

Meeting Outcomes – AEMO Procedure Change Working Group (WEM)

MEETING: AEMO PROCEDURE CHANGE WORKING GROUP (WEM) MEETING 8

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2019

TIME: 10.30AM – 12.00PM (AWST)

LOCATION: AEMO PERTH NINGALOO ROOM,
PERTH KARIJINI ROOM

ATTENDEES:

NAME	COMPANY
Matthew Fairclough	AEMO
Greg Ruthven	AEMO
David Weinholz	AEMO
Nicky Hong	AEMO
Vinay Chandrasekaran	AEMO
Jacinda Papps (via Web Ex)	Alinta
Scott Davis	Australian Energy Council
Paul Arias	Bluewaters
Andrew Stevens	Energy Made Clean
Wendy Ng	ERM Power
Jayesh Halai	Perth Energy
Marc Hettler	Perth Energy
Jenny Laidlaw	RCPWA
Oscar Carlberg	Synergy
Peter Martino	Western Power

1. WELCOME
2. POWER SYSTEM OPERATION PROCEDURE: SHORT TERM PASA
3. POWER SYSTEM OPERATION PROCEDURE: MEDIUM TERM PASA

Much of the discussion was common to the two procedures, so meeting outcomes are combined here.

- There was general discussion on whether methodological detail should be included within the Procedure. No conclusions were reached. AEMO requested further comments following the Working Group. Only one comment was received indicating that Participants should receive the opportunity to comment of the published

methodologies. As such, AEMO will amend the procedure to require AEMO to engage with Participants prior to publishing the methodologies.

- Question – Step 3.2.1: Can AEMO notify and engage with Participants when it publishes directions?

Answer – AEMO will amend the procedure to provide this requirement.

- Question – Step 3.2.1: Does AEMO currently require information in step 3.1.1?

Answer – AEMO does not currently require this information.

- Question – Step 4.2.1: Can AEMO modify the Procedure to indicate that this estimate will be calculated in accordance with step 4.1.4?

Answer – Step 4.2.1 already refers to the methodology in step 4.1.4.

- Question – Step 5.1.2: What does AEMO consider to be sufficient information? Will Participants be able to recreate PASA Reports from the information AEMO provides?

Answer – AEMO considers that information included in PASA Reports will be sufficient to allow Participants to identify the assumptions used in the methodology in step 4.1.4.

- Question – There are similar sections in the two Procedures which have slightly different wording. Is this intentional?

Answer – No. AEMO will review the two Procedures to ensure consistency but would appreciate any feedback from Participants on areas that appear inconsistent.

- Comment – The process for directions in both Procedures could benefit from additional clarity.

- Question – Step 5.1.3: this step essentially requires AEMO to follow the WEM Rules with respect to information confidentiality. Is this step necessary?

Answer – This step is included solely to address any concerns about information confidentiality.

- Comment – Steps 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 which refer to “the direction in step 3.2.1”, could benefit from additional clarity as step 3.2.1 is only an obligation to publish directions.

4. POWER SYSTEM OPERATION PROCEDURE: COMMISSIONING TESTS

- Question – Can AEMO provide guidance in the Procedure specifying the way in which AEMO will dispatch a Non-Scheduled Generator when this Facility is conducting a Commissioning Test?

Answer – AEMO will provide this guidance to the Participant when it approves the Commissioning Test Plan for the Facility but would prefer not to include this information in the Procedure.

- Question – Step 2.4.2: What is the intent of this step?

Answer – AEMO considers that Participants cannot be certain of the extent to which a Facility can be dispatched in accordance with a single test scenario specified in its

approved Commissioning Test Plan until this test is conducted. To account for this lack of certainty, this step provides flexibility that Participants require when conducting a Commissioning Test.

5. GENERAL

- Participants expressed that the modifications made to the Power System Operation Procedure (PSOP): Commissioning Tests are good improvements to the general process and provide needed flexibility.
- Participants expressed their concern that it is difficult to comply with the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (WEM Rules) when conducting a Commissioning Test due to the need to balance market and power system outcomes.
- Participants expressed their concern that in practice a Participant can only use best endeavours to operate the Facility in accordance with the WEM Rules and power system conditions during the Commissioning Test, due to:
 - a lack of flexibility in the process of bidding into the Balancing Market.
 - the need to prioritise safety of people, plant and equipment, and Power System Security, over WEM Rule obligations.

6. NEXT MEETING

Stakeholders were advised that the next meeting of the Working Group was tentatively scheduled for 21 February. This meeting was expected to cover procedure amendments arising from Rule Change RC_2017_06 (Reduction of the prudential exposure in the Reserve Capacity Mechanism) to the following Market Procedures:

- Capacity Credit Allocation.
- Individual Reserve Capacity Requirements.
- Prudential Requirements.