



## Minutes

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Evolution of the Pilbara Networks Rules Working Group (Workstream 2 - HTR)
<b>Date:</b>	28 August 2024
<b>Time:</b>	9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
<b>Location:</b>	Online, via TEAMS

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Dora Guzeleva	Chair, Energy Policy WA (EPWA)	
Nik Walker	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	ISOCco	
Timothy Edwards	Metro Power Company	
Noel Michelson	Rio Tinto	
Shervin Fani	Woodside	
Scott Hiscock	Woodside	
Laura Koziol	EPWA	
Tom Coates	EPWA	
Thomas Tedeschi	EPWA	
Tim Robinson	RBP	
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 11 July 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 two action items in the action register and noted that item 4/2024 would be discussed and closed during Agenda Item 5.</p>	
5	<b>Intent of the HTR and options for negotiation and dispute resolution</b>	
	<p>The Chair presented slides 2 to 5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Stephens highlighted the difference between 'automatic standards' and 'minimum standards'. He suggested that it was a threshold question to determine whether the Harmonised Technical Rules (HTR) should specify a minimum standard. He noted that this would be a complex task, requiring studies beyond those being scoped, and extensive consultation.</li></ul> <p>The Chair noted that a similar concept to the proposed introduction of an automatic and a minimum standard is currently being considered for the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) to reflect that the network operator would be reluctant to connect parties if requirements fall below a certain level.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that an alternative for the Pilbara system might be to allow a minimum standard to be negotiated between parties. She emphasised that minimum standards can help create awareness and set expectations among NSPs and connection applicants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms Jaya Mohan suggested that, if a minimum standard was introduced, the rules should specify that any facility that is deemed compliant through grandfathering, but doesn't meet the minimum standard and any new facility not meeting the minimum standard, should be required to adhere to the minimum standard within a given timeframe of about 2 to 3 years..</li></ul> <p>The Chair considered that any new connecting facility should have to comply with the minimum standard from the outset. This was particularly important as vertically integrated entities could otherwise connect their own facilities without adhering to the minimum standard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Walker agreed with the Chair.</li><li>Ms Jaya Mohan agreed with the Chair and asked whether there should be a provision to cater for the possibility that a newly connected facility may not meet the minimum standard just in case.</li></ul>	



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	<p>The Chair noted that NSPs should be required to ensure that new connections meet the 'automatic' standard and that any agreements allowing new facilities to deviate from the 'automatic' standard should be made public for the sake of transparency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Jaya Mohan agreed with the Chair.</li> <li>Mr Walker asked whether the objective of the current HTR review was to establish an automatic standard or a minimum standard.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair clarified that the working group is assessing the HTR to set an automatic standard, allowing for limited negotiated alternatives above or below the automatic standard.</p> <p>The Chair noted that ideally, the HTR would also specify a minimum standard but acknowledged the concerns raised that this would be difficult in the timeframe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Stephens agreed, reiterating that establishing a minimum standard would be a difficult and time-consuming undertaking. He suggested adding the development of a minimum standard to the implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Robinson summarised that a process to establish a minimum standard should be included in the Implementation Plan/roadmap.</p>	
6	<p><b>HTR Issues List – Updates from issue leads</b></p> <p>The Chair facilitated a discussion on all Issues listed in the 'Work Plan Under Development' worksheet in the HTR meeting workbook (circulated on 12 July).</p> <p>While work on most issues is progressing, three discrete actions were recorded to assist with project management.</p>	
	<p><b>ACTION: Provide insights on system strength requirements from the Power System Security and Reliability Standards Review in the WEM to the HTR Workstream to assist in advancing progress on Issue 7.</b></p>	EPWA
	<p><b>ACTION: Complete an interjurisdictional review summarising how other markets allocate responsibility for managing fault levels as well as protocols for managing interconnected networks.</b></p>	RBP
	<p><b>ACTION: Provide EPWA with a brief paper explaining the circular legal issue identified with the Compliance at the Point of Connection (CPC) construct to support the transfer of this issue to the PNR Workstream.</b></p>	Woodside
7	<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <p>An updated copy of the HTR meeting workbook reflecting the outcomes of the 28 August meeting was finalised and circulated to members on 29 August, and will be published alongside these Minutes as a record of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair requested that Issue Leads work with their teams to finalise working group papers containing any proposals and recommendations, and to send these issue papers to EPWA by 30 September 2024.</p> <p>The Chair noted that these timeframes would allow the working group to discuss options and recommendations for the HTR Issues at its next meeting</p>	



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	on 10 October 2024 and again at its 21 November 2024 meeting, prior to the publication of a Consultation Paper in December.	
	<b>ACTION: Finalise Issue Papers outlining options and any recommendations for working group consideration and submit a copy to EPWA by COB 30 September 2024 for compilation in meeting materials.</b>	<b>Issue Leads</b>

The Chair closed the meeting at 10:45am.