

MEETING NOTES – ERCF

MEETING: Electricity Retail Consultative Forum
 DATE: Thursday, 26 August 2021
 TIME: 9:30am-12:00pm AEST
 LOCATION: Teleconference
 MEETING #: 6-21
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ATTENDEES:

| Name | Company |
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| Gareth Morrah | AEMO |
| Jackie Krizmanic | AEMO |
| Jordan Daly | AEMO |
| Kate Gordon | AEMO |
| Meghan Bibby | AEMO |
| Michelle Norris | AEMO |
| Adrian Honey | TasNetworks |
| Afolabi Odesanya | Energy Queensland |
| Andrew Smith | EvoEnergy |
| Ben Friebel | HSN Technology |
| Caitlin Parker | Unknown |
| Chantal Wright | Jemena |
| Christophe Bechia | Red/Lumo Energy |
| Cindy Matthews | Unknown |
| Collette Reedy | ActewAGL |
| Damien Tillig | Brave Energy |
| David Woods | SA Power Networks |
| Dino Ou | Endeavour Energy |
| Graeme Ferguson | Essential Energy |
| Greg Szot | Citipower Powercor |
| Helen Vassos | Plus ES |
| Jane Hutson | Energex |
| Jeff Roberts | Evoenergy |
| Jeffrey Colby | Unknown |
| Jo Sullivan | EnergyAustralia |
| Jonathan Peters | Unknown |
| Jude Perera | Endeavour Energy |
| Justin Bethlehem | Ausnet Services |
| Kamal Kisto | Origin Energy |
| Kambiz Vessali | Secure Meters |
| Kiran Balaraman | Energy Intel |
| Lamiya Marikar | Jemena |
| Laura Pierano | United Energy |
| Leon Vilfand | Jemena |
| Leonora Todesco | Jemena |

| Name | Company |
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| Linda Brackenbury | PLUS ES |
| Mamta Madan | Active Utilities |
| Mark Riley | AGL |
| Matthew Tanzer | Energy Queensland |
| Niruda Perera | Unknown |
| Paul Greenwood | Vector |
| Rebecca Neatnica | Ausnet Services |
| Robert Lo Giudice | Intellihub |
| Sara Baxter | Unknown |
| Simeon Petersons | Unknown |
| Steve Smith | Energex |
| Sue Richardson | Agility CIS |
| Tom Cole | Yurika |
| Vasanth Madhialagan | Unknown |
| Wayne Turner | Ausgrid |
| Zahara Magriplis | Energy Queensland |

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES – Jordan Daly, AEMO

Jordan Daly (AEMO) welcomed all participants to the meeting and spoke to the items as per the slides.

2. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – Gareth Morrah, AEMO

Jordan Daly (AEMO) noted the closed and progressed items, as detailed in the meeting pack and agenda. There were no carry over actions from the previous meeting.

MATTERS FOR NOTING

3. Customer Switching

Meghan Bibby gave an update on the Customer Switching project. Three more Q&A sessions have been scheduled; participants are encouraged to send through questions by email to ercf@aemo.com.au.

The timeline has been updated, key highlights are that:

- 5MS market trial concludes 10 September
- Pre prod is still available to 30 Sept

Mark Riley asked what would happen if the 5MS project was delayed. In response Meghan replied that this is being dealt with through the 5MS project – any changes to timeline would wait for the 5MS project to make the call on their contingency measures.

4. ICF Register

AEMO noted that the majority of the items in the register are now ready to proceed to industry consultation. Individual ICF and CIPs were discussed in more detail later in the meeting as per the agenda.

COMMON ITEMS

5. Reason Codes Update

Jordan Daly (AEMO) gave a brief update on the Reason Codes item. This will now be taken to consultation. Jordan also noted that all CIPs discussed (and agreed to) would be shortly moving to consultation.

6. Shared Isolation Point Flag

Jordan Daly (AEMO) provided an update from the focus group and indicated that there is low appetite for change from the status quo (keeping the “I” enumeration and using the “U” enumeration when there is no information available).

Helen Vassos (Plus ES) has proposed a change to the shared fuse field (refer to the slide pack). She argued that they have concern over the volumes of transactions, that there are too many “best guesses” or use of “no” due to not having complete data set. Her proposal is that the MPB who will be visiting sites in future would be best placed to update the field as well as the DNSP. She also proposed that the incoming MPB’s (status PENDING) would be able to initiate transactions to change the NMI status.

Robert Lo Giudice (Intellihub) noted that he was not aware that MSATS will allow changes from incoming participants and suggested that the MC should be the initiating party (along with the DNSP).

Jackie Krizmanic (AEMO) noted that AEMO would likely push back against allowing PENDING participants making change. She also noted that a part of registration of an MC is that they must show that they can transact with MSATS, a “non-transactional MC” does not exist. If this change were to proceed the MPB or MC (depending on which role is agreed) would have access to the CR5051 to update the NMI status.

The focus group is to be reconvened made up of the existing group as well as those who express an interest in participating.

7. 2021 Consultations

Jordan Daly (AEMO) provided a verbal update for the consultations according to the slides.

No submission were received for the WDR consolidation, AEMO will publish a final determination no later than 16 September 2021.

MSATS ONLY ITEMS

8. Controlled Load Data Field (MSDR changes)

Mark Riley (AGL) provided an update regarding the field, there were no comments.

9. NMI Status Focus Group

Helen Vassos (PLUS ES) noted that the NMI status can be misaligned with the physical site configuration. A focus group was held and examples were collected. PLUS ES further consulted with 2 DNSPs. The MPB needs the NMI status to reflect what is on site but there seems to be different interpretation by DNSPs of CATS procedures.

