including feedback received to its directions paper. AEMC provided a summary of submissions received from industry and are outlined on slide 9 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMC provided an indicative project forward plan and initial views on slide 10 of the accompanying slide pack encompassing the following key areas:
 - Operating reserve market
 - Information transparency
 - Local FCAS procurement
 - Additional improvements
- It was noted that the AEMC anticipate publishing a draft determination on 14 December 2023 with further timelines, including the publishing of a final determination in April 2024, outlined on slide 11 of the accompanying slide pack.

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Christian Zuur – Clean Energy	Are we truly looking at information for all energy, limited plant or just batteries and our position would be, and it should be all energy limited plant, not just batteries?	We are looking at all plant types and energy limits.
Dan Mascarenhas – Energy Australia	Regarding the additional work the AEMC are doing on investigating the operational forecasts, particularly Lack of Reserve (LOR). Could you elaborate on what it is the AEMC are planning to do in this space?	We have heard from some stakeholders that the reports following a LOR event are quite high level and it doesn't go into a lot of detail in terms of why an actual LOR occurred and what the actual demand was at that time compared to the forecast. Transparency of LORs would lead to a better response from stakeholders and the AEMC's initial view is that

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		there is a lot of ability within the rules already to allow AEMO to input additional information in their LOR quarterly report. AEMC's initial view is not to propose additional obligations on AEMO. AEMC note it is still working through the problem definition for this area.
Peter Carruthers - AEMO	The key focus of this committee is implementation and implementation timelines, and one of the things that we've been talking about doing is running a process that helps develop an informed go live date?	Given that they won't be implementing an ORM, and the scope is reduced, AEMC's initial thoughts are that it is an unlikely candidate that would go through the RDC informed go-live process.

3 Holistic DER Review / Prioritisation Assessment

Lance Brooks (slides 7-8)

- AEMO provided a recap on the work to be completed in relation to the holistic DER review / prioritisation assessment with further information available on slide 13 of the accompanying slide pack.
- AEMO noted that the RDC meeting scheduled for November 28th will be used to workshop the priority assessment and holistic review.

4 General Questions and Other Business

Peter Carruthers (slide 42)

- The chair welcomed Dan Mascarenhas as the newest member to the RDC who will representing Retail/Generation.

Roadmap v3.1

- AEMO proposed to update the Roadmap ahead of the 28 November RDC meeting due to several changes made since the release in October 2023. AEMO committed to providing a draft updated version prior to the November meeting that will include all changes prior to publishing as v3.1 in December 2023 on AEMO's website.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

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#	Topic	Action	Responsible	Status
3.2.0.1	Enhancing reserve information	Andrew Pirie (AEMC) and Peter Carruthers (AEMO) to discuss next steps regarding the informed go-live process for Enhancing reserve information.	AEMC & AEMO	Open