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MEETING:	WA Gas Consultative Forum (WAECF)
DATE:	Wednesday, 11 November 2020
TIME:	1:00 PM (AWST)
LOCATION:	Microsoft Teams
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ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Martin Maticka (Chair)	AEMO
Laura Tomkins (Secretariat)	AEMO
David Dixon	AEMO
Lauren Ashby	AEMO
Joachim Tan	AEMO
Cameron Parrotte	AEMO
Neetika Kapani	AEMO
Teresa Smit	AEMO
Stuart Featham	AEMO
Mark Katsikandarakis	AEMO
Justy Park	AEMO
Rebecca Petchey	AEMO
Debborah Marsh	AEMO
Greg Staib	AEMO
Mark Riley	AGL
Richard Beverley	Alinta
Nicholle Langer	Alinta
Karan Sharma	APPEA
Katrina Dickson	BHP
Louise Thomas	CCIWA
Christopher D'Costa	Chevron
Debra Rizzi	Chevron
Dominic Rodwell	Citic Pacific Mining
Don Bower	Energy Access
Steven Kruit	Energy Policy WA
Rachelle Gill	Energy Policy WA
Elizabeth Walters	ERA
Neil Humphries	FMG
Adrian Hamra	Exxon Mobil
Allan McDougall	Gas Trading
Mike Lauer	Gas Trading
Taron Brearley	JTSI
Noelle Leonard	JTSI
Ken Chong	Horizon Power
Hans Niklasson	Kleenheat
Quentin Jeay	Kleenheat
Richard DeBont	KUFPEC
Peter Kolf	KPKSAS
Ayako Akutagawa	Mitsui E&P Australia

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Sanja Kolonic	Mitsui E&P Australia
Stephen Eliot	RCPWA
Leah Kisiel	Santos
Wendy Ng	Shell
Colby Hauser	Strike Energy
David Cullam	Strike Energy
Pete Ryan	Strike Energy
Carole Clare	Synergy
Jenny O'Donoghue	Synergy
Mark Chambers	Synergy
David Low	Verisk
Cathy McKeagney	Warrego Energy
Daniel Teh	Woodside

1. Welcome and Previous meeting minutes

Martin Maticka (AEMO) opened the meeting at 1:05 pm, welcomed attendees to WAGCF No.16.

The minutes from the previous WAGCF (22 July 2020) were endorsed. AEMO to publish the minutes as final on the website (Action Item 1.1).

2. GSI Zones Review

David Dixon (AEMO) presented a summary of the 2020 GBB (WA) Zones Review report published on 11 November 2020, explaining the background of the review, the analysis conducted from the review, key finds and recommendations, and the next steps.

3. 2020 WEM Gas Statement of Opportunities (GSOO) Draft Forecasts and Key Findings

Rebecca Petchey and Debborah Marsh (AEMO) provided a development update on the 2020 WA GSOO, discussing:

- Preliminary key findings
- Gas demand – forecast methodology, assumptions and draft forecasts
- Potential gas supply – forecast methodology, assumptions and draft forecasts
- Preliminary draft supply – demand balance and;
- Next steps

Key topics raised by stakeholders during this section included:

Mark Riley (AGL): Are the different consumption drivers listed / compared to east coast

- AEMO: The demand methodology paper would list the different consumption drivers. The composition of WA's gas consumption is very different to the east coast. Most of WA's consumption is in the mining and minerals processing sectors, with residential/small commercial accounting for only around 3.5% of domestic gas demand. While the drivers for that sector are similar to the east coast (e.g. weather effects, customer numbers), the drivers for the mining and minerals processing sectors depend largely on global commodity markets. The commodity forecasts that are an input into the consumption forecasts and, the economic forecasts are also published on AEMO's website.

Richard Beverley (Alinta): What is the reduction in gas usage (in TJ/d) for gas fired generation as a result of the increase in large scale renewable projects?

- AEMO: The decline is about 35 TJ/day for SWIS GPG between 2020 and 2021

Dominic Rodwell (Citic Pacific Mining): With the recent house construction data coming to light 75,000 new houses approved for construction) has the impact of gas consumption of new dwellings been included for the 5-year period?

- The impact of housing growth is included in the residential consumption forecast. Housing stock forecasts are considered as an input into the residential gas consumption model with our housing stock model projecting between 49,000 and 102,000 new houses in WA over the next 5 years across the scenarios.

Quentin Jeay (Kleenheat): Has a carbon pricing scheme been somehow included in the modelling as it would surely impact the gas market?

- AEMO: Not explicitly.

4. The Year it's been – 2020 Highlights

Lauren Ashby, Martin Maticka and Rebecca Petchey (AEMO) presented some of the highlights from 2020 including:

- Registrations and new connections
- GBB System Updates
- 2020 Observations
- Gas Services Information – FY20 Actual vs Budget and;
- 2020 WA GSOO development

5. Other business

Dominic Rodwell (Citic Pacific Mining) asked: What happened to the planned reconciliation of the reservation policy gas delivery obligations in history.

Due to technical difficulty, the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI) wasn't able to respond in real time and has provided the following response:

- After initial consultation with key stakeholders, the Annual Statement on WA domestic gas commitments hasn't progressed further due to JTSI's other domestic gas priorities.

No other business was raised.

6. Next Meeting

Martin Maticka (AEMO) closed the meeting at 2:15 pm.