

## Minutes

Meeting Title:	Gas Advisory Board
Meeting Number:	2023_09_14
Date:	Thursday 14 September 2023
Time:	2:00 to 3:15

Martin Maticka	Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)	
Graham Hansen	Small end-use customer representative	
Rachael Smith	Pipeline Owners and Operators	
Pete Ryan	Gas Producers	
Quentin Jeay	Gas Users	
Chris Campbell	Gas Users	
Noel Ryan	Observer (appointed by the Minister)	
Frances Hobday	the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA)	Observer for agenda item 5
		Observer for agenda item 6

Also in Attendance

Item	Item	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Agenda</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting at 2:00 pm and welcomed all attendees with an Acknowledgement of Country.</p> <p>The Chair noted the main items on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x ERA's compliance monitoring and enforcement update; and</li> <li>x Update on Five-Year Review of the Gas Statement of Opportunities (GSOO)</li> </ul> <p>The Chair noted the Competition and Consumer Law Obligations of the GAB and invited GAB members to bring matters to her attention if they arise.</p> <p>The Chair noted she had no new conflicts and that the views of the GAB are not necessarily the views of the Independent Chair.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the meeting was being recorded to assist with writing minutes.</p>	
2	<p>Meeting Apologies/Attendance</p> <p>The Chair noted the attendance as listed above and requested attendees keep their video on where possible.</p>	
3	<p>Actions Arising</p> <p>The Chair noted the closed action items:</p> <p>Action 112: ERA in attendance to discuss compliance and enforcement activities.</p> <p>Action 113:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x The Chair requested an update on whether anyone had elected to join the industry working group on off-specification gas that Mr Mike Lauer was to convene. Members were not able to provide an update and the Chair noted she would follow up with Mr Lauer at the next meeting.</li> <li>x The Chair requested Mrs Guzeleva to outline the upcoming consultation on off-specification gas given the relevance to this subject matter.</li> <li>x Mrs Guzeleva explained that the Minister has received an application for an exemption under the gas specification regulations for off specification gas. Mrs Guzeleva advised that there would be a public consultation process on this.</li> <li>x Ms Rachel Smith noted that this matter is different to the working group issue.</li> </ul>	
4	<p>Overview of Rule Change Proposal s</p> <p>The paper was taken as read.</p>	
5	<p>ERA's compliance monitoring and enforcement update</p> <p>Ms Hobday presented an update on ERA's compliance monitoring and enforcement activities. The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Slide 4: Ms Hobday encouraged voluntary self-reporting and noted that the compliance strategy has been updated and would come into effect on 1 October 2023. She invited members to contact the ERA with any concerns.</li> </ul>	

- x Slide 8: The Chair sought clarification for the lower number of 2023 potential contraventions compared to previous years.
  - o Ms Hobday explained that the 2023 results are partial and that AEMO has a backlog of matters that are yet to be reported. The ERA expects the number to increase and be more consistent with pre( )JTJ 0.007 Tw 1fa.9 (at)4.3 (t)-6w 1fa.9



likelihood of an increase in capacity, if there was an increase in gas powered generation (as coal generation retires).

Mr Meredith noted that he was meeting with DBNGP to discuss this matter shortly. Ms Smith requested to be included in that meeting.

Mr Meredith presented the detailed recommendations for the methodology:

- x Detailed input assumptions:
  - o fully document assumptions for the three WA GSOO scenarios;
  - o improve stakeholder information; and
  - o improve interpretation of the AEMO scenarios.
- x Investigate aligning WA GSOO and WEM ESOO:
  - o criteria for including pre-FID renewable energy projects; and
  - o criteria for including industrial decarbonisation programs.
- x Explain the use of High case forecast:
  - o explore the less certain renewable energy projects, future decarbonisation projects and more speculative gas supply projects.

Mr Meredith presented the detailed recommendations for the inclusion of government policy in AEMO models:

- x aim to fully explain climate change policy targets embedded in the scenario modelling; and
- x investigate the root causes of any discrepancies between AEMO's forecasts and Government Policy requirements.

Mr Meredith noted that the conclusions of the GSOO do not always align with Government policy. In the past, different government policy has not been used in different scenarios but AEMO will investigate doing so in future.

Mr Meredith presented the detailed recommendations for gas supply:

- x Review future gas supply criteria, including DMOs and reliability:
  - o review appropriateness of criteria used to model future gas supply, including DMOs; and
  - o investigate the feasibility of including a reliability assessment in the WA GSOO. This would require consultation with market participants on what constitutes a suitable metric.
- x Pipeline throughput:
  - o investigate the feasibility of modelling hourly or daily pipeline throughput (likely to require close consultation with pipeline operators).
- x Alignment of GSOO regions with WA Gas Bulletin Board:
  - o investigate aligning the three WA GSOO regions with the ten WA GBB zones; and



- x Mr Jeay suggested summarising the submissions