DRAFT MINUTES – GAS RETAIL CONSULTATIVE FORUM (GRCF)

MEETING:	148
DATE:	Tuesday 21 June 2022.
TIME:	11.00 AM – 1.00 PM AWST (1.00 PM – 3.00 PM AEDT)
LOCATION:	AEMO Offices and Teleconference
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ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY	LOCATION
Danny McGowan (Chair)	AEMO	Melbourne
Carol Poon	AEMO	Teleconference
Jordan Daly	AEMO	Teleconference
Meghan Bibby	AEMO	Teleconference
Nandu Datar	AEMO	Teleconference
James Tyrell	AEMC	Teleconference
Ellie Carey	ActewAGL	Teleconference
Rick Abbott	AGIG	Teleconference
Sue Richardson	Agility CIS	Teleconference
Mark Riley	AGL	Teleconference
Paul Bresloff-Barry	Agora Retail	Teleconference
Catherine Rousch	Alinta Energy	Teleconference
Fiona Doherty	Alinta Energy	Teleconference
Eva Mitchell	Amanda Energy	Teleconference
Joe Sanches	ATCO Gas	Teleconference
Justin Betlehem	AusNet Services	Teleconference
Robert Gubbins	CGI	Teleconference
Patrick Lau	CovaU	Teleconference
Lipakshi Dhar	Economic Regulation Authority WA	Teleconference
Charlie McNamara	Dodo	Teleconference
Troy Olcorn	EnergyAustralia	Teleconference
Lipaski Dhar	ERA	Teleconference
Luis Bogliolo	ESC	Teleconference
Merryn Wilson	ESC	Teleconference
Anthony Hill	ETSI	Teleconference
Evan Giosis	Globird Energy	Teleconference
Sagar Shah	HansenCX	Teleconference
Emille Kueh	Jemena Gas Networks	Teleconference
Marc Flynn	Jemena Gas Networks	Teleconference
Deanna Power	Kleenheat	Teleconference
Bab Kamath	Momentum Energy	Teleconference
Gordon Stevenson	Momentum Energy	Teleconference
Kelly Murray	Multinet Gas Networks	Teleconference
Bree Shaw	Origin Energy	Teleconference
Joe Castellano	Origin Energy	Teleconference
Camille Hymer	Pacific Hydro	Teleconference

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Justin Dopierala	Powershop	
Sean Jennings	Red and Lumo Energy	Teleconference
Adam Graves	Synergy	Teleconference
Jennifer Main	Synergy	Teleconference
Saptarshi Saha	Synergy	Teleconference
Karthi Mahalingham	Synergy	Teleconference
Patrick Lau	Tel Pacific	Teleconference

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1. Welcome, Apologies and AEMO Competition Law Meeting Protocol – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

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

Mario Iogha (Origin Energy) was an apology. Joe Castellano (Origin Energy) dialled in as his replacement.

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

2. Agenda confirmation – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

The GRCF confirmed the meeting 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. Items 147.6.1 and 147.9.1 have both been closed between now and the last meeting.

Regarding action 137.7.1, Deanna Power (Kleenheat) has been speaking to ATCO regarding customer self-reads for Western Australia, so this matter should be led by them. Joe Sanches (ATCO) stated a GMI will be circulated on this issue. Danny McGowan (AEMO) stated that the GRCF prioritisation session will be held in September, so the specific details of ATCO's customer self-reads proposal will need to be outlined in ATCO's GMI before the prioritisation session so it can be considered as part of the GRCF's 2023 program of work.

4. Issues and Change Register – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that 5 new initiatives had been added to the Issues and Change Register since the previous meeting. No initiatives have been completed or withdrawn since the previous meeting.

One Gas Retail Market consultations is currently ongoing:

- IN002/21 - Earliest transfer day SA.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) provided a verbal update regarding IN007/21 – Zonal Heating Values. The formal consultation is on hold as AEMO is reviewing the requirements pertaining to the broader national hydrogen strategy including the distribution connected facilities work to determine whether these changes and ZHV changes overlap in terms of IT development effort. Distributors were reminded to ensure their IT changes are in the pipeline for an effective date of 1 July 2023.

Mark Riley (AGL) asked why the delivery timeline couldn't be moved to the normal gas IT release cycle, being April / May. Danny McGowan advised that AEMO doesn't have any predetermined industry IT gas (retail or wholesale) release cycles windows. Mark Riley (AGL) asked if AEMO had an update in relation to AGL's idea of bringing the date forward. It was noted that AEMO is still reviewing everyone's feedback so can't provide any update on AGL revised date proposal.

Marc Flynn (Jemena) stated that the effective date of his proposed change will need to be moved from Q4 2022 to 31 March 2023. This is due to the complexity of the change and the regression testing required for it. No material issues or objections in relation to moving the effective date were raised. Danny McGowan (AEMO) advised that given that no material issues or objections were raised, AEMO will shortly issue a notice of effective date that the changes take effect 31 March 2023.

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Other updates are available in the Combined Retail Market Issue and Change Register. New items that have been raised since the last GRCF meeting were outlined by Danny McGowan (AEMO) according to the Register.

5. 2021 and 2022 Gas and Electricity Retail Consultations Calendars – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that the 2022 Gas and Electricity Retail Consultations Calendar is up to date and is available here. This was circulated with the meeting pack.

6. IN006-21 Proposal to remove SA duplication in SP and PBP – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Danny McGowan (AEMO) spoke to the GMI that was circulated with the meeting pack and its attachment. Feedback on this GMI was requested. Mark Riley (AGL) noted that the scope of this scenario needs to be explicitly constrained. Sean Jennings (Red/Lumo) identified further clauses that would require amending and will send those after the meeting (Action item 148.6.1). Rick Abbott (AGIG) noted that there are no complications expected based on his analysis, but further items for consideration will be forwarded to AEMO. No IT changes are expected from this change. Noting that no material issues were raised, AEMO will now include the changes described in the GMI with other minor TP documentation changes. This bundled suit of minor changes is targeted to commence the first round of consultation in early July.

