



CMM TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

MEETING NOTE

Thursday 12 May 2022 (3-5pm AEDT)

Chair: Neil Gibbs

Attendees: David Heard (ECA), Brian Spak (ECA), Amin Masoumzadeh (AGL), Anthony Rossiter (Powerlink), Bill Jackson (Electranet), Con van Kemenade (UPC\AC Renewables), Dan Mascarenhas (Alinta), Simon Corbell (CEIG), Matthew Dickie (RWE), Robert Pane (InterGen), Sarah Jane Derby (Origin), Shevy Moss Feiglin (AGL), Laura Walsh (AusNet Services) Tom Gibson (OnLine Power), Tom Mearns (ESB) James Hyatt (ESB), Jess Hunt (ESB), Tom Livingstone (ESB), Arista Kontos (ESB), David Swift (ESB), Anthea Harris (ESB), Dave Smith (Creative Energy Consulting), Christiaan Zuur (CEC), Veronika Nemes, Stephen Wallace.

Apologies:

Time	Topic	Key points/action items
3:00	Welcome, objectives and agenda	
3:05	Transmission access reform webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The transmission access reform webinar is scheduled for 26 May. The ESB proposes the following approach:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. short overview of the consultation paper2. structured conversation around the key outstanding questions to be addressed by the reform process3. open Q&A.• The ESB requested feedback from the working group on the key questions that the ESB should attempt to answer during the webinar. TWG members made the following suggestions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How do the various models perform against the agreed assessment criteria?○ What is the duration of access rights under the proposed model? How would the timing of generator's ability to procure access interact with their decision to exit the market, and their ability to comply with the notice of closure rules?○ To what extent can the models be mixed and matched? What are the areas of overlap within the model?



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How does a generator acquire an instrument to hedge risk under the model? ○ Is there an acceptance of the case for change? ● The ESB requested that any further suggestions for questions should be provided to Jess and Neil by COB Tuesday.
3:15	Options for allocation metrics under the CMM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dave Smith from Creative Energy Consulting presented to the group on options for allocating congestion rebates between generators as per the working group paper. ● The group requested that the ESB provided a more detailed description of broader CMM model in order to inform discussion of these types of design choices. ● In particular, worked examples of participant outcomes under the various options would be helpful. It would also be helpful to consider the incentives for gaming under the various options, and the impact of minimum load/must run requirements.
4:00	Update on Clean Energy Council thinking on access reform proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean Energy Council representatives joined the meeting in order to provide an update on the position with respect to both investment timeframe and operational timeframe models (see slides). ● The ESB noted that there was a substantial degree of overlap between the CEC's preliminary thinking on investment timeframes models and the congestion zones model set out in the consultation paper. However, a key point of difference is whether there is a need for connection fees as well as better information provision, given that flaws in the current market design mean that generators are able to impose costs on their neighbours without bearing those costs themselves. ● The CEC queried whether those issues were likely to be transient or permanent. It was suggested that curtailment issues should be taken as a signal for TNSPs to upgrade the transmission system. ● In operational timeframes, the CEC provided further information on thinking it was doing with respect to the CRM. Under the proposed model, market participants would bid a supply curve in the congestion relief market as well as the energy market. It was noted that more detailed information was being prepared as part of the CEC's submission to the consultation paper.
3:50	Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The ESB noted that the various models would continue to evolve as the ESB, and other groups such as the CEC, continue to work through the relevant issues. ● Going forward, papers describing the more detailed versions of the models would be presented to the working group, with a full specification of the ESB's initial preferred model to be outlined in the draft recommendations. ● The TAR webinar is scheduled for 26 May during the same regular time slot as the working group. The ESB will schedule a debrief for working group members after the session.



4:00	Thanks & close	
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