

MINUTES – GWCF

MEETING: Gas Wholesale Consultative Forum
 DATE: Thursday, 23 September 2021
 TIME: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm AEST
 LOCATION: Teleconference-only
 MEETING #: 32
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ATTENDEES:

Name	Company	Location
Hugh Ridgway (Chair)	AEMO	Teleconference
Andrea Marinelli	AEMO	Teleconference
Arjun Pathy	AEMO	Teleconference
Darryl White	AEMO	Teleconference
Luke Stevens	AEMO	Teleconference
Meghan Bibby	AEMO	Teleconference
Nicholas Pope	AEMO	Teleconference
Daniela Moraes	AEMC	Teleconference
Meredith Mayes	AEMC	Teleconference
Carl Coertzen	AER	Teleconference
Devrim van Dijk	AGL	Teleconference
Marika Suszko	AGL	Teleconference
Andrew Godfrey	Alinta Energy	Teleconference
Rebecca Mason	APA Group	Teleconference
Scott Young	APA Group	Teleconference
Benjamin Lewis	Arrow Energy	Teleconference
Victoria Hillbrich	Beach Energy	Teleconference
Marc Huang	BHP	Teleconference
John Bucknell	Caltex	Teleconference
David Habib	Cooper Energy	Teleconference
Patrick Lau	CovaU	Teleconference
Cody Lin	Eastern Energy Buyers Group	Teleconference
Bernadette Velarde	Energy Australia	Teleconference
James Harding	Genex Power	Teleconference
Christina Sutherland	GLNG	Teleconference
Parameshwar Venkitachalam	Jemena Gas Networks	Teleconference
Renee Costoglou	Jemena Gas Networks	Teleconference
Sandra Dureau	Jemena Gas Networks	
Chotima Micallef	Lochard Energy	Teleconference
Ee Siew Ong	Lochard Energy	Teleconference
David Headberry	Major Energy Users Association	Teleconference
Daniel Evans	Origin Energy	Teleconference
Jennifer Brownie	Queensland Electricity Users Association	Teleconference
Cary Cheng	RMHEDGE	Teleconference
Craig Norton	RMHEDGE	Teleconference
Jamie Coombs	SEA Gas	Teleconference

Name	Company	Location
Nick Eades	Senex Energy	Teleconference
Alice Paradisi	Shell Australia	Teleconference
Kirsten Kenny	Shell Australia	Teleconference
Saul Milner	Simec Energy	Teleconference
Navid Ghanooni	Snowy Hydro	Teleconference
Robin Coombe	Venice Energy	Teleconference
Patrick Stock	Viva Energy	Teleconference
Gerrod Murphy	Weston Energy	Teleconference

1. Welcome and attendance / apologies – Hugh Ridgway, AEMO

Hugh Ridgway (AEMO) welcomed all to the meeting.

2. AEMO Competition Law Protocol – Hugh Ridgway, AEMO

The GWCF noted AEMO's Competition Law Protocol and its requirements on both AEMO and participants.

3. Confirm agenda and previous meeting minutes and actions – Hugh Ridgway, AEMO

The GWCF confirmed the agenda.

The GWCF confirmed the previous meeting minutes as accurate.

The action items table appended to these minutes has been updated.

4. AER Update – Carl Coertzen, AER

Carl Coertzen (AER) provided the AER update and spoke to the AER's provided slides.

5. AEMC Update – Meredith Mayes, AEMC

Daniela Moraes (AEMC) noted that the AEMC had received nine submissions on the draft report for their [Review of the Gas Supply Guarantee](#). The final report is expected to be published by 4 November 2021.

Meredith Mayes (AEMC) noted that the AEMC has initiated the [Review into Extending the Regulatory Frameworks to Hydrogen and Renewable Gases](#). The Terms of Reference for this review is [on the AEMC's website](#). Daniela Moraes (AEMC) noted that the Victorian Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change had submitted a rule change request to enable gas facilities connected to a declared distribution network to participate within the DWGM. This rule change request is [on the AEMC's website](#) and the AEMC's consideration of this request will be conducted in conjunction with the Review into Extending the Regulatory Frameworks to Hydrogen and Renewable Gases.

Nicholas Pope (AEMO) provided a brief overview regarding AEMO's next steps as part of the Review into Extending the Regulatory Frameworks to Hydrogen and Renewable Gases. Nicholas noted that AEMO would issue consultation papers by the end of October 2021, with initial draft AEMO procedures issued by March 2022 and a final draft set of AEMO procedures by September 2022. Jennifer Brownie (Queensland Energy Users Network) asked whether the review would include 100% hydrogen. Nicholas responded that the first stage of the review would exclusively consider low-level blends (i.e., blends that are suitable for consumption as natural gas and do not require any change to end-use equipment). David Headberry (Major Energy Users) noted that the review would need to consider issues with using a uniform

heating value in Victoria. Rebecca Mason (APA Group) asked whether the review would consider both transmission- and distribution-connected facilities. Daniela Moraes (AEMC) noted that it would only consider distribution-connected facilities.

