

# Gas Retail Consultative Forum

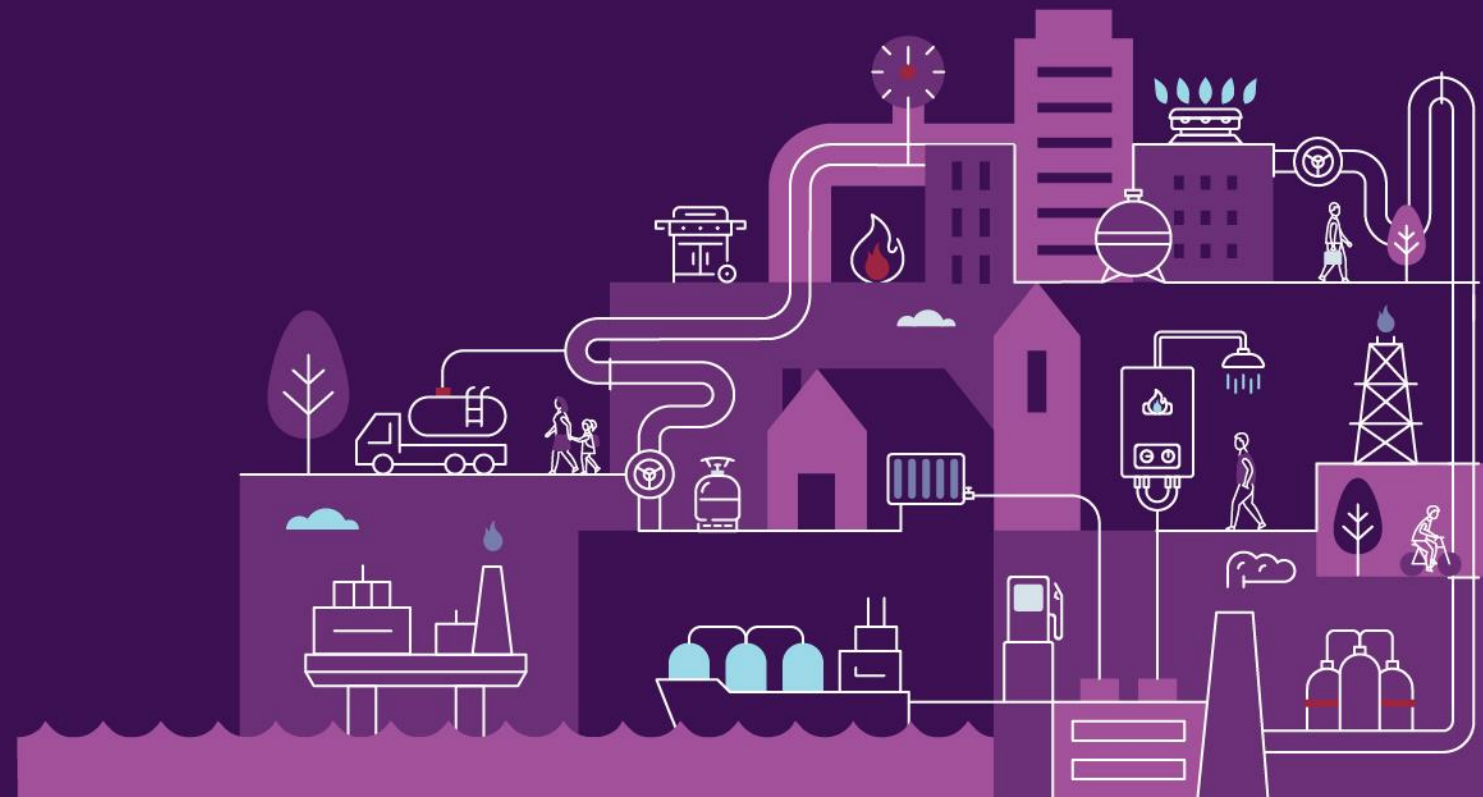


Meeting # 158

Tuesday 18 March 2024

1:00pm Melbourne time

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# GRCF Agenda #158 \*

Date & Time: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 13:00 – 16:00

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#	~Time	Session Topic	Topic Presenter
1	13:00 – 13:05	Confirm Agenda	Danny McGowan (AEMO)
2	13:05 – 13:15	Previous minutes and action items	Danny McGowan (AEMO)
3	13:15 – 13:30	Issue / Change Register & Retail Consultation Calendar	Danny McGowan (AEMO)
4	13:30 – 13:35	Retail Consultation Calendar	Danny McGowan (AEMO)
5	13:35 – 13:50	GMI – Package 6 2023 – WA Minor Initiatives (IN009/20W, IN002/22W, IN001/24W and IN002/23W)	Nandu Datar (AEMO)
6	13:50 - 14:20	GMI – IN002/22 Gas Estimation & Substitution Codes - Collated GRCF responses for Appendix 1 of GMI	Louise Webb (AEMO)/Mark Riley (AGL)
7	14:20 – 14:40	GMI - IN002/24 - Resolving issues with meter status in MDNs	Mario logha (Origin)
8	14:40 – 14:50	Other Business - Victorian HVZ Transition Plan	Danny McGowan (AEMO)
9	14:50 – 14:55	Next meeting - April – date to be advised	Danny McGowan (AEMO)

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1. Confirm agenda
2. Previous minutes and action items



Danny McGowan  
AEMO

## 1- Confirm agenda

- Refer slide 4.

## 2a - Accept previous minutes - # 157 (13 February 2024)

- Please refer to item ref#2 in meeting pack.
- One correction made as proposed by Alinta and AEMO

## 2b - Action items

- Please refer to item ref#2 in meeting pack.

Action

Discuss

Action

Decision

Action

Discuss



# 3. Issue/Change Register

# 4. Retail Consultation Calander

Danny McGowan  
AEMO

# 3 – Issue/Change Register

1. **Added, completed and withdrawn** items to register since last GRCF meeting.  
 - Please also refer to item ref#3 in meeting pack

Update to register	IN# & Description
<b>Items added (1)</b>	IN005/24 - Inclusion of Contract MDQ in Gas RoLR Transaction Customer and Site Details from FRB to RoLR (T1010)
<b>Items Completed (0)</b>	Nil
<b>Items Withdrawn (0)</b>	Nil



# 3 – Issue/Change Register

## 2. Completed consultation and awaiting implementation.

- Please also refer to item ref#3 in meeting pack

Work Package	IN# & Description	Go Live	Consultation Link
<b>2023 -#3A Vic ZHV</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IN007/22 - Modifications to HVZs and the HV information that AEMO provides</li> </ul>	Targeting 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>2023-#3B Vic Renewable Gas Integration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IN007/21 - Victorian Hydrogen integration</li> <li>IN017/22 - VIC RMPs changes pertaining to HB Distribution Connected facilities</li> <li>IN007/23 - Review DDS and market definition.