

MINUTES

MEETING: WA Gas Consultative Forum (WAEFCF)
 DATE: Wednesday, 22 July 2020
 TIME: 1:00 PM (AWST)
 LOCATION: Microsoft Teams
 CONTACT: WAgasforum@aemo.com.au

ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Martin Maticka (Chair)	AEMO
Laura Tomkins (Secretariat)	AEMO
Joachim Tan	AEMO
Cameron Parrotte	AEMO
Neetika Kapani	AEMO
Mark Katsikandarakis	AEMO
Sangita Bista	AEMO
Justy Park	AEMO
Rebecca Petchey	AEMO
Mark Riley	AGL
Rachael Smith	AGIG
Paul Bresloff-Barry	Agora Retail
Nick Eaton	ALCOA
Richard Beverley	Alinta
Nicholle Langer	Alinta
Tim McLeod	Amanda Energy
Karan Sharma	APPEA
Hamish Wagner	APA
Michael Puls	APA
James Russell	ATCO
Scott Davis	BHP
Amanda Wilson	BP
Jennifer Kirk	Cannings Purple
Richard Harris	Cannings Purple
Kathryn Sydney-Smith	Chevron
Gemma Jennings	Chevron
Bernie Bourke	Chevron
Robert Rintoul	Chevron
Dominic Rodwell	Citic Pacific Mining
Jia Wu	Citic Pacific Mining
Marie Arnason	Energy Access Services
Bryon Mclaughlin	Energy Policy WA
Lipakshi Dhar	ERA
Wendy Ng	ERM Power
Neil Duffy	EDL Energy
Geoff Hoblely	EDL Energy
William Street	Entego
Neil Humphries	FMGL
Lucy Crantock	FMGL

Stephen Delmonaco	Exxon Mobil
Adrian Hamra	Exxon Mobil
Allan McDougall	Gas Trading
Taron Brearley	JTSI
Noelle Leonard	JTSI
Ben Laidler	JTSI
Iulian Sirbu	Infinite Energy
Jodie McDonnell	Kleenheat
Richard DeBont	KUFPEC
Ashley Chan	KUFPEC
Peter Kolf	KPKSAS
Ayako Akutagawa	Mepau
Simon Molyneux	Molyneux Advisors
Nicole Filbay	NOPTA
Jana O’Kane	Quadrant Energy
Jenny Laidlaw	RCPWA
Stephen Eliot	RCPWA
Graham Weaver	Santos
Leah Kisiel	Santos
Erin Sutton	Santos
Sam McCready	Santos
Ben Goldbloom	Saracen
Shirley Qiu	Shell
Charles Loh	Shell
Tao-Liang Lee	Shell
Aakash Sembey	Simply Energy
Colby Hauser	Strike Energy
Carole Clare	Synergy
Kyo Baba	Tokyo Gas
Ayumi Sugita	Tokyo Gas
Barbara Hagen	Verisk
David Low	Verisk
Costa Swift	Verisk
Damon Buckley	Western Gas
Cathy McKeagney	Warrego Energy
Barbara Hagen	Woodmac
Daniel Toleman	Woodmac
Ben Cranston	Woodside
Ken Chan	
Bronwen Mills	
Steven Taylor	

1. Welcome and Previous meeting minutes

Martin Maticka (AEMO) opened the meeting at 1:05 pm, welcomed attendees to WAGCF No.15.

The minutes from the previous WAGCF (15 November 2019) were endorsed. AEMO to publish the minutes as final on the website (Action Item 1.1).

Martin mentioned a query AEMO received through the WAGCF survey from the last forum regarding 'Market supply and depletion rates.' For AEMO to better understand the scope of the question and to be able to provide a response, Martin asked that more information be provided, this can be provided through the survey from this meeting or by emailing WAgasforum@aemo.com.au

2. Covid-19 Insights

Martin Maticka (AEMO) provided an overview of AEMO's response to Covid-19, noting:

- The alternate control centre was stood up as an additional site for real time control and limited support staff.
- Critical staff continue to be segregated and isolated from the rest of the organisation.
- Numerous engagements across the industry were held, focussing on a variety of issues.
- Perth staff have returned to work on a limited roster.
- Impacts on Demand:
 - The expected reduction in demand at the onset of Covid-19, was linked to possible increases in isolation and shut down requirements.
 - Changes in demand as a result of unseasonal weather, were significantly more pronounced than any Covid-19 impacts.
- Impact on Balancing Prices:
 - Higher prices overnight and the evening peak driven by high unavailability from coal-fired generation.
 - Changes in availability were the most significant drivers for price changes.
- Monitoring of Retailer Default Risk.

Martin also briefly touched on the Draft Quarterly Energy Dynamics Report findings for Q2 2020 noting:

- Gas consumption:
 - Total consumption increased 10% compared to Q1 2020.
- Gas Production:
 - Total production increased 10% compared to Q1 2020.

3. 2020 WEM Electricity Statement of Opportunities (ESOO) Formal information Request Process

Justine Park and Rebecca Petchey (AEMO) presented some preliminary outcomes from the Formal Information Request (FIR) process conducted for the development of the 2020 WA Gas Statement of Opportunities.

The FIR data indicates that:

- Maximum Contracted Quantity (MCQ) from suppliers has decreased slightly while MCQ from customers is similar to last year.
- Expected gas demand has increased slightly.
- There will be sufficient firm supply capacity to meet expected demand between 2021 and 2030.

Fully reconciled data and further analysis will be presented in a future WAGCF and in the 2020 WA GSOO.

4. WA Domestic Gas Policy Implementation Update

Taron Brearley (Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI)) provided an update on the WA Domestic Gas Policy, discussing the following points:

- The Three Pillars:
 - Reservation
 - Infrastructure
 - Marketing
- Implementation of Domestic Gas Policy
- Evolution of Domestic Gas Policy Arrangements
- Implementation of the Policy and Gas Market outlook
- Emerging Domestic Gas Market Issues
- Government Priorities
- Initiatives
 - Public issues paper planned to be released, this will be made available on the website (aiming for 6 weeks).

Further information can be found on [WA Gas Policy website](#) or by contacting Taron taron.brearley@jtsi.wa.gov.au or Noelle noelle.leonard@jtsi.wa.gov.au

A suggestion was made to use the WA Gas Forum to distribute the issues paper and asked if JTSI could present findings in some format also. Taron asked that anyone who wants to be involved in the process is to contact him and an engagement process can be developed.

5. Other business

Martin Maticka (AEMO) provided a brief financial year wrap-up, noting AEMO has come under budget by 27%, due to two factors:

1. GSOO consultancy spend – inhouse forecasting.
2. CAPEX reserved for Rule Changes and IT charges that were reduced from original forecast.

As a result, the fees for 2020/21 Financial year will be reduced by 35%.

6. Next Meeting

Martin Maticka (AEMO) outlined dates for upcoming forums. The next WAGCF meeting is scheduled for 9 September 2020. The meeting was closed at 1:50 pm.