

## POC Program Consultative Forum No.3 Meeting Notes

MEETING: POC Executive Forum  
 DATE: Friday 25 November 2016  
 TIME: 2:00PM  
 LOCATION: AEMO Offices Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide-  
 Video/Teleconference

Attendees:

Robert Poker	Alinta Energy
Lawrence Gibb	Origin
James Barton	Simply Energy
Richard McNulty	United Energy
Phil Gardiner	Citipower & Powercor
Felicia Brady	Energy Australia
Roy Thompson	AusNet Services
Andrew Peart	AGL
Jacinta Daws	Jemena
Dino Ou	Endeavour Energy
Murray Chandler	Ausgrid
Simon McCabe	Victorian State Government

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### 1.0 APOLOGIES

B. Healy.

### 2.0 WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to the forum and introduced to M. Ryan - acting on B. Healy's behalf in his absence – and S. Nand, who is the POC Program Coordinator. E. Clarke was introduced as AEMO's Manager - Risk, Compliance and Audit, to later facilitate the risk discussion.

### 3.0 BRIEF UPDATE

- S.McCabe gave a brief update on the Victorian transition to metering competition. Officials are currently considering submissions and establishing a working group
- It was noted that POC risks from PCF members should be submitted to AEMO in writing.

## 4.0 PROGRAM UPDATE

M. Ryan gave an overview of the meeting papers previously sent out, which included an update for each stream of the program.

## 5.0 RISK DISCUSSION

### R01 - Delay to B2B Consultation Process

R. Thompson suggested the scope of the changes being put on the table could be reviewed if necessary. The focus can be put on what is required so operating can occur without extra changes, to mitigate the risk. The list of requirements would need to be prioritised. Participants noted that the B2B Working Group had already prioritised tasks at the start of the process.

### R02 - Risk that there is one or more participants that aren't 'ready' at go-live

RWG will be looking at a transition plan. The primary focus should be getting IT systems working and retailers should be focussing on customers. Consistent communications to customers is required.

### R03 - Timetable for delivery of B2B procedures – Risk to be removed.

### R04 - Delays in Drafting B2B Procedures

This is high risk and has come to fruition as the result of a previous delay. C. Cormack noted we are working towards release of the next draft on 23 December. There is also a risk of quality problems due to tight deadlines, however he is reasonably confident of meeting this deadline. To minimise the impact of the IEC directive, changes to the words will be made, which point out where items are not enforceable under the B2B rules. AEMO will have a clearer indication by 8 December if the 23 December release is at risk. The risk rating will be reassessed at this date.

### R05 - Risk of a substantial procedural issue being discovered during system development or testing

E. Clarke indicated this risk will need to be closely monitored as timeframes are very short. R. Thompson noted testing may flush out complex issues. T. Sheridan indicated that the 'as-build' consultation block on the POC Programme refers to Work Package 3. NER consultation for Work Package 3 will commence in July 2017 and depending on the issues, AEMO will continue to work with the POC Procedures Working Group (POC-PWG) to define the scope for the Package 3 consultation. Any issues identified during the testing phase may also be raised at the POC Readiness Working Group (POC-RWG).

### R06 - Jurisdictional variations

B2B have not considered jurisdictional nuances (not nuisances) – C. Cormack stated transactions have been made flexible to accommodate jurisdictional arrangements. Discussion was had at the industry forum re. different states and regulations with safety. Things could change before 1 December and talks will be had with regulators for each state to see what the changes are. We have drafted Procedures flexible enough to fit around the

models. Changes to accommodate life support are occurring. This will have to be addressed as they make final amendments to their rules. We can move forward and put what we know in to current procedures and accommodate changes as they occur.

Discussion on AEMO's noted risks was completed and E. Clarke will work with AEMO staff to update the register. The Risk Register is a "living" document and more changes can be made as we go forward.

### ***List of Risks Submitted by AGL***

#### R07 - B2B Procedure Quality Impacted due to compressed timeframes

A lot of B2B risks are overlapping and should be consolidated.

D. Ou stated we need to make sure the Procedures document is not ambiguous. A. Mascarenhas welcomed submissions pointing out any ambiguities. The B2B WG exists to help rule out ambiguity and the B2B guide is starting to put scenarios together of how transactions will work.

#### R08 - Work package 1 procedures impacted by B2B procedure updates

A. Peart was happy for R08 to be taken off the list.

#### R09 – Industry benefits from faster B2B transaction processing via eHub not realised due to limited uptake of eHub solution

Risk was considered with DBs/retailers in mind. This is a commercial risk.

#### R10 - New connections communication process sub optimal

R10 is covered in Package 2 and is worth exploring. A. Peart was concerned some may become registered for accreditation quite late. AEMO needs to make sure the accreditation process is as robust as possible. We cannot stop anyone from accreditation up until the go live date.

#### R11 - Industry test timeframe is too compressed given size of change and number of participants involved

Concern was raised regarding only three months of testing. E. Clarke stated we would try and get this into a work group for further discussion.

#### R12 - Safety protocols for de-energisation and re-energisation not agreed at national level in time for PoC – covered previously.

#### R13 - WP3 updates and/or transition planning identifies changes that affect WP1 or WP2 procedures

T. Sheridan indicated that AEMO will progress any WP3 procedure updates with the POC-PWG.

#### R14 - New connections communication process sub optimal

The B2B Procedures need to reduce the risk of delays as much as possible and also from a testing point of view. It is worth keeping this risk on the radar.

Discussion was had on the VIC AMI meter fleet which are currently classified as type 5 – Victorian Government derogation expires on 1 December 2017. At this time two million meters may need to be reclassified to type 4. The AER were to advise Victorian DBs of whether they consider VIC AMI meters to be type 4, however this has not occurred. T. Sheridan noted that under the final determination for WP1, AEMO introduced a new MSATS meter installation type code field for VIC AMI meters for these purposes. There may be other mechanisms available, such as bulk change tools which need to be configured, with further options to be discussed at the POC-RWG.

E. Clarke was thanked for her facilitation.

## **6.0 FORWARD MEETING PLAN**

The next meeting will be held on 15 December 2016.