</li> <li>IN016/22 - Add explanation in the RMP about the regulatory framework and coverage for the Vic RMPs</li> </ul>	Targeting 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>2023-#5 RoLR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IN002/23 – Adding additional fields to the existing T1010 RoLR file</li> <li>IN003/23 – Update SA RMP</li> <li>IN012/22 - T1005 transaction</li> <li>IN009/22 - RoLR Provisions</li> <li>IN008/17 - SA RoLR Process Flows</li> <li>IN008/20 - Section 2.1.17 of the ICD</li> </ul>	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	<a href="#">Link</a>

# 3 – Issue/Change Register

## 3. Emerging Consultations – First half of 2024

- Please also refer to item ref#3 in meeting pack

Work Package	IN # & Description	Status	Target Consultation Start Date
<p><b>2023 #6 WA changes</b></p>	<p>IN009/20W - ‘Auditor’s deed of undertaking’ typographical error            IN002/22W - Issue with WA participant deregistration            IN002/23W - Minor documentation errors with WA Technical Protocol            IN001/24W - Correct clause numbering in Appendix 2 of WA RMP</p>	<p>To be discussed under agenda 5. GMI issued. Feedback due 26 March 2024</p>	<p>Mid April 2024</p>
<p><b>2023 #4 Renewable Gas Integration (non VIC and WA)</b></p>	<p>IN006/23 - Renewable Gas Integration for STTM and Non STTM markets. Effective 3 March 2025</p> <div data-bbox="308 786 1454 1293" style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>Procedures changes for Hydrogen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This change applies to the STTM and Gas Retail Markets (non-Vic and WA)</li> <li>• AEMO expects to start the Procedure consultation before the date shown. The following is provided as an indicative latest consultation timeline.</li> <li>• The dates of the consultation if we complete the Procedure change by 3 December are:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expected PPC publication date: 13 August 2024</li> <li>• Expected PPC consultation submissions due: 10 September 2024</li> <li>• Expected IIR publication date: 8 October 2024</li> <li>• Expected IIR consultation submissions due: 5 November 2024</li> <li>• Expected Decision publication date: 3 December 2024</li> <li>• Effective Date of Procedures: 3 March 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The transitional rules require the Procedures to be made, at latest, by 3 December 2024 for the effective date of 3 March 2024.</li> </ul> </div> <p>See AEMC final rule change: <a href="#">Review into extending the regulatory frameworks to hydrogen and renewable gases   AEMC</a></p>	<p>AEMO initial assessment underway</p>	<p>TBA</p>