6. Gas Market Monitoring Markets Update – Darryl White (AEMO)

Darryl White (AEMO) provided the Winter Update and spoke to the provided slides.

7. Gas Market Monitoring General Update – Robbie Flood (AEMO)

Robbie Flood (AEMO) provided the Gas Market Monitoring General Update and spoke to the provided slides.

8. STTM Registration Exemptions – Robbie Flood (AEMO)

Sandra Dureau (JGN) noted that JGN had entered an arrangement to produce green gas from a Sydney Water waste water plant which is expected to be online by mid-to-late 2022. Sandra noted that JGN had sought exemption from registration under Part 15A, Rule 135AG of the NGR for this project. Robbie Flood (AEMO) noted that AEMO plans to develop and publish a guideline to ensure additional transparency around registration exemptions.

9. Ensuring participant contact information is current in AEMO’s gas market systems – Luke Stevens (AEMO)

Luke Stevens (AEMO) spoke to the paper and noted that the aim of the initiative was to remove email addresses that were no longer active from gas market systems. The GWCF noted that AEMO would proceed as per the steps outlined in Section 3 of the paper.

10. Compressor Energy Funding in the DWGM – Scott Young (APA Group)

Scott Young (APA Group) noted that APA had been investigating the introduction of electric-drive compressors as part of a carbon-reduction effort but that various regulatory barriers made it difficult to advance this initiative—in particular, the fact that AEMO is required to source “system-use fuel” instead of “system-use energy” to power compressors. Scott noted that APA Group would be investigating the rule and procedure changes needed to advance the initiative and requested that any parties interested in participating in this working group contact him (scott.young@apa.com.au).

11. Update on DWGM Reforms – Hugh Ridgway (AEMO)

Hugh Ridgway (AEMO) noted that, following the Implementation of [2020 DWGM Enhancement Rule Changes consultation](#), the next steps were (indicatively):

- 1 Capacity modelling to start in October 2021, with consultation to follow. Finalise by March 2022.
- 2 Industry training around April 2022.
- 3 Market trials in May–Jun 2022.
- 4 First transitional auction around September 2022, with second transitional auction to follow.

12. Other Business

David Headberry (Major Energy Users Association) noted that in recent discussions about changes to the VTS, the possibility of flows from Port Kembla to Victoria on the VGP had been considered. If pursued, it would require extra compressors or compressors that work in the

reverse direction. David asked if this would impact AEMO's operation of the VTS. Hugh Ridgway (AEMO) asked that David Headberry (MEU) send an email to gwcf_correspondence@aemo.com.au detailing the question (**Action item 32.12.1**), and AEMO would provide an update at the December meeting (**Action item 32.12.2**).

13. Meeting close – Hugh Ridgway, AEMO

Hugh Ridgway (AEMO) noted that the next GWCF would be 9 December 2021.

Hugh Ridgway (AEMO) closed the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS RAISED AT MEETING

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
32.12.1	Reverse flow on VGP	David Headberry (MEU) to send query to gwcf_corresondence@aemo.com.au regarding the impact of reverse flow on the VGP to AEMO's operation of the DTS.	David Headberry (MEU)	ASAP
32.12	AEMO response to query regarding reverse flow on VGP	AEMO's Gas Operations team to provide response to the query from action item 32.12.1.	AEMO	Next meeting

ACTION ITEMS RAISED BEFORE MEETING

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
31.9.1	Contingency gas in DWGM	<p>AEMO to further discuss the employment of contingency gas in the DWGM with David Headberry (Major Energy Users) and respond by the following GWCF.</p> <p>September update: AEMO has had initial discussions with David Headberry (MEU). AEMO is seeking to understand what market benefits the initiative would deliver. An update will be delivered to the next GWCF.</p>	AEMO	Next meeting
27.10.1	Large energy users in GEMCF	<p>Luke Garland (AEMO) to liaise with Energy Safe Victoria to discuss whether large energy users could be included in the GEMCF.</p> <p>December 2020 update: AEMO has liaised with the ESV, and they will ensure that this is discussed at the next GEMCF. To be discussed at the next GWCF.</p> <p>April 2021 update: Luke Garland (AEMO) noted that large energy users with safety considerations may attend the GEMCF, but that may require a “tweaking” of the GEMCF Terms of Reference (ToRs). Luke will provide an update to the GWCF when this “tweak” to the ToRs has occurred.</p> <p>June 2021 update: Luke Garland (AEMO) will provide an update at the next GWCF.</p>	Luke Garland (AEMO)	Next meeting