

AUSNET EDPB 2026-2031 COORDINATION GROUP MEETING #16 MINUTES

Location: Microsoft Teams

Date: July 10, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Coordination Group (CG):

Peter Eben (Chair of CG, meeting Chair)

Helen Bartley (Research and Engagement Panel Lead)

Kieran Donoghue (Availability Panel Lead) (meeting Secretary)

Gavin Duffy (Tariffs and Pricing Panel Lead)

Mark Grenning (Benchmarking and Opex Lead)

Dean Lombard (Future Networks Panel Lead)

Emily Peel (Customer Experience Panel Lead)

AusNet:

Attendees: Rob Ball

Charlotte Eddy

Lucy Holder

Sonja Lekovic

Astro Salakis (part)

May Maung (part)

AER:

Ben Fu

Michelle Shi

Rohan Jones

Apologies: None

I. WELCOME AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

No conflicts of interest declared.

No outstanding items from the previous meeting.

II. PANEL LEAD UPDATE (NONE)

III. AUSNET ITEMS (SLIDES PROVIDED FOR A, B,C)

A. Costed Options – Connections [Sonja]

- i. AusNet took detailed notes for this item

B. Bill Impact Analysis [Rob/Astro]

- i. AusNet are refining analysis of bill impacts of reset across different customer types. \$ figures are real 2026\$ unless otherwise stated. The headline from the current draft is a 2% increase in residential variable charge. Issues around presenting different household types with/without capital costs for changing energy vector (PV, EV, electrification) and understanding tariff assumptions (and consequent cross-subsidies). AusNet to consider feedback for next iteration – presentation at the offsite
- ii. There was insufficient time to conclude this discussion and it was agreed to discuss further at the next CG.

C. Offsite agenda and approach [Charlotte]

- i. AusNet seeking Panel leads to present briefly on feedback and how reflected in proposal and o/s items. Emily noted she was not able to attend on Day 1 due to a prior commitment.
- ii. AusNet to consider how to discuss which VCR/QCV values to use – initial discussion on whether need to be consistent and then whether to have one discussion versus discussing under each relevant topic (augex, repex, resilience, etc.).
- iii. The CG discussed the decision-making process both for individual options and for evaluating the overall proposal from a bill impact perspective. Issues include cross-subsidies and sensitivities (e.g. on consumption varying from forecast). Further bill impact discussion to be held at the next CG meeting.
- iv. AusNet to liaise with Panel leads on options to be presented.

D. Network outage review

- i. Held over to next meeting due to time pressures

IV. OTHER BUSINESS [NONE DUE TO TIME PRESSURE]

V. ACTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Action items

- i. AusNet to liaise with Panel leads on options to be presented at offsite. Specific consideration to be given to how to present choices on which values of customer reliability to use, including whether consistency is required across all areas of reset.
- ii. Peter to add bill impact discussion to next agenda and to bring forward meeting start time to 8:30
- iii. CG to provide any further feedback on offsite agenda

Next meeting – 25 July 8:30am eastern time