



## Minutes

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Evolution of the Pilbara Networks Rules Working Group (Workstream 2 - HTR)
<b>Date:</b>	11 July 2024
<b>Time:</b>	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
<b>Location:</b>	Online, via TEAMS

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Dora Guzeleva	Chair, Energy Policy WA (EPWA)	
Shan Paramasibam	APA	
Njabulo Mlilo	BHP	
Rebecca White	BHP	
Lekshmi Jaya Mohan	BP	
Anthony Guevarra	CITIC Pacific Mining	
Melinda Anderson	Economic Regulation Authority	
David Stephens	Horizon Power	
James Campbell-Everden	ISOC	
Timothy Edwards	Metro Power Company	
Noel Michelson	Rio Tinto	
Shervin Fani	Woodside	
Rudi Strobel	Yindjibarndi Energy Corporation	
Tamara Brooker	Yindjibarndi Energy Corporation	
Marcel Tripolone	EPWA	
Thomas Tedeschi	EPWA	
Tom Coates	EPWA	
Ajith Sreenivasan	Robinson Bowmaker Paul (RBP)	
Eija Samson	RBP	
James Seidelin	RBP	



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1	<b>Welcome</b> <p>The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.</p> <p>The Chair noted the Competition Law Statement, reminded members of their obligations and encouraged them to bring any Competition Law issues to her attention as they may arise.</p> <p>The Chair provided an overview of the meeting agenda.</p>	
2	<b>Meeting Apologies and Attendance</b> <p>The Chair noted the attendance as listed above.</p>	
3	<b>Minutes</b> <p>The Chair noted that the minutes of the previous workstream meeting on 9 May were approved by members out-of-session and published on the EPWA website.</p>	
4	<b>Action Items</b> <p>The Chair referred to the three open action items in the action register, and noted that they would be discussed and closed during Agenda Item 5.</p>	
5	<b>HTR Issues List – Updates from issue leads</b> <p>The Chair reiterated the role of the working group in supporting the delivery of the EPNR Project and the Pilbara Advisory Committee. She highlighted the importance of the members’ technical and Pilbara-specific expertise, and the reliance on this group to provide knowledge and analysis to identify HTR issues and potential solutions.</p> <p>The Chair emphasised that a key task of the HTR Workstream was to develop a single, consistent set of technical rules for all participants in the Pilbara regime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms White asked if it would be possible to consider grandfathering the technical standards for existing networks or generators if and when they become connected to the NWIS if those technical requirements did not meet a minimum standard set by the HTR.</li></ul> <p>The Chair acknowledged that the HTR might not replace participants’ ability to negotiate around the technical rules. She invited members to consider the concept of an end-to-end minimum technical standard that facilitates ‘automatic access’, but which also allows participants to negotiate alternative arrangements above or below the standard.</p> <p>The Chair emphasised that the HTR should provide a complete set of minimum technical standards and that this workstream should address all gaps emerging in the existing HTR as renewable energy penetration increases. She noted that this approach would remove the need for those gaps to be filled by participants’ own technical rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Members discussed that NSPs would need to retain their own technical rules for broader applications in private operations and systems outside the NWIS.</li></ul> <p>The Chair reiterated that the HTR should provide a single, complete set of end-to-end standards that, if met, facilitate connection. She clarified that other instruments might be complementary, offering guidance or ‘optimal’ standards. She asked Members to confirm this intention for the HTR.</p>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Stephens agreed that the approach made sense but suggested that the approach to agreeing alternative standards needed careful consideration and explicit recognition. He noted that there are multiple options, such as derogations or negotiated alternatives, highlighting the distinction between these two options.</li> <li>Mr Fani cautioned that a negotiated standard around the HTR would require a greater resource allocation by the entity responsible for administering the HTR.</li> <li>Ms White suggested the standard should cover the upper end of the negotiations scale to avoid NSPs proposing standards perceived as unreasonably high by the access seeker. Additionally, she suggested that there should be a process for avoiding and minimising disputes between the NSP and access seeker before formal dispute mechanisms are required.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair agreed with the points raised by members and suggested that this issue related to governance and might be better suited to the PNR workstream. She proposed that EPWA drafts potential options for discussion.</p> <p>The Chair facilitated a discussion on all Issues listed in the 'Work Plan Under Development' worksheet in the HTR meeting workbook (circulated 21 May).</p>	
	<p><b>ACTION: Clarify the intent of the HTR to provide a single, complete set of end-to-end standards and develop options for negotiation framework for deviations from the standard, including for early resolution of disputes.</b></p>	<p><b>EPWA</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms White noted that the PNR workstream's meeting on 15 August 2024 will clash with the Energy in WA Conference and suggested EPWA consider rescheduling the meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <p>The Chair indicated that an updated version of the HTR workbook, reflecting the updates, discussions and agreed next steps from today's meeting, would be circulated to members.</p> <p>An updated copy of the HTR meeting workbook reflecting the outcomes of the 11 July 2024 meeting was finalised and circulated to members on 12 July 2024, and will be published alongside these Minutes as a record of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair encouraged the relevant teams to develop solutions addressing high-priority issues for presentation to the HTR Workstream at its next meeting. She noted that, where appropriate, the solutions presented to the HTR Workstream would form the basis of amending rules for the HTR.</p>	
	<p><b>ACTION: Prepare proposals addressing high priority issues from the HTR List, for presentation at the next meeting of the HTR Workstream.</b></p>	<p><b>Issue Leads</b></p>
	<p>The Chair closed the meeting.</p>	

**The meeting closed at 11:00am.**