

FROM: Wholesale Energy Market Dispute Resolution Adviser (WEMDRA)



Dates covered:

October – December 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
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	Gas matter r704 (one of 2) sent to a DRP and then withdrawn and finalised.
October – December 2024	Nil		Gas matter r704 confirmed and request for WEMDRA to organise an extension



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Section 2 - Explanation of stages + Matters in Progress

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

A DRP was established for a matter under r704 of the NGR. A further extension of time has been granted by WEMDRA at the request of the party and DRP.

Section 3 - Administration for the Quarter

Completed:

- Update of DMS and DMC contacts was completed. A huge thank you to Bill and to every one of the participants who have so actively engaged in updating that list of contacts and ensuring that it is available online.
- Review of the pool from which the resolvers are drawn.

Please be in contact with questions and suggestions. Happy new year and wishing everyone a wonderful safe 2025.

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