

# GWCF December 2023 Meeting Notes

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>GWCF Meeting #41</b>
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 6 December 2023
<b>Time:</b>	10:30am-12:30am (AEDT)
<b>Location:</b>	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 AER update on Gas Transparency Measures – Robert Matton, AER

Robert Matton (AER) spoke to the following:

- The AER's gas surveillance oversight in relation to reporting under the Gas Transparency Measures, with a focus on
  - short term transaction reporting
  - reserves and resources reporting
  - facility developer reporting.
- Observations on compliance with the above reporting obligations
- Publication of special report on short term transaction reporting.

No questions were received for this item.

## 3 AEMC update – Patrick Loughrey, AEMC

Patrick Loughrey (AEMC) spoke to the following:

- The AEMC's draft determination on gas compensation and dispute resolution frameworks
  - Draft determination and rule published on 30 November which establishes a new framework for the assessment of compensation claims, separate to the dispute resolution arrangements.
  - The draft determination is to make the following changes:

- Create two new divisions in Part 15C so that the dispute resolution arrangements are separate to the new compensation frameworks.
  - Insert principles into the National Gas Rules to guide AEMO's cost recovery methodology for compensation claims under Part 27.
  - Introduce a new civil penalty provision to support appropriate behaviour in response to an AEMO direction.
  - Increase the minimum threshold for Part 27 claims to \$50,000 and not allow for different entities to join claims.
- Submissions due by 25 January 2024.
- The review into the arrangements for failed retailers' electricity and gas contracts
    - The AEMC are expecting to publish the draft report for this review early next year.
    - The review focuses on whether changes are needed to the regulatory frameworks to minimise the risks and costs associated with retailer failures
    - A directions paper published in May this year outlined the potential changes to clarify the circumstances under which a direction can be issued, extend the length of time a direction can apply for, broaden the scope of contracts that can be directed and improve the negotiation process between directed parties.

No questions were received for this item.

## 4 Consultation and Implementation Update – Luke Stevens, AEMO

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.

Luke Stevens (AEMO) provided an update on the Hydrogen and Distribution Connected Facilities rule changes and noted that AEMO will be publishing the Notice of Decision on 15 December 2023. AEMO will also publish an additional Notice of Effective Date for the Procedures once the “National Energy Laws Amendment (Other Gases) Bill 2022” including the Rule changes and transitional Rule are gazetted. Procedure effective date is currently expected to be 1 May 2024.

Luke Stevens (AEMO) provided an overview of the expected dates for consultation on the GSOO Procedure changes for hydrogen.

[Note: The expected GSOO Procedure consultation date for the IIR publication has been changed to 28 March 2024.](#)

Questions were received as follows:

- Lawrence Irlam (EnergyAustralia) asked if AEMO could provide any insight into the government's sentiment on the stage 2 east coast gas system reforms, given the risk of rushing changes in like stage 1 ahead of winter.

- Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted that AEMO has been in conversations in government about stage 2 however it is for government to make announcements about what stage 2 will entail for industry. Anything beyond this would need to be taken on notice.

Note: AEMO has been informed that stage 2 is proposed as a series of standard rule changes through the AEMC process, so timelines will be typical of standard rule change processes.

- A participant asked if the GSOO changes relate to hydrogen only?
- Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted that the changes will be related to the hydrogen rule change. AEMO are currently drafting these amendments.

## 5 Other Business

### 5.1 OTS Code Panel rule change proposal (Luke Stevens (AEMO))

Luke Stevens (AEMO) spoke to the proposed rule change to streamline the operation of the OTS Code Panel. Feedback is sought from participants by COB Monday 29 January 2024 to provide input on:

- Support for the proposed rule change
- Priority for the rule change
- Whether the rule change is controversial.

Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted that AEMO is currently replacing the DWGM Demand Forecasting System with the approach of adopting and adapting the NEM and WEM Demand Forecasting System for use in the Victorian DWGM. Feedback is sought from participants on this change.

A question was received as follows:

- Scott Young (APA) asked if AEMO expects there to be any fundamental differences in forecasting which may affect VTS revenue allowance. This question is in relation to VTS temperature sensitivity in published EDD data.
- Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted that the question would need to be taken on notice. However, this change should lead to more accurate forecasts.

Note: AEMO has confirmed that APA uses MIBB report "INT091 Actual EDD" for its Effective Degree Day (EDD) values for the Victorian Declared Transmission System (DTS). AEMO notes that the calculation of EDD for INT091 is defined by the Retail Market Procedures (Victoria) using actual historical weather data. This report will not be impacted by the proposed weather forecast data changes for the DWGM's DFS.

