

GWCF September 2023 Meeting Notes

Meeting:	GWCF Meeting #40
Date:	Wednesday, 20 September 2023
Time:	9:30am-11:30am (AEDT)
Location:	Teleconference

Commentary added in [BLUE](#) is expansions provided after the meeting.

1 Welcome and attendance / apologies – Luke Stevens, AEMO

Luke Stevens (AEMO) welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged country. No apologies were received.

The GWCF noted AEMO's [Competition Law Protocol](#) and its requirements on both AEMO and participants. Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted in the chat that the meeting recording had started. The AEMO Privacy Notice was included as a footnote of the meeting agenda.

There were no objections to the agenda or previous meeting notes.

2 AEMO update – Luke Stevens, AEMO

Luke Stevens (AEMO) provided an overview of the proposed procedure changes to the Wholesale Market Procedures to account for hydrogen, Distribution Connected Facilities (DCF) and Zonal Heating Values (ZHV).

Daniel McGowan (AEMO) provided an overview of the proposed procedure changes to the Retail Market Procedures.

Questions were received as follows:

- Jennifer Brownie (Queensland Electricity Users Association) asked about when residential gas consumers would know that hydrogen can be included in the mix that arrives in their home, given that the procedure changes are to be implemented by 1 May 2024.
 - Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted that the Hydrogen Park Murray Valley is expected to go live in 2025 based on AGIG's website. There probably will be a communication process as part of that implementation by the distributor to customers within that network. AEMO will confirm with the distributors as an action item.

Note: AGIG confirmed that for the Hydrogen Park Murray Valley Project, communication to customers about receiving blended gas currently sits with distributors rather than retailers. AGIG has direct mailed each customer with a letter and other information such as pamphlets and relevant websites. AGIG will continue to undertake further engagement activities such as stalls at local events and markets to raise awareness.

- Melissa Perrow (Brickworks) asked if there will be any changes to the STTM rules given there are already injections into the Sydney STTM (Malabar biomethane, and Jemena hydrogen blending) and in the Adelaide STTM (AGIG hydrogen blending).
 - Luke Stevens (AEMO) responded that those changes are upcoming as noted in slide 6-3 – Consultation Summary. AEMO's Procedure changes for STTM and Retail is expected to be completed by 3 March 2025.

3 AER Update on Gas Transparency Measures – Robert Matton, AER

Robert Matton (AER) spoke to the following:

- The AER's gas surveillance oversight
- Observations on reporting completeness, consistency, omissions/errors and published data for:
 - Short Term Transaction Reporting; and
 - Reserves and Resources Reporting.
- Overview of other Gas Market Transparency requirements including short term transaction reporting and Gas Bulletin Board reporting that extends to LNG shipment information (new) and extended gas storage reporting.

No questions were received for this item.

4 AEMC Update – Meredith Mayes, AEMC

There was no AEMC update given at this meeting.

5 Gas Market Update – Darryl White, AEMO

Darryl White (AEMO) spoke to the following:

- Gas prices in winter 2023
- LNG export volumes
- Longford supply levels
- Iona storage inventory levels
- Day Ahead Auction usage
- Gas Supply Hub traded volumes

A question was received as follows:

- Jennifer Brownie (Queensland Electricity Users Association) asked if there was any public data on the average residential retail gas prices in Victoria i.e. there has been massive decreases in wholesale gas prices but was the decreased consumption a function of warm temperatures or high retail gas prices for residential customers?
 - Darryl White (AEMO) responded that AEMO doesn't have a specific answer to the query.
 - Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted that AEMO would take this question on notice as an action item.

Note: Analysis on average residential retail gas prices in Victoria is outside of AEMO's role and function as DWGM market operator and DTS operator. Retail gas prices incorporate Transmission Use of System charges, Distribution Use of System charges, wholesale gas market prices (or gas supply agreement costs) and a retail margin. AEMO can only comment on the wholesale gas market price. However, we note that the AER is required under the Retail Law to publish retailers' standing offer plan prices on their website.

6 Other Business

6.1 Gas Market Parameters Review – east coast gas markets – Review of options to improve price caps (Libby Chen (AEMO))

Libby Chen (AEMO) spoke to the paper provided as part of the meeting pack. Feedback is sought from participants by 23 October 2023 to provide input on how to proceed with the work and feedback on the options explored in the paper to address allocative inefficiencies in the east coast gas market.

A question was received as follows:

- Hugh Ridgeway (Alinta) asked if AEMO will be uploading the paper – Review of options to improve price caps in the east coast gas markets – onto the consultation page, noting that some people might not pick this up from the notes or if they're not in attendance with the GWCF. What process were AEMO going to go through as next steps?
 - Luke Stevens (AEMO) responded that AEMO are in the pre-consultation phase with this issue so are not looking to put anything on the consultation website. This is just an opportunity for gathering participant views to see if there is broad based industry support for any changes.
 - Hugh Ridgeway (Alinta) followed up with another question on whether AEMO has any idea of what threshold of feedback from the forum is required for this issue to proceed?
 - Luke Stevens (AEMO) responded that AEMO would need wide-ranging support from market participants to proceed with the options.

6.2 STTM Market Operator Service (MOS) (David Younger (AEMO))

David Younger (AEMO) spoke to the following:

- MOS Overview
- Important notification that AEMO will not correct MOS offers after the MOS submission cut-off time and that invalid MOS offers will be removed from the MOS stack.
- How STTM Pipeline Operators can submit correct MOS offers following the SWEX User Guide.

No questions were received for this item.

