

MINUTES – GAS RETAIL CONSULTATIVE FORUM (GRCF)

MEETING: 138
 DATE: Thursday 13 August 2020.
 TIME: 11.00 AM – 2.00 PM AWST (1.00 PM – 2.30 PM AEST)
 LOCATION: AEMO Offices and Teleconference
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ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY	LOCATION
Danny McGowan (Chair)	AEMO	Teleconference
Nandu Datar	AEMO	Teleconference
Arjun Pathy	AEMO	Teleconference
Carol Poon	AEMO	Teleconference
Sophie Williams	AEMO	Teleconference
Kate Goatley	ActewAGL	Teleconference
Keiron Moore	ActewAGL	Teleconference
Sue Richardson	Agility CIS	Teleconference
Mark Riley	AGL	Teleconference
Sarah Silbert	AGL	Teleconference
Paul Bresloff-Barry	Agora Energy Retail	Teleconference
Stephanie Lommi	Alinta Energy	Teleconference
Catherine Rousch	Alinta Energy	Teleconference
Joe Sanches	ATCO Gas	Teleconference
Justin Betlehem	AusNet Services	Teleconference
Rick Abbott	Australian Gas Infrastructure Group	Teleconference
Robert Gubbins	CGI	Teleconference
Lipakshi Dhar	Economic Regulation Authority WA	Teleconference
Jo Sullivan	EnergyAustralia	Teleconference
Tim Sheridan	Jemena Gas Networks	Teleconference
Adam Kozman	Kleenheat	Teleconference
Kelly Murray	Multinet Gas Networks	Teleconference
Joe Castellano	Origin Energy	Teleconference
Mario Iogha	Origin Energy	Teleconference
Stephen White	Red and Lumo Energy	Teleconference
Nina Telford	Wesfarmers Kleenheat	Teleconference
Gerrod Murphy	Weston Energy	Teleconference

1. Welcome and apologies (WA only) – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Danny McGowan (AEMO) welcomed WA GRCF participants to the meeting.

No apologies were noted from WA participants.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted AEMO's Competition Law Policy.

2. Agenda confirmation (WA only) – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Sarah Silbert (AGL) noted two items for other business: an update regarding a head of power for customer information provision and an update on the GMI for RMP (WA) clause 32.

The GRCF then confirmed the WA component of the agenda.

3. IN001/15W WA profiles – Sophie Williams (AEMO)

Danny McGowan (AEMO), Sophie Williams (AEMO), and Carol Poon (AEMO) spoke to a set of slides that examined the WA profiling methodology and proposed a number of recommendations. AEMO's recommendations included retaining the UEBW calculation methodology in its current form and reviewing the estimated annual energy consumption of new basic meters which are mentioned in Appendix 2 of the Retail Market Procedures.

It was noted that the slides and report would be distributed following the meeting (**Action item 138.3.1**). Carol requested that participant provide feedback around the analysis or the recommendations to AEMO by 31 August 2020 (**Action item 138.3.2**). (*Secretariat note: feedback to be sent to rmo@aemo.com.au*).

4. Accept previous meeting minutes and WA action items – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

The GRCF accepted the meeting minutes for the previous meeting. Action items have been updated in the table attached.

5. Other business WA

Catherine Rousch (Alinta Energy) and Sarah Silbert (AGL) noted that they had met with Energy Policy WA (EPWA) regarding the creation of a head of power for customer detail provision. In that meeting, EPWA noted that the *Energy Coordination Act 1994 (WA)* section 11ZPI or the *Energy Coordination (Retail Market Schemes) Regulations 2004 (WA)* may be an appropriate place to insert such a head of power into existing regulations. EPWA had further noted that it would take at least 12 months for regulation to be drafted and ratified. Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that customer details provisions within the specification pack change for IN003/20W is "optional" in terms of the Retailer obligation to pass customer information via the Customer Details Notification to the network operator. Once firm advice emerges from EPWA, AEMO would facilitate new consultation to align the regulation and the specification pack (i.e. – the "optional" obligation would be replaced with a "mandatory" obligation for Retailers to provide the customer details to the network operator).

AEMO would add an item to the Register of Retail Market Issues and Changes to run a consultation to amend the RMP once the head of power had been provided (**Action item 138.5.1**).

Sarah Silbert (AGL) noted that AGL had submitted a new GMI to AEMO regarding changes to clause 32 of the RMP (WA). This issue would be considered at the 2021 Prioritisation Session.

6. Welcome, Apologies and AEMO Competition Law Meeting Protocol

Danny McGowan (AEMO) welcomed east-coast participants to the meeting and noted AEMO's Competition Law Policy.

No apologies were noted for east-coast participants.

7. Confirm agenda

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted one additional item regarding a survey of GRCF-participant experiences of the GRCF.

The GRCF then confirmed the remainder of the agenda.

