

# MINUTES – GAS RETAIL CONSULTATIVE FORUM (GRCF)

MEETING: 139  
 DATE: Thursday 17 September 2020.  
 TIME: 11.00 AM – 1.30 PM AWST (1.00 PM – 3.30 PM AEST)  
 LOCATION: AEMO Offices and Teleconference  
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## ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY	LOCATION
Danny McGowan (Chair)	AEMO	Teleconference
Nandu Datar	AEMO	Teleconference
Wayne Lee	AEMO	Teleconference
Michelle Norris	AEMO	Teleconference
Arjun Pathy	AEMO	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
Josh Hankey	Allgas	Teleconference
Anthony Boin	APA Group	Teleconference
Elaine Bilotta	ATCO Gas	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	Teleconference
Mark Lee	Momentum Energy	Teleconference
Kelly Murray	Multinet Gas Networks	Teleconference
Mario Iogha	Origin Energy	Teleconference
Stephen White	Red and Lumo Energy	Teleconference
Adam Kozman	Wesfarmers Kleenheat	Teleconference
Nina Telford	Wesfarmers Kleenheat	Teleconference

## **1. Welcome and apologies– Danny McGowan (AEMO)**

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

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

## **2. Agenda confirmation – Danny McGowan (AEMO)**

AEMO noted that Travis Kane (AEMO) would provide an update on AEMO's Certificate Replacement Program in Other Business.

The GRCF then confirmed the agenda.

## **3. Accept previous meeting minutes and action items – Danny McGowan (AEMO)**

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

## **4. Latest regulatory roadmap – Danny McGowan (AEMO)**

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted AEMO's regulatory roadmap, published on its website [here](#), and noted that the GRCF's major projects were included in this roadmap.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) reminded the GRCF that many of the non-gas retail work programs mentioned in the roadmap will draw on the resources of GRCF representatives who participate in wholesale electricity-retail forums. It is therefore important that this roadmap be taken into account as part of the prioritisation session discussion (agenda item 7).

## **5. IN002/15W and IN026/15 Job Enquiry Codes (JEC) non-versioned enumerated lists – Arjun Pathy (AEMO)**

Arjun Pathy (AEMO) spoke to the paper.

Arjun Pathy (AEMO) noted that the scope of the proposal involves moving only the JEC enumerations into a new non-versioned enumeration file called "GasEnumerations.xsd". Electricity retail enumerations are currently maintained in a non-versioned enumeration file, which has its own change management process that differs from the processes described in the aseXML Standards Working Group (ASWG) Change Management Process document. This move to a non-versioned enumeration file would form part of the IN002/15W and IN026/15 second stage (IIR) consultation and would therefore be included in the Q4 2021 bundled release program of work. Arjun noted that if the GRCF broadly supported the proposal, AEMO would submit a proposal to the ASWG that the JEC enumeration file be moved to a non-versioned enumerations file "GasEnumerations.xsd". AEMO would also request that the ASWG amend the change management document to include a process to manage non-versioned enumeration files.

The GRCF sought further clarity on the transparency of how an update to the non-version enumerations would be managed. Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that, in addition to the ASWG change request process, adding any new values to either a versioned or non-version enumerations file will always require change to the technical protocol (TP) documents because these documents describe what values are allowable for each jurisdiction, and any changes to TP documents require a procedure change consultation to occur as per the [Change Process for East Coast Gas Retail Markets](#) (in the east coast) and the RMP WA (in WA). As such, the GRCF will always have an input into the decision process when a new value is added to non-version enumerations file.

The GRCF broadly expressed support for the proposal, though Anthony Boin (APA Group), Josh Hankey (Allgas) and Tim Sheridan (JGN) noted that their businesses had not yet fully evaluated the proposal and therefore required additional time before a firm answer could be given. *[Secretariat note – AGN has provided advice to AEMO on 18 September that they support moving the JECs into a non-versioned enumeration file.]*

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Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that AEMO would include a section in the IIR response template for businesses to express that they did not support the proposal (**Action item 139.5.1**).

