

Minutes

Meeting Title:	Gas Advisory Board (GAB)
Date:	24 March 2022
Time:	1:00pm – 2:40pm
Location:	Videoconference (Microsoft TEAMS)

Attendees	Class	Comment
Sally McMahon	Chair	
Martin Maticka	Australian Energy Market Operator (

Apologies	From	Comment
Rachael Smith	Pipeline owner representative	
Noel Ryan	Observer appointed by the Minister for	

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(c) GRC_2022_02 – Gas Storage, Injection and Withdrawal Enhancements

The Chair indicated that the GAB is being asked to:

provide feedback to CITIC on its Pre-Rule Change Proposal;
and

advise whether CITIC should come back to the GAB and whether it should make specific amendments to the proposal before it formally submits the proposal.

Mr Rodwell indicated that, for the first part of CITIC’s proposal:

the proposal is to have storage facilities provide actual deemed extraction and withdrawal volume data for publication on the GBB;

when a party nominates to inject or withdraw gas, the actual quantities do not go into or out of the storage facility instead the aggregated quantities go into or out of the storage facility and the storage users’ account balances are adjusted – this is the deemed injection and withdrawal data that CITIC is after;

Mondarra appears to already provide this data, and the historic data is available on the GBB;

Tubridgi appears not to provide the same level of data, its Actual Flow report appears to only show data for the net of injections and withdrawals, and this data is insufficient; and

the proposal should not have any impact on confidentiality of the data because CITIC is after the aggregated injection and withdrawal volumes, similar to what is published for the pipelines.

Mr Rodwell indicated that, for the second part of CITIC’s proposal:

the proposal is for AEMO to provide a fill-line on the pictograms on the GBB to indicate the utilised capacity for each storage facility; and

the utilisation of a storage facility can be derived from data that is already available on the GBB, but only with significant effort, and this information will be useful for users to know in negotiations with storage facility operators.

Mr Maticka indicated that AEMO would prefer for storage facilities to provide AEMO with data on how much capacity is available rather than have AEMO calculate the value, and that AEMO could then easily present this data on the GBB.

Mr Leach indicated that he is not sure why Tubridgi is not providing the same level of data as Mondarra – i.e. if Mondarra is providing more information than is required, or if Tubridgi is not meeting its requirements. Mr Leach indicated that he would investigate to ensure that Tubridgi is meeting all of its requirements.

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	<p>Mr Rodwell indicated that he believes Tubridgi is meeting its requirements under the GSI Rules. Mr Leach asked whether Mondarra was providing more information than is required under the GSI Rules.</p> <p>Mr Rodwell indicated that he asked AEMO in November-December 2021 why he cannot get historic injection and withdrawal data for Tubridgi and that AEMO responded that this information is not required under the GSI Rules, which is what triggered this Pre-Rule Change Proposal.</p> <p>The Chair asked whether Mondarra is providing more information than it is required to provide. Mr Rodwell indicated that this is possible and may be because Mondarra is connected to different pipelines, whereas Tubridgi is only connected to one.</p> <p>Mr Leach</p>	

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	<p>is a question of whether AGIG is prepared to provide two pieces of data rather than one, and AGIG already has all three pieces of data.</p> <p>Mr Leach suggested that CITIC and AGIG can discuss the matter to see if it can be addressed between CITIC and AGIG in a way to reduce costs.</p> <p>The Chair summarised that the remaining issues that need to be addressed are:</p>	

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	<p>Outlook for a Production Facility but the Facility was then subject to an unexpected outage reducing the actual capacity to zero. Mr Maticka noted that this would constitute a compliance breach.</p> <p>Mr Lauer asked who should be monitoring that the information on the GBB is compliant.</p> <p>Mr Maticka noted that AEMO does not have the resources to check whether submissions are made in good faith. Mr Maticka noted that the GSI Rules would need to be amended to place</p>	

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7	General Business No general business was raised.	
	The Chair noted that the next scheduled GAB meeting is set for 22 September 2022.	

The meeting closed at 2:40pm.