PLUS ES has raised this CIP to change clauses to marry up with abolished sites and to change the time frame for updating MSATS to 2 days once the DNSP has become aware of a change at the site. That is to update NMI status to “D” when made aware, not just when the DNSP has de-energised the site.

None of the DNSP’s supported the proposal

David Woods (SAPN) noted that the proposed changes had not been discussed at the sub working group. There are no examples provided to SAPN that supported the need for this change. The examples he had reviewed were as a consequence of a meter isolator, not the main switch being changed by the DNSP.

It was suggested that perhaps a meter status be changed, not the NMI status.

The group agreed to reconvene the sub working group to work through the issues.

10. Connection Configuration

Jordan Daly (AEMO) provided a verbal update from the sub working group. The sub group determined that a statement should be included to provide guidance to the field, stating: 'Information registered with a Greenfield NMI may be subject to change during the connection process'. AEMO is looking for guidance to where this statement should be included:

- Standing Data for MSATS
- Technical Guide to MSATS

The ERCF agreed that the Standing Data for MSATS is the appropriate location for the statement.

11. Updating the Network Tariff Code for a Greenfield NMI

Laura Peirano (United Energy) spoke to the proposal to allow an LNSP to use a CR3101 to update the NTC on a Greenfield NMI. This is a system validation change only and will not have an impact on the Procedures

AEMO can include in next consultation coming up in September.

12. NREG and GENERATR NMI Classifications

Jackie Krizmanic (AEMO) provided a verbal update. AEMO considered that NMI Classification for both NREG and GENERATR was unclear. AEMO has proposed new wording as to what we mean by these definitions (refer the slide pack).

Mark Riley (AGL) noted that at a recent 5MS meeting the suggestion was that "standalone" should be defined. Might be worthwhile to define this or alternately include the description of what is standalone in this clause.

Before agreeing, Mark Riley asked to first have the time to take the suggested change back to his business for consideration prior to consultation.

An action was taken for all CIP proponents to progress their CIPs and request feedback by the end of next week.

METROLOGY & SERVICE LEVEL PROCEDURE ITEMS

13. Reason Code Focus Group

Caitlin Parker (Origin Energy) offered to take any questions back to Joe Castellano who was not in attendance. This issue is primarily around the wording that ends up on the customer bill.

14. Metrology Procedure Part A Clause 12.5 Clarification (CIP_046)

Jordan Daly (AEMO) gave a verbal update on this CIP. This is simply a change of name clause 12.5, there are no changes to clause itself, only the title. It is being done because

people were frequently asking AEMO about the applicability to Small and whole current meters. AEMO's intent is to remove uncertainty and to reduce number of questions by highlighting in the title that this clause applies for small, whole current as well as type 7 meters.

Mark Riley (AGL) asked if UMS which is not type 7, is covered by this clause. AEMO to find out

An action was taken for Meghan Bibby (AEMO) to investigate the best wording for the clause.

15. Reference to AS60044 (CIP_048)

Jordan Daly (AEMO) gave a verbal update on the CIP_048 change to update the Metrology Procedures Part A section 3.1 (b) and (c) references to the current Australian Standard

Tom Cole (EQL) noted that the updates also removed the international standard from the clauses. It should keep the international standard in there, just change the Australian standard.

An action was taken for Jordan Daly (AEMO) to confirm the references to the International Standard remain in the CIP.

16. GPS Coordinates

Helen Vassos (plus ES) recommend that a minimum accuracy of GPS coordinates in standing data should be established in the procedures.

Participants agreed and noted that the 5MS/Power of Choice Review also attempted to achieve a standard of 5 decimal points but couldn't agree the wording.

Participants agreed that given the universal approval for this change that we should proceed to a CIP.

An action was taken for Helen Vassos and Mark Riley to develop the CIP.

B2B procedure/s will likely need to be updated at the same time.

AEMO would also need to change the standing data for MSATS document. This will be part of the consultation.

OTHER BUSINESS

17. GENERAL QUESTIONS & NEXT MEETING – Meghan Bibby, AEMO

ROCL

Mark Riley (AGL) noted that they need 100's of read access but wants more administrator access rights than just the one. Other participants agreed that managing individual ID's is an administrative nightmare for participants. Mark will capture these concerns in an email to Jordan.

An action was taken for Jordan Daly (AEMO) to take this feedback to the relevant parties within AEMO.

B2B Update

Meghan bibby (AEMO) gave a short update on managing coincident service orders (re-energisation/de-energisation). A participant survey is out and will be published as part of a pre consultation information pack. AEMO would appreciate feedback by **10 September**.

AEMO is aiming for the 24th of September for the next Retail Procedure consultation to be published. The next ERCF meeting is scheduled for 30 September

Jordan Daly Closed the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS RAISED AT MEETING

| Item | Topic | Action required | Responsible | By |
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| 0827-01 | CIPs for consultation | All CIP proponents to progress their CIPs and request feedback by 2 September 202. | | |
| 0827-02 | Metrology Procedure Part A Clause 12.5 Clarification (CIP_046) | Meghan Bibby (AEMO) to investigate the best wording for the clause. | | |
| 0827-03 | Reference to AS60044 (CIP_048) | Jordan Daly (AEMO) to confirm the references to the International Standard remain in the CIP | | |
| 0827-04 | GPS Coordinates | Helen Vassos and Mark Riley to develop the CIP. | | |
| 0827-05 | ROCL – Adding more administrator access rights | Jordan Daly (AEMO) to take this feedback to the relevant parties within AEMO. | | |