

FROM: Wholesale Energy Market Dispute Resolution Adviser (**WEMDRA**)



Dates covered:

October – December 2022

WEMDRA contract 2021-2024

This report covers the quarter October – December 2022

1 Disputes and Scheduling errors

Section 1 - Matters Executive Summary

	July-Sept quarter	October- December quarter
Matters notified	3 (two gas and one electricity)	One matter notified in April-June 2022 quarter and carried over withdrawn. Second matter carried over still no action. No new notifications.
Stage 1	None.	None.
Stage 2 disputes and DRP for scheduling errors	2 (gas) matters from matters notified	Gas- Origin and AEMO, administrative pricing compensation claims (2 consolidated for convenience and by consent). Determined by a DRP comprising Peter RD Gray Chair and Greg Thorpe and published here . Electricity - scheduling error - 30 August Administrative arrangements for setting up a DRP for access to the participant compensation fund was discussed with the WEMDRA by AEMO and participants and potential DRP of one person agreed.

Section 2- Explanation of stages

Explanation: Matters Notified means: Confidential. 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 appear on the list at the discretion of WEMDRA.

Explanation: Stage 1 means: A DMS notice has been served by one party to another under Chapter 8 of the National Electricity Rules (NER), or part 15C of the National Gas Rules (NGR).

Explanation: Stage 2 means: That 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 NER or NGR provide that the matter go directly to a DRP for determination or awarding of compensation. Stage 2 can also be an adviser led process.

Section 3- Matters from the Quarter

Details of Matters Notified in the Quarter

There were a few discussions with WEMDRA about potential issues in the quarter. None of them have been noted because all were tangential to issues already included in the reporting.

Matters progressed the Quarter.

Gas. Origin lodged two claims associated with gas administered pricing compensation which are referred to in the July-September quarter report as the 'administered pricing compensation claim'. These were referred to a DRP comprising of Peter RD Gray and Greg Thorpe to be determined together. This was finalised in this quarter (October-December).

The DRP held a round table on 12 October 2022. The market was notified of the referral to a DRP as provided for in the NGR. The determination was published by the AER on 8 December 2022.

Please note that it contains an important determination on the allocation of costs in the administered pricing compensation claim process.

Electricity - Participant compensation fund for 10 August Incident.

This compensation application arises from a market event on 10 August 2022 – this involves multiple parties. A report was released by AEMO and participants who applied were provided with indications of the compensation amounts pertaining to their claim. There was a meeting between participants, AEMO and WEMDRA to consult about the timeline and constitution of a DRP to access the participant compensation fund.

The DRP of one will be constituted in January 2023 to ensure that people do not have to work through the break.

Section 4 Administration for the Quarter

Completed:

As well as the two disputes WEMDRA also finalised:

- the first annual reflections for the AER setting out WEMDRA's observations on the operation of the dispute resolution framework.
- A debrief of a dispute notified in the July-September quarter which had cross over with Chapter 5 of the NER.
- Research, consultation and advice on the options for costs to be allocated in administered pricing compensation claims as this provision was used for the first time.

Planning

WEMDRA identified and confirmed the following administration matters have been identified as carrying over to the 2023 calendar year for completion preferably in the first six months:

- Finalise the role description and recruitment for the WEMDRA support function. (This has been started.)
- Finalise the security augmentation of the WEMDRA back-end systems. (This has been started.)
- Updating of the website. (This has been budgeted and started.)
- Scope DMS training content and delivery options.
- Implementation of a feedback mechanism to WEMDRA.
- Updating of DMC (gas contacts).

Please be in contact with questions and suggestions.

Kind Regards



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