

Independent Market Operator

RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION WORKING GROUP

Minutes

Meeting No:	08
Location:	Office Of Energy
Date:	Thursday 8 December 2009
Time:	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Attendees		
Troy Forward	Independent Market Operator (IMO)	Chair
Ian McCullough	IMO	Alternate Chair
John Libby	New World Energy	
Shane Cremin	Griffin	
Steve Gould	Landfill Gas & Power	
Jason Dignard	Dept. Treasury & Finance	
John Rhodes	Synergy	
Corey Dykstra	Alinta	
Greg Allen	Carnegie Wave Energy	
Phil Kelloway	Western Power – System Management	
Robert Pullella	ERA	
Matthew Rosser	Pacific Hydro	
Brad Huppatz	Verve Energy	
Kyle Jackson	AUSRA	
Tom Percy	Western Power	
Anwar Mohammed	SunPower	
Stephen Hurley	Dept. Premier & Cabinet	
Allan Dawson	IMO	

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Tony Stewart	OOE (SEDO)	
Will Street	IMO	
Ben Williams	IMO	
Greg Thorpe	Oakley Greenwood	
Ian Rose	ROAM Consulting	
Joel Gilmore	ROAM Consulting	
Michael Carr	Tenet Consulting	

Apologies		
Chris Brown	ERA	
John Vendel	Pacific Hydro	
Taron Brearley	OOE (SEDO)	
Matthew Fairclough	Western Power – System Management	
Tim Bray	Western Power	
Rob Rohrlach	Energy Response	
David Murphy	Dept. Premier & Cabinet	
Bill Bowyer	RPV Developments	
Brooke Eddington	OOE (SEDO)	
Jacinda Papps	IMO	
Simon Middleton	Synergy	
Mark Headland	Investec	

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1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies / Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair opened the meeting at 2:10 pm, welcomed members and visitors and thanked them for their attendance. • Apologies were noted as listed above. 	
2.	<p>Comments on Minutes from meeting 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft minutes were accepted as correct. <p>Action: IMO to finalise the minutes and circulate.</p>	IMO
3.	<p>Actions Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All actions were reported complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Item 2- IMO finalised minutes and circulated. - Item 3 - ROAM findings presentation provided by System Management and circulated by IMO - Item 6 – OOE to source wave data (Ocean Power Technologies report) – a wave power report had been source and would provide useful background for the MMA studies. - Item 6 – IMO circulated the MMA presentation and additional background on LOLP methodology provided by MMA. 	
4.	<p>Work Package 1 – Impacts from State and National Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROAM consulting gave a presentation on its proposed approach to Work Package 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General discussion followed centred on various underlying assumptions related to technologies, timing and costings. - The Chair emphasised that while there would be a range of views in regard to the assumptions, it would be important to progress the work in good faith. - Study assumptions would be provided by ROAM to support the general overview provided in its presentation. The IMO would circulate these to the Working Group members. • The IMO also advised that it had contracted