7. New GMI - Alternative method for disconnecting supply – Joe Castellano (Origin)

Joe Castellano (Origin) spoke to the matter that was circulated with the meeting pack. He is seeking feedback from distributors, particularly WA distributors, on this matter. Joe Sanches (ATCO) spoke to the two current disconnection methods. Kelly Murray (MGN) and Justin Betlehem (Ausnet Services) require more time to review before providing feedback. Rick Abbott (AGIG) and Marc Flynn (Jemena) requested further information on the trailer access coupling. There's no physical connection between the pipe and meter, the clamp goes around the valve. Origin Energy will provide further information on this topic and follow up with distributors on this matter (Action item 148.7.1). This will be an attachment to the GMI. The key is to understand the technical aspects of the proposal and if this would be a separate service order, as it is in WA.

Mark Riley (AGL) and Fiona Doherty (Alinta) noted their support of the GMI.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) advised that because this GMI is still a "work in progress", it wouldn't be added to the register at this stage.

8. New GMI - MIRN Classification

Fiona Doherty (Alinta) spoke on behalf of Robert Lo Giudice (Alinta) regarding the GMI. The GMI is intended to create clarity within the market and act as a single cross-reference table. This would be a guide rather than a Procedure. Marc Flynn (Jemena) requested more information on what information the MIRN Classification would give. Fiona Doherty (Alinta) stated this would make the information more accessible, much like NMI Classifications. Kelly Murray (MGN) stated that customer threshold definitions currently exist. Fiona Doherty (Alinta) stated this would apply to all states and be easy to find in one location. Rick Abbott (AGIG) stated these would be likely to be broad categories.

Daniel McGowan (AEMO) stated that classification codes are relevant in electricity as this information is important for the market. AEMO is comfortable registering this GMI and progressing it, preferably as part of a cleanup of industry guides. Mark Riley (AGL) recommended the table contain cross-references to other relevant documents so participants can look clauses up as needed. Sean Jennings (Red/Lumo) requested the proponents share the references that would feed in to the MIRN Classification table. This was taken as an action (Action item 148.8.1).

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Danny McGowan (AEMO) advised that because this GMI is still a “work in progress” it wouldn’t be added to the register.

9. Other Business (all) – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Update on the scope/capacity of AEMO gas, retail market resourcing.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) reminded participants that AEMO’s resourcing capacity to consider new GRM work is somewhat limited as AEMO is focused on current GRCF program of work deliverables and essentially has very limited (if not zero) capacity to contemplate other GRM initiatives that aren’t on the list. The recent market events haven’t helped. That said, if participants are looking to get AEMO engagement on new work, it’s very likely that AEMO will be unable to assist.

Reminder to Participants to always do your own fact checking

Danny McGowan (AEMO) advised that AEMO is aware that from time to time Participants feel the need to explore GRM issues and propose solution to these issue at aren’t on the GRCF current program of work. On accession AEMO isn’t part of these discussions. Not having AEMO at these discussions means that those conversation and decision etc are potentially missing a “fact checking” element which AEMO often brings to the table in forums like the GRCF. That’s said, it AEMO view that participants should always do their own fact checking and not rely on other participants views as they could be wrong or misleading.

Reminder to update ROCL

Rick Abbott (AGN) requested all GRCF participants keep their ROCL updated, particularly contact details and Hub IDs.

10. Next GRCF meeting – Danny McGowan (AEMO)

Danny McGowan (AEMO) noted that the next GRCF meeting would be Tuesday 19 July 2022. A new Teams link has been included in the Outlook meeting invitations.

Danny McGowan (AEMO) closed the meeting.

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Action items raised at meeting #148

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
148.6.1	IN006-21 Proposal to remove SA duplication in SP and PBP	- Sean Jennings (Red/Lumo) and Rick Abbott (AGIG) to send their analysis regarding SA duplication in SP and PBP proposal.	Sean Jennings (Red/Lumo) and Rick Abbott (AGIG)	ASAP
148.7.1	Alternative method for disconnecting supply	- Origin Energy to provide more context and the technical aspects involved in their proposal to distributors, to be circulated by AEMO.	Joe Castellano and Mario Iogha (Origin)	Next meeting
148.8.1	MIRN Classifications	- Alinta Energy to provide drafted MIRN Classification table, including the references from which classifications would be sourced	Robert Lo Giudice and Fiona Doherty (Alinta)	Next meeting

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Action items raised prior to meeting #146

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
147.6.1	Circulating meeting information	- 2022 calendar invitations to be sent to GRCF participants. The IN007-22 GMI documents, including the slides, to be sent to GRCF and GWCF participants.	Jordan Daly (AEMO)	Sent between March and June meetings.
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. November 2020 update: Wesfarmers Kleenheat continues work on this item and will continue to keep AEMO and the GRCF informed of progress. March 2021 update: No update. April 2021 update: No update. June 2021 update: No update. August 2021 update: Mark Riley (AGL advised that he would contact Kleenheat, about actioning this action item when the NSW/ACT self-read consultation (IN001/21) concludes. March 2022 update: Deanna Power dpower@kleenheat.com.au nominated as an additional Kleenheat GRCF representative. June 2022 update: On hold noting that Joe Sanches (ATCO) agreed to progress this issue via a ATCO' GMI which will be drafted by the relevant parties.	Wesfarmers Kleenheat	Next GRCF meeting

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