# 3 – Issue/Change Register

## 4. Emerging Consultations – **Second half of 2024**

- Please also refer to item ref#3 in meeting pack

Work Package	IN # & Description	Status	Target Consultation Start Date
<b>2024 #1 - B2B Change</b>	IN001/24 - Adjustment of Address field lengths to align with AS 4590 and Electricity changes	<p>Electricity continues to assess alignment of B2B and B2M address fields to AS4590 2017 <b>and</b> alignment between other B2B and B2M fields.</p> <p>Gas is proposing to launch assessment of this GMI (i.e. Gas B2B Address fields) at the start of Electricity 2nd round consultation (~August 2024)</p>	TBA
	IN002/22- Update Gas Estimation / Substitution Reason Codes	Louise Webb/Mark Riley to present collated GRCF responses to GMI Appendix 1 Questionnaire on 18/3/24	
	IN002/24 - Resolve inconsistencies on how the meter status is populated in Meter Data Notification (MDN)	GMI has been submitted. To be discussed under agenda item 7	
	IN005/24 - Inclusion of Contract MDQ in Gas RoLR Transaction Customer and Site Details from FRB to RoLR (T1010)	GMI reviewed at February meeting. There were no dissenting views regarding this proposal. This initiative will now form part of 2024 Package 1.	

# 3 – Issue/Change Register

## 4. Emerging Consultations – **Second half of 2024** (continued)

- Please also refer to item ref#3 in meeting pack

Work Package	IN # & Description	Status	Target Consultation Start Date
<b>2024 #2 - RMP changes that are minor non-controversial corrections.</b>	IN006/20 - Definition of a Customer	Not started	TBA
	IN001/21W - Redrafting WA RMP clause 32 - Error Correction Notice		
	IN015/22 - Harmonise the definition of Heating Value within east coast RMP		
	IN019/13 – Removal of conduct provision in Procedures		
	IN011/13 - Non-DTS Metering		
	IN003/24 - Participant Build Pack 2 (i) Glossary (ii) Usage Guide - Possible duplications		
	IN004/24 - Participant Build Pack 2 - Glossary should be updated with entries for BAR and GRMS		

# 3 – Issue/Change Register

5. **Specific updates** - Please refer to the register for specific updates to each item since the last GRCF meeting. The updates are shown in **orange text**.
  
6. **Any questions** in relation to the register.

# 4 – Retail Consultation Calander

Action

Discuss



Click [here](#) to view the AEMO consultation. The retail consultation Calander is located at the bottom of the page.

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* - see GAS Package details tab for more information about the changes																																													
<a href="#">Click</a> to view the National Energy Market (NEM) Reform Implementation Roadmap																																													

Any questions or comments in relation to the calendar?

# 5. GMI – Package 6 2023 WA Minor changes

Nandu Datar  
AEMO

# GMI – Package 6 2023 WA minor changes

Action

Decision



Please also refer to item ref#4 in meeting pack.

