

Forum meeting record

Forum:	WA Electricity Consultative Forum
Date:	3 May 2023
Time:	10:00am
Location:	Microsoft Teams
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Attendees:

Name	Company Department
Dean Sharafi (Chair)	AEMO
Robin Parsons (Secretariat)	AEMO
Garth Gum Gee	Ace Power
Suzanne Bentley	Alcoa
Michelle Nguyen	Alinta
Audelle Hong	Alinta
Dimitri Lorenzo	Bluewaters
Adam Stephen	Bluewaters
Geoff Gaston	Change Energy
Mathias Hammer	Climate Change Authority
Chayan Gunendran	Collgar
Jake Flynn	Collgar
Steve Gould	Community Electricity
Gill Willmer	Community Electricity
Neil Duffy	EDL Energy
Liz Aitken	Empire
Claire Richards	EnelX
Li Chester	EnelX

Name	Company Department
Loke Loke	EPWA
Stephen Eliot	EPWA
Laura Koziol	EPWA
Jenny Laidlaw	EPWA
Dora Guzeleva	EPWA
Marcel Tripolone	EPWA
Richard Cheng	ERA
Gavin White	ERA
Kobi Tyrrell	ERA
Haiyan Liu	ERA
Rajat Sarawat	ERA
Robert Pullella	ERA
Julian Fairhall	ERA
Arun Sri	Gentrack
Abbas Abbasi	Goldwind Australia
Andrew Hyland	Green Investment Group
Gordon Sue	IBA
Matthew Bowen	Jackson McDonald
Dylan Teh	Kleenheat
Peter Kolf	KPK Specialist Advisory Services Pty Ltd
Bobby Ditric	Lantau Group
Penny Ling	Metro Power
Timothy Edwards	Metro Power
Andrew Scarfone	Perth Energy
Graeme Ross	Simcoa
Andrew Walker	South32
Lucy Wu	South32
Sng, Jasper	South32
George Martin	Starling Energy
Rudy Khong	Synergy
Jean-Philippe Montandon	Synergy

Name	Company Department
Nimish Trivedi	Synergy
Cameron Owens	Synergy
Genevieve Teo	Synergy
Rodney Littlejohn	Tersum Energy
Sue Franke	Tesla Corp
Hari Sridhar	Transalta
Peter Huxtable	Water Corp
Dugald Bell	Western Power
Valentina Kogon	Western Power
Rob Chandler	Western Power
Dean Frost	Western Power
Mark McKinnon	Western Power
Judy Hunter	Western Power
Noel Schubert	
Adrian Pearce	AEMO
David Weinholz	AEMO
Andrew Smith	AEMO
Martin Maticka	AEMO
Neetika Kapani	AEMO
Manus Higgins	AEMO
Tom Butler	AEMO

1 Welcome and previous meeting minutes

Dean Sharafi (AEMO) opened the meeting at 10:02pm, welcomed attendees to WAECF No. 42.

The minutes from the previous WAECF (22 February 2023) were endorsed. AEMO to publish the minutes as final on the website (action item 1.1).

2 AEMO Operational Updates

2.1 Power System Update

David Weinholz (AEMO) presented a power system update focusing on the tools and processes AEMO uses for operational forecasting and specifically the planning and actuals for the recent solar eclipse.

2.2 Reserve Capacity (RC) Update

Neetika Kapani (AEMO) provided an update on Reserve Capacity activities, announcements and key milestones associated with the 2022 reserve capacity cycle and upcoming dates for the 2023 RC Cycle - deferred timetable. Neetika also noted the WEM Electricity Statement of Opportunities (ESOO) is on track for publication on 10 July 2023 and based on early indications from the 2023 WEM ESOO draft demand forecasts, AEMO expects that a process to procure Supplementary Reserve Capacity (SRC) will be triggered for the 2023-24 capacity year.

2.3 Supplementary Reserve Capacity (SRC) Update

Manus Higgins (AEMO) provided an overview of SRC, the procurement process and stepped through some of the SRC activities from the 2022-2023 summer period.

Stakeholder questions and feedback

Matthew Bowen (Jackson McDonald): Can you share more details of the VPP responses? How many MW. And who the VPP provider was?

AEMO: There was between 800-900 residences in the Dunsborough region, that provided approximately 2 MW.

Noel Schubert: How many MW was offered?

AEMO: 100 MW was offered

2.4 Quarterly Energy Dynamic (QED) Report Insights

Adrian Pearce (AEMO) presented some key insights from the Quarter 1, 2023 QED that was published on 28 April 2023 noting:

- Cooler temperatures than Q1 2022 flowed through to reduced operational demand
- Coal preservation program ended mid-way through the quarter, impacting the fuel mix
- Balancing price and STEM price still elevated despite regression from record highs
- Outages from multiple major gas producers impacted the Q1 WA gas market dynamics.

3 AEMO Project Updates

3.1 WA DER Roadmap update

Tom Butler (AEMO) presented an update on the WA DER program, providing a high-level update on Project Symphony, DER Participation, Technology integration and DER Register. Noting the over status is Amber due to some delays. The next WA DER market participation forum will be held on 14 June 2023.

3.2 WEM Reform Program update

Andrew Smith (AEMO) provided an update on WEM Reform Program noting the program remains on track for new market commencement on 1 October 2023. The RCM NAQ framework was implemented on schedule and market trials have now commenced. Following board approval of revised budget the status has improved but remains amber to reflect the tight schedule and level of risk. The next WEM Reform Implementation Group will be held on 11 May 2023.

4 Allowable Revenue and Forecast Capital Expenditure (AR6) in-period submission update

Martin Maticka (AEMO) provided an overview of AEMO's AR6 in-period submission proposal noting, AEMO's approach to governance, forecasting, labour and contingency costs for WEM Reform and provided an opportunity for stakeholder questions.

5 Other Business

No other business was raised.

6 Meeting close

Dean Sharafi (AEMO) thanked participants for attending and noted the date for the next WAECF is scheduled for 21 June 2023. The closed the meeting at 11:17am.

Disclaimer

This document provides an overview of the main points of discussion at an industry forum convened by AEMO on 4 May 2023 to provide information and invite perspectives and feedback on matters relating to WA Electricity Consultative Forum). Readers, please note that:

- This document is a summary only and is not a complete record of discussion at the forum.
- For presentation purposes, some points have been grouped together by theme and do not necessarily appear in the order they were discussed.
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