



## WEM REFORM IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### 1. Background

In March 2019, the WA Government launched its Energy Transformation Strategy (ETS)<sup>1</sup>, to be delivered by the Energy Transformation Taskforce, supported by the Energy Transformation Implementation Unit (ETIU). The Foundation Regulatory Frameworks workstream of the ETS aims to improve access to the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) and implement, by 1 October 2022:

- facility bidding for all Market Participants;
- security-constrained co-optimised dispatch (SCED) for the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM);
- improved framework for power system security and reliability; and
- new essential system services to meet the evolving needs of the power system.

Market Participants will be required to undertake significant changes to their business practices, systems, and contractual arrangements to implement and operationalise the reforms under the ETS.

#### 2. Purpose of the working group

ETIU has convened the WEM Reform Implementation Group (WRIG) to consult with stakeholders on the implementation of the Foundation Regulatory Frameworks workstream of the ETS.

The WRIG is an expert stakeholder forum requiring participation and input from relevant industry participants to assist the Taskforce to:

- develop a joint industry program plan for the transition to new market arrangements, including ongoing status assessment and reporting;
- identify and manage key program risks, assumptions, issues, and dependencies; and
- resolve challenges to the implementation of the new WEM by, where necessary, developing amendments to Market Rules or regulation during the transition to new market arrangements (e.g. transitional approach to compliance and monitoring, market trial obligations).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/energy-policy-wa/energy-transformation-strategy>

The WRIG's initial focus will be on the development of a planning approach and high priority dependencies. This activity will aim to define Market Participant requirements prior to the commencement of new market arrangements, requirements post-implementation, and the actions necessary in the transition between the two. (e.g. ICT systems development, test, trial, and 'cutover' to new arrangements).

Focus of the group will then shift to more detailed discussion and consultation on implementation matters including technical requirements for ICT systems and facilities. If required, sub-groups will be engaged to facilitate discussion on these detailed matters with input provided to the 'core' WRIG to enable planning and management activities.

### **3. Working group administration**

ETIU will Chair the WRIG, undertaking secretariat functions. It will convene WRIG meetings and determine the agenda of meetings. The secretariat will notify stakeholders of WRIG meetings and distribute related documents via email to the WRIG mailing list. Stakeholders can register to be included on the WRIG mailing list at [implementation.wg@energy.wa.gov.au](mailto:implementation.wg@energy.wa.gov.au).

To support the use of WRIG as an effective consultative mechanism, the secretariat will endeavour to distribute:

- notice of a meeting and agenda 10 business days prior to a meeting;
- relevant meeting papers five business days prior to a meeting; and
- meeting notes distributed no more than five business days following a meeting.<sup>2</sup>

Presentation of topics may be led by other WRIG members. The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) will play a lead role in developing content and facilitating discussion at WRIG meetings, given its central role in the implementation of reforms.

### **4. Meeting attendance**

The Taskforce encourages broad industry and stakeholder representation in its consultation processes. However, due to the nature of the discussions and objectives of the WRIG, members are expected to have a detailed understanding of both their organisations implementation program and how it fits into the overall program of activity required to implement the reforms.

Where sub-groups are formed, members will be expected to have the necessary technical expertise and authority within their organisation to effectively contribute to discussion and development of proposals and actions.

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<sup>2</sup> Meeting papers and notes will be published on the Energy Transformation Taskforce website, following each meeting.

To facilitate participation from as many organisations as possible, stakeholders may only nominate up to two representatives to attend a WRIG meeting. Additional representatives may be nominated with the approval of the secretariat. A representative attending a WRIG meeting is expected to:

- prepare for the meeting, including by reading meeting papers, previous meeting minutes, and relevant Taskforce decisions relating to the meeting topic; and
- participate in a constructive manner considering both broader industry and program requirements as well as representing their organisation's interests and position.

WRIG members will be asked to share and contribute information about their organisation's implementation programs to enable creation and management of a joint industry plan. However, the Taskforce notes that some information regarding implementation of the reforms being pursued under the Strategy may be commercially confidential or sensitive. As such, members will be expected to note where they have concerns regarding the confidentiality or sensitivity of information and act in accordance with their relevant legislative and regulatory requirements.

## **5. Contact details**

Market participants and other stakeholders may contact the WRIG secretariat within the ETIU at [implementation.wg@energy.wa.gov.au](mailto:implementation.wg@energy.wa.gov.au).