## 6. Issues and Change Register – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Danny McGowan noted the changes to the Issues and Change Register, specifically that the following had been completed or withdrawn since the previous meeting:

- IN001/15W (WA profiles)
- IN006/19 (Clause 301A(4) of SA RMP)
- IN017/20 (Planned work customer contact information)

## 7. 2021 Prioritisation Session

Danny McGowan (AEMO) outlined AEMO's proposed approach to the 2021 prioritisation.

Mark Riley (AGL) noted AGL's belief that it would be useful to pursue IN008/19 (Customer Own Reads) as part of AEMO's broader "corrections to SA RMP Clause 8.6" (IN016/20) initiative. AEMO agreed to do so and will add IN008/19 the other miscellaneous non contentious documentation changes described in IN016/20 (**Action item 139.7.1**).

Mark Riley (AGL) noted AGL's preference for progressing IN007/20W (Hierarchy of meter data) as part of the 2021 work program. This initiative involves developing a metrology procedure to be very much like the Electricity Metrology Procedures (Part B). Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted AEMO's belief that, given resource constraints in 2021, this should not be pursued unless resources emerged later in 2021. AGL agreed to this position.

The GRCF endorsed the following items as consultation candidates to progress in 2021:

- IN019/20 - Audit finding regarding NSW/ACT RMP clause 8.11.15 and National Gas Rules (469) and STTM Procedure (7.2.4(c)).
- IN018/20 - Residual changes that relate to the Q4 2021 bundle release program of work.
- IN014/20 - Clause 2.9.7 (Metered supply points) of the VIC RMP. The use of the term "metered" needs further clarification.
- IN000/00W - Reviewing the Anticipated Annual Consumption' for WA basic meters. *Secretariat note: This has been assigned IN002/21W.*
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- IN000/00W - Redrafting WA RMP clause 32 - Error Correction Notice. *Secretariat note: This has been assigned IN001/21W.*
- IN000/00 - Reviewing the RMP wording around what's an "actual meter read" given the advancement technology such as apps on mobile phones. *Secretariat note: This has been assigned IN001/21.*
- IN000/00 - Proposal to harmonise the SA RMPs clause 3.1.1 and TPs with VIC and QLD so SA allow reads of up to 4 business days before the earliest transfer day for in-situ transfers. *Secretariat note: This has been assigned IN002/21*
- IN016/20 - Miscellaneous non contentious documentation changes. Includes IN009/20W, IN006/20, IN007/20, IN008/20, IN009/20, IN005/20 and IN008/19.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that AEMO would prepare for circulation to the GRCF a formal work program listing the initiatives that AEMO intended to progress (**Action item 139.7.2**).

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## **8. Other business**

Travis Kane (AEMO) spoke to slides regarding AEMO's Certificate Replacement Program. He requested that any participants with questions or concerns email him at [Travis.Kane@aemo.com.au](mailto:Travis.Kane@aemo.com.au).

## **9. Meeting close**

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that the next GRCF meeting is on Thursday 15 October.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) closed the meeting.

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**Action items raised at meeting #139**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action required</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>By</b>
139.5.1	Non-versioned enumerations list feedback	AEMO to include a section in the IIR response template in which businesses could provide comments on (including support for and opposition to) AEMO's proposal to move the JEC enumerations to a non-versioned aseXML enumerations list.	Arjun Pathy (AEMO)	Complete
139.7.1	AEMO to include IN008/19 as part of IN016/20.	AEMO to include IN008/19 as part of IN016/20.	Danny McGowan (AEMO)	Next meeting
139.7.2	2021 work program	AEMO to prepare for circulation to the GRCF a formal 2021 work program listing the initiatives that AEMO intends to progress.	Danny McGowan (AEMO)	Next meeting

**Action items raised prior to meeting #139**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action required</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>By</b>
138.3.1	IN001/15W WA Profile presentation slides	AEMO to distribute its slides and report from the IN001/15W WA Profile presentation.	AEMO	Completed
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	Completed
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 GRCF meeting
138.11.1	GRCF prioritisation session items	GRCF to send any items for consideration in the prioritisation session by 21 August 2020.	GRCF	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