GMI issued on 12 March 2024 for GRCF review and feedback by 26 March 2024. The package consists of the following initiatives,

## Initiatives involving Procedure Changes:

- IN009/20W Typographical error in ‘Auditor’s deed of undertaking’  
Fix the clause reference number and period for submitting the report
- IN002/22W Minor issue with WA participant deregistration  
To cover the allocation of URAA and SRQ before the participant exits the market
- IN001/24W Fix clause numbering in Appendix 2 of RMP WA  
Correct the title for clause 16 and reintroduce missing numbering in Appendix 2

## Initiative involving Specification Pack Changes:

- IN002/23W Minor change to documentation errors in WA Technical Protocol  
To correct the discrepancy between 2 Technical Protocol documents and service order codes

## Matters for the GRCF to consider.

- IN002/21W – Anticipated Annual Consumption does not require formal consultation
- IN001/24W - AEMO’s proposed clause numbering for Appendix 2 of RMP WA



# 6. GMI – IN002/22 - Collated GRCF responses for appendix 1 of GMI



Louise Webb(AEMO)/Mark Riley (AGL)

# GMI – IN002/22 Collated GRCF responses to Appendix 1 Questionnaire

Action

Decision



Please also refer to item ref#5 in meeting pack.

- Total Number of GRCF Responses: **x9**
- Of the x27 proposed Substitution/Estimation codes, **x16** codes received detailed GRCF feedback (refer overleaf)
- **x8** new Substitution/Estimation codes proposed

## Matters for the GRCF to consider.

1. Recommend a GRCF workshop to be held in late March to discuss detailed Substitution / Estimation codes and update GMI
2. Next steps towards to PPC

# GMI – IN002/22 Collated GRCF responses to Appendix 1 Questionnaire

GMI Questionnaire	Summary of GRCF Feedback	Mark Riley, AGL (GMI Author) response
<p><b>Question #1</b>            Inserted in table below and specific to Appendix 1 of the GMI, please indicate your organization support or comment for each Substitution / Estimation code proposed update / insertion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Support.</li> <li>• Specific feedback includes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Of the x27 proposed Substitution/Estimation codes, x16 codes had detailed GRCF feedback</li> <li>○ x8 new codes proposed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to ' GRCF GMI Questionnaire Feedback_IN002-22 Gas Est and Sub Codes V0.4' excel spreadsheet for detailed responses</li> </ul>
<p><b>Question #2</b>            Noting a future questionnaire will be distributed covering all aspects of the GMI, does your organization have any other comments on the GMI at this stage?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Support.</li> <li>• Specific feedback includes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Implementation costs</li> <li>○ Timeframe for implementation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend a GRCF workshop to review the final suite of Sub/Est codes prior to PPC.</li> <li>• GRCF to discuss timeframe for implementation.</li> <li>• Participants to individually determine costs to implement</li> </ul>
<p><b>Question #3</b>            Does your organisation have any objection to the Substitution / Estimation codes and descriptions being centralized in an AEMO gas artefact?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General support.</li> <li>• Specific feedback includes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inclusion of Sub/Est codes for basic and interval metered sites (e.g. in the PBP 5 for NSW/ACT).</li> <li>○ Confirmation of recommended location to centralise Sub/Est codes</li> <li>○ Confirmation of the process to amend the codes/descriptions across AEMO gas artefacts to ensure participants continue to have adequate time to consider and make system changes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed GMI does reflect codes that can be used for basic, and interval metered sites</li> <li>• The GMI proposes to centralise Sub/Est codes and refer all build packs to Build Pack 1</li> <li>• Subject to AEMO confirmation, process to include creation of new table in Build Pack 1, cross check all other Build Packs and refer to Build Pack 1. At this time, GRCF would establish a release window.</li> </ul>

# 7. GMI - IN002/24 - Resolving issues with meter status in MDNs



Mario Iogha (Origin)

