

FROM: Wholesale Energy Market Dispute Resolution Adviser (WEMDRA)



Dates covered:

July- September 2024

WEMDRA contract – extension period

1 Disputes and Scheduling errors

Section 1 - Matters Executive Summary

Period	Matters Notified	Stage 1	Stage 2 Disputes and DRP
October - December 2023	Electricity: New Connection (solar) matter notified.	Connection (solar) matter: Progressed to Stage 1.	Nil
January - March 2024	Electricity: Confirmed June Scheduling Error will be a fast-track process and can go to a single Dispute Resolution Panel (DRP) member. There is agreement that AEMO would finalise the submissions for the single DRP member.	Connection (solar) matter: New party added; WEMDRA engaged to facilitate a consensual process, extending the resolution timeframe.	Nil
April - June 2024	Electricity: No new matters. Gas: A r704 Matter notified with 2 participants.	Time extended on solar matter.	Electricity: June Scheduling Error: Finalised and a determination made .
July- September 2024	Nil	Solar matter resolved in Stage 1 and sent to direct negotiations between the parties.	Gas matter r704 (one of 2) sent to a DRP and then withdrawn and finalised.

Section 2 - Explanation of stages + Matters in Progress



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2.1 Explanation of stages

Matters Notified: Details of these matters are held Confidential between the WEMDRA

and the parties. This can be a matter notified to WEMDRA for compensation, or triage and discussion before initiating another stage. Additionally, it can be a matter discussed for guidance, or exploration about a potential claim. The latter category appears on the list at the discretion of WEMDRA.

Stage 1: Stage 1 encourages the exploration and joint resolution of the disputes by direct commercial negotiation, or assistance through a facilitated, or non-binding expert process. In Stage 1, a DMS notice has been served by one party to another under Chapter 8 of the National Electricity Rules, or part 15C of the National Gas Rules.

Stage 2: Stage 2 is geared towards a binding decision by a panel of one or more experts. In Stage 2, a dispute has not been resolved in Stage 1 and is escalated to a dispute panel of between 1-3 people selected by WEMDRA in consultation with the parties or where the rules provide that the matter go directly to a DRP for determination or awarding of compensation. Stage 2 can also be an adviser led process.

2.2 Matters in Progress

- The Connection Issues (Solar) Matter was successfully managed in Stage 1 and the parties have resumed commercial negotiation.
- A DRP was established for a matter under r704 of the NGR. Following directions from a DRP the matter was finalised without the need for a determination and the Applicant withdrew the claim.
- There is a second participant who may also be affected by the same error and that matter has also been referred to a DRP. The process will not commence yet as the losses are not finalised.

Section 3 - Administration for the Quarter

Completed:

- WEMDRA annual report for the AER was delivered.
- Security protocol finalised and insurance in place.



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Section 4 - Work Under the Extended Contract

- The AER and WEMDRA developed a protocol for sharing information between them where there may be a jurisdictional overlap or an issue. This will be published when finalised.
- A review of the pool from which Resolvers are drawn is due.
- Update of DMS and DMC contacts is due.
- A webinar on dispute resolution and updates generally is due.

Please be in contact with questions and suggestions.

Kind Regards



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