### 5.2 Other items (ALL)

The GWCF accepted the September 2023 meeting notes. No actions were received prior to Meeting 41.

Luke Stevens (AEMO) noted that the work on the multi-market administered price cap trigger is on hold and subject to Stage 2 of the east coast gas system reforms.

AEMO have sent out meeting invites for the GWCF meetings in 2024.

### 5.3 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.

**Table 1 Action items for AEMO:**

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
41.4	Stage 2 of the East Coast Gas System reforms	Luke Stevens (AEMO) to provide any further comments on the government's sentiment on the stage 2 east coast gas system reforms.	Luke Stevens (AEMO)	Addressed in Secretariat Notes above in section 4.
41.5	User Guide to MIBB Reports INT126 – DFS data	Luke Stevens (AEMO) to follow up question on whether AEMO expects there will be any impact on Effective Degree Days (EDD).	Luke Stevens (AEMO)	Addressed in Secretariat Notes above in section 5.

**Table 2 Action items for Participants:**

Item	Topic	Action required	Responsible	By
41.6	Meeting Minutes	Review these meeting minutes for December 2023 meeting.	ALL	Response by 29/01/24
41.7	OTS Code Panel rule change proposal	Please respond via email if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You support for the proposed rule change?</li> <li>2. Priority for the rule change?</li> <li>3. Is the rule change controversial?</li> </ol>	ALL	Response by 29/01/24
41.8	User Guide to MIBB Reports INT126 – DFS data	Review usage of INT126 data by your business. Provide comment if impacted by change.	ALL	Response by 29/01/24
41.9	Forum meeting dates	Review planned forum meeting dates.	ALL	Response by 29/01/24

## 6 Attendees:

No apologies were received ahead of the meeting.

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Adam Watson	AEMO	Lucas, Kate	APA
Allan McDougall	Gas Trading Australia	Luke Stevens	AEMO
Anne McTernan	Arrow Energy	Marika Suszko	AGL
Belanger, Clotilde	Origin Energy	Matthew Legg	Simec Energy
Bernadette Velarde	AEMO	May Choon	AGL
Carl Coertzen	AER	Melissa Perrow	Brickworks
Chethika Gunasekera	AEMO	Millard, Joshua	Santos
Chotima Micallef	Lochard	Myra Horomidis	AEMO
Claudia Prider	AEMO	Nipun Saxena	AEMO
Collins, Rachel	Origin Energy	Noah Tran	RM Hedge
Damien Kennedy	AGL	Patrick Lau	TPC
Daniel Boardman	AER	Patrick Loughrey	AEMC
Daniel Evans	Hansen Technologies	Paul Bresloff-Barry	Gas Trading Australia
Darryl White	AEMO	Peter Brook AEC	AEC
David Habib	Cooper Energy	Przemek Grobelski	Beach Energy
David Rodwell	Macquarie	Puneet Joshi	AEMO
David Younger	AEMO	Rachael Lim	AEMO
Devrim van Dijk	AGL	Richard Lee	Senex Energy
EE Siew Ong	Lochard	Ridgway, Hugh	Alinta Energy
Espoire Matabishi	AEMO	Robbie Flood	AEMO
Flora Malekpour Shahraki	AEMO	Robert Dickie	AEMO
Gerrod Murphy	Weston Aluminium	Robert Matton	AER
Godfrey, Andrew	Alinta Energy	Robertson, Liz	Origin Energy
Hans Becker	CQ Energy	Rochelle Wang	AGL
Herbert, Tamara	Santos	Saeede Nazari Goldar	AEMO
Hitesh Sampat	AEMO	Sarah Kok	Petrochina
Irlam, Lawrence	EnergyAustralia	Saul Milner	Simec Energy
James Harding	Jemena	Sean Jennings	Red and Lumo Energy
James x Golden	DELWP	Shorif, Ashik	Origin Energy
Jamie Coombs	SeaGas	Shounan Chen	Jemena
Jennifer Brownie	Queensland Electricity Users Association	Simon Lui	AEMO
Jeremy Llewellyn	AER	Stock, Patrick R	Viva Energy
John Smith	Nexif Energy	Sutherland, Christina	GLNG
Juan Rios	E&C Consultants	Suvid Satyawadi	Tally Group
Karen Olney	AER	Sven Morrison	Pacific Blue
Katharina F Benzler	DELWP	Tang, Tony	Shell Energy
Kenny, Kirsten	Shell Energy	Tucci, Daniel	APA
Lay Na Lim	Jemena	Wormald, Peter	Shell Energy
Libby Chen	AEMO	Yiting Xie	AEMO
Lindsay Williamson-Hanna	CQ Energy	Young, Scott	APA
Ling Xia	AER		