# GMI - IN002/24 - Resolving issues with meter status in MDNs

Action

Decision



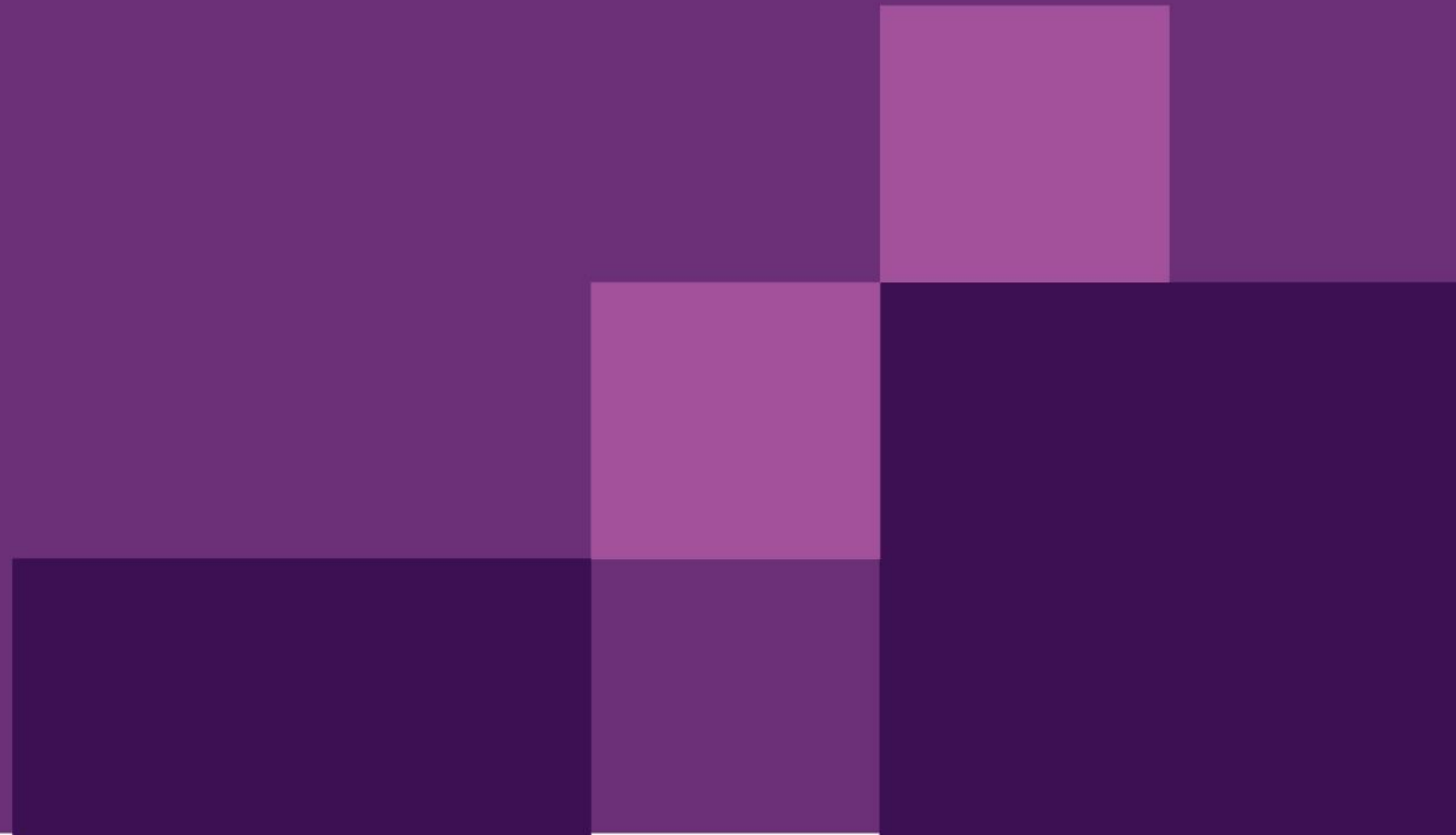
Please also refer to item ref#6 in meeting pack.

1. Industry is experiencing inconsistency on how the meter status is populated when MDN's are resent for historical adjustment purposes

## **Matters for the GRCF to consider.**

- GRCF to consider which of the following options, if applicable, an explanatory note could be inserted to describe how the meters status is populated in an MDN Transaction.
  - Option 1 – provide an explanatory note only where meter status values are defined in Build Packs
  - Option 2 – provide an explanatory comment only where MDN transaction is referenced in Build Packs
  - Option 3 – Provide and explanatory note for both option 1 and 2
- Otherwise, GRCF to provide an alternative to the above options.

# 8. Other Business



# 8. Other Business

#	Topic	Speaker	Reference documents	GRCF action
1	Proposal to move the 9 April GRCF meeting to the week of the 15 April.	Danny McGowan (AEMO)	None	None
2	<b>‘Victorian HVZ Transition Plan’</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 1.3 ‘Potential CTM Changes’ intended to be removed as there are no CTM changes within Vic HVZ Transition period.</li> <li>Version 3.0 will be shortly published to AEMO website</li> </ul>	Louise Webb (AEMO)	None	None

# 9. Next Meeting

TBA





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