6.3 Other items (ALL)

Luke Stevens (AEMO) provided a summary of relevant gas consultations including the east coast gas reforms, the National Energy Laws Amendment (Other Gases) Bill 2022, the Hydrogen rule change and DWGM Distribution connected facilities, the Hydrogen rule change for STTM, Retail Market Procedures (NSW/ACT, QLD, SA), GBB, GSOO, and the compensation and dispute resolution frameworks consultation led by the AEMC.

The GWCF accepted the April 2023 meeting notes. No actions were received prior to Meeting 40.

Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted the GWCF webpage will be updated shortly, including the updated meeting pack. Note: The meeting pack has been emailed to participants and uploaded to [AEMO's website](#).

The next GWCF meeting date will be 6 December 2023.

6.4 Summary of action items (Luke Stevens (AEMO))

Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted the following action/questions which are included in the summary table below. There are no other open action items for the GWCF.

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
40.2	Amendments to Victorian Declared Wholesale Gas Market and Retail Market	Luke Stevens (AEMO) to provide confirmation from the distributors regarding the communication process to gas consumers as part of the implementation of the Hydrogen Park Murray Valley project.	Luke Stevens (AEMO)	Addressed in Secretariat Notes above in section 2.
40.5	Gas Market Update – Winter Review	Luke Stevens (AEMO) to investigate any public data on average residential retail gas prices in Victoria.	Luke Stevens (AEMO)	Addressed in Secretariat Notes above in section 5.

7 Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Adam Rae	AER	Lincon Hasan	AEMO
Adele MCCORMACK	ENGIE	Lindsay Williamson-Hanna	CQ Energy
Adrian Spizzo	Macquarie	Liz Robertson	Origin Energy
Alice McLaren	AEMO	Logan Howell	hydro
Andrew Godfrey	Alinta Energy	Louise Webb	AEMO
Andrew Suwignjo	Telstra	Luke Stevens	AEMO
Anne McTernan	Arrow Energy	Marc Flynn	Jemena
Anthony Boin	APA	Marcus Godfrey	SEAGas
Anthony Nguyen	AER	Mario Iogha	Origin Energy
Ashik Shorif	Origin Energy	Matthew Frost	Pacific Blue
Ben Lewis	Westside Corporation	Matthew Legg	Simec Energy
Bernadette Velarde	AEMO	Melissa Perrow	Brickworks
Bhavesh Shah	Origin Energy	Mitchell Stewart	Cooper Energy
Bill Tran	RM Hedge	Myra Horomidis	AEMO
Brad Gee	Jemena	Neil Batie	AEMO
Bree Shaw	Origin Energy	Nicholas Eades	Origin Energy
Camille Chen	AEMO	Nicholas Pope	AEMO
Christina Sutherland	GLNG	Nipun Saxena	AEMO
Claudia Prider	AEMO	Nitin Parwal	Beach Energy
Cody Lin	EEBG	Patrick Lau	TPC
Courtney Czechowski	Origin Energy	Patrick R Stock	Viva Energy
Craig Norton	RM Hedge	Paul Bresloff-Barry	Agora Retail
Dane Merkel	Hydro	Paula Marchesan	APA
Daniel Tucci	APA	Philip PR Plat	Bluescopesteel
Darryl White	AEMO	Przemek Grobelski	Beach Energy
David Barker	Unknown	Puneet Joshi	AEMO
David Habib	Cooper Energy	Rachael Lim	AEMO
David Rodwell	Macquarie	Rebecca Li	Covau
David Younger	AEMO	Richard Lee	Senexenergy
Eason Chang	RM Hedge	Rick Abbott	AGIG
Edina Zivalj	APA	Robbie Flood	AEMO
EE Siew Ong	Lochard Energy	Robert Lo Giudice	Alinta Energy
Espoire Matabishi	AEMO	Robert Matton	AER
Esther Adeyemi	AEMO	Robin Coombe	Venice Energy
Flora Malekpour Shahraki	AEMO	Rupert Cheung	Alinta Energy
Gaurav Arora	Beach Energy	Rupert Johnston	Cooper Energy
GIAMPICCOLO Matthew	Simply Energy	Sarah Kok	petrochina
Hans Becker	CQ Energy	Saul Milner	Simec Energy
Harry Kallis	Beach Energy	Scott Jeffery	Energy Australia
Hugh Ridgway	Alinta Energy	Scott Young	APA
James Harding	Jemena	Sean Jennings	Red and Lumo Energy
James Pickford	1stenergy	Sharon Vincent	Origin Energy
James Tyrrell	AEMC	Simon Lui	AEMO
Jamie Coombs	SEAGas	Stephen Knop	hydro
Jennifer Brownie	Queensland Electricity Users Association	Stephen Murray	Globird Energy
Jess Fraser	Jemena	Tamara Herbert	Santos

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Joanna Scott	Shell	Thao Le	RM Hedge
John Smith	NexifRatch	Thomas Lozanov	Origin Energy
JORDAN MAXWELL	Iberdrola	Tim Benjamin	DELWP
Jordan Rigby	Red and Lumo Energy	Tom L Butler	DELWP
Joshua Millard	Santos	Tony Tang	Shell
Justin Betlehem	Ausnet Services	TRAN Duc	ENGIE
Kate Goatley	Actewagl	Victoria Hillbrich	Beach Energy
Kate Lucas	APA	Viren Pushpanayagam	Telstra
Kelly Murray	AGIG	VU Tony	ENGIE
Kyle Auret	AGL	Wendy Zhang	AEMO
Lawrence Irlam	Energy Australia	William Baskerville	AEMO
Lay Na Lim	Jemena	YEUNG Jessie	ENGIE
Leo Xue	RM Hedge	Yingyi Wang	RM Hedge
Libby Chen	AEMO	Yiting Xie	AEMO

No apologies were received ahead of the meeting.