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1	Welcome and Agenda
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The Chair opened the meeting at 1pm with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed members.

2	Meeting Apologies and Attendance
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The Chair noted the attendance and the apologies as listed above.

3	Competition and Consumer Law Statement
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The Chair noted the Competition and Consumer Law Statement circulated with the meeting agenda.

4	Updates on the Technical Working Group (TWG)
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The Chair noted that the TWG has met on several occasions to discuss the proposed

Ms Gunn emphasised that while the framework sets a standard to be met, it doesn't prescribe a specific solution, like installing a synchronous condenser. Instead, it focuses on finding the most efficient way to meet the standard, with all viable options, including the scenario mentioned, being considered.

Mr Cassidy noted that the solution agnostic dot point covers that, meaning it's not about prescribing how it's done but rather focusing on what is being done and by whom.

Ms Gunn presented slide 11 – SWIS context – Lack of guidance and efficient investment.

Ms Gunn presented slide 12 – SWIS context – Lack of clearly defined responsibilities.

Ms Gunn presented slide 13 – SWIS context – Other Issues.

Ms Gunn presented slide 14 – System strength proposed framework – Components.

She invited members to share their input, particularly regarding centralised planning and investment, where a preferred proposal has not yet been finalised.

Ms Gunn presented slide 15 – Proposed System Strength definition.

Ms Gunn presented slide 16 – Future generation outlook.

She noted that at the last PSSR Standards Working Group meeting, the discussion focused on the need for greater collaboration between Western Power, AEMO, and EPWA on forecasting, as well as the establishment of a forecasting group codified into the ESMR, indicating that this proposal builds on that idea.

Mr Peake emphasised that accounting for the expected location of generation is critical for identifying potential system strength issues, and this analysis should also consider transmission planning.

He acknowledged the benefits of having a fleet outlook but questioned whether the localised impact of system strength necessitates an approved transmission plan as a foundational step before progressing further.

The Chair agreed that having a mix of generation without considering location is ineffective. She pointed out that projected generation locations depend on available network capacity and acknowledged that while this topic isn't covered in the slides, it is important.

Mr Price noted that the future generation outlook is a critical component of a system strength framework, but can also have a broader use, for example in analysing the impact of network congestion and

Mr Skinner noted that his position is toward the proactive investment side of the spectrum and provided the following key points.

- There is a need for greater certainty regarding system strength investments over the next decade, given the transition the energy sector is undergoing.
- On the question of who should bear the costs, such investments would effectively become public infrastructure with the cost being borne by

issues within the Technical Rules that cannot be transferred to the ESMR as part of the PSSR Standards Review work (i.e. not the parts of the Technical Rules that are not included in the PSSR Standards Review).

Ms Roshan noted that the classification of issues into “policy buckets”, established in December by EPWA and Western Power, may need to be revisited due to changes in scope within both the DER project and the PSSR project.

Ms Gunn clarified that the classification of issues has not yet been revisited but emphasised that now is the appropriate time to do so if Western Power believes there are issues. She encouraged Ms Roshan to raise any concerns or changes in classification that might arise due to the project's evolving scope or other projects. She added that, if necessary, new items can be added to the list and discussed with the PSSRSWG for inclusion in the Consultation Paper.

Ms Roshan agreed with this approach.

Mr Peake inquired about item number 3.5 in the spreadsheet, which relates to distribution voltage limits and the proposal to adopt revised Australian standards. He asked whether Western Power had a role in developing these standards and whether implementing them in Western Australia would result in any additional costs.

Ms Roshan responded that a comprehensive analysis had been conducted, including engaging the University of Wollongong to assess the potential impacts