8. Q4 2021 bundled release

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted the list of initiatives that are being considered as part of Q4 2021 bundled release (as at 13 August 2020):

- Definite initiatives (i.e. AEMO has issued a Notice of Decision confirming these items):
 - IN003/20 (GLS)
 - IN011/20 (Modify CDN and add CDR)
 - AseXML schema uplift to r38 for EC
- Very likely initiatives (i.e. pending final feedback, AEMO will very likely issue a Notice of Decision confirming these items):
 - IN003/20W (Add CDN and CDR)*
 - AseXML schema uplift to r38 for WC*
- Likely initiatives (i.e. AEMO will progress a PPC for these initiatives, and if there continues to be broad industry support, AEMO will confirm these items)
 - IN026/15 (Add new JECs)
 - AseXML schema uplift beyond r38 for EC
 - IN002/15W (Add new JECs)*
 - AseXML schema uplift beyond r38 for WC*
 - IN009/19W (Add meter status to MIRN Discovery and other transactions)*
 - IN010/20W (Add new meter status codes)*

* means needs ERA approval which is targeted mid Dec 2020 so can't move into "Definite" category until post ERA approval.

Participants noted this list.

9. Register of Retail Market Issues and Changes

Participants noted the changes to the Register of Retail Market Issues and Changes.

10. 2020 Gas and Electricity Retail Consultations Calendar

Participants noted the changes to the 2020 Gas and Electricity Retail Consultations Calendar, in particular that there would be a large number of consultations being held in the next two months.

11. Reminder of annual GRCF prioritisation session for the year 2021.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) reminded participants that, for an initiative to be considered in the prioritisation session for 2021, it would need to be sent to AEMO by COB 21 August 2020 (**Action item 138.11.1**).

12. Other business (all)

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that a survey would be sent to the GRCF to ask for feedback on how the GRCF was being run. Responses are due by 31 August 2020. (*Secretariat note: [this survey may be found here](#)*).

WA participants left the meeting.

13. Accept previous meeting minutes and action items (east coast)

The GRCF accepted the previous meeting minutes as accurate.

14. Meeting close

Danny McGowan closed the meeting.

Action items raised at meeting #138

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
138.3.1	IN001/15W WA Profile presentation slides	AEMO to distribute its slides and report from the IN001/15W WA Profile presentation.	AEMO	ASAP
138.3.2	IN001/15W WA Profile recommendation	GRCF to send feedback on AEMO's recommendations in its IN001/15W WA Profile paper. Feedback to be sent to rmo@aemo.com.au	WA GRCF participants	31 August 2020
138.5.1	Head of Power item in the Retail Market Register	AEMO to add an item to the Register of Retail Market Issues and Changes to run a consultation to amend the RMP once EPWA has provided a head of power for the provision of customer details.	AEMO	Next meeting
138.11.1	GRCF prioritisation session items	GRCF to send any items for consideration in the prioritisation session by 21 August 2020.	GRCF	21 August 2020

Action items raised prior to meeting #138

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
137.4.1	EPWA Discussion on head of power for CDN/CDR	Catherine Rousch (Alinta Energy) to discuss the incorporation of a head of power for CDN/CDR usage with Energy Policy WA and pass on findings to the GRCF.	Catherine Rousch (Alinta Energy)	Completed
137.5.1	IN009/19W. MIRN and Meter status scenarios	Mark Riley (AGL) to paper of possible scenarios that describes change in MIRN and Meter Statuses as a result of a particular activity.	Mark Riley (AGL)	Completed
137.5.2	IN009/19W workshop	Follow receipt of the scenario paper from AGL, AEMO to schedule a workshop for IN009/19W with WA participants.	AEMO	Completed
137.6.1	WA compliance process guideline feedback	Carol Poon (AEMO) to distribute the proposed changes on the WA Compliance Process Guideline for GRCF review.	Carol Poon (AEMO)	Completed
137.7.1	GMI on customer self-reads	Nina Telford (Wesfarmers Kleenheat) to develop a GMI on Kleenheat's desired changes regarding customer self reads.	Nina Telford (Wesfarmers Kleenheat)	Next GRCF meeting
137.14.1	July meeting date	AEMO to communicate information about the July GRCF meeting date to the GRCF.	AEMO	Completed
137.16.1	IN026/15 and IN010/20 workshop	AEMO to schedule a workshop for IN026/15 (in conjunction with IN010/20).	AEMO	Completed
137.19.1	Using CDN data for planned outages.	AEMO to add this issue to the register (<i>secretariat note – This is IN017/20</i>) and explore the idea of raising an expedited IIR to update the technical protocol as a priority.	AEMO	Completed
136.5.1	Review of AGL's proposed drafting of clause 32 (Error correction notice) in WA RMPs	WA participants to review AGL's proposed drafting on clause 32 (can be found as "Attachment 1" here) and give feedback to AGL. <i>June update: AGL will provide GMI in the week ending 3 July 2020. GRCF to give feedback by COB (AWST) 20 July 2020.</i>	WA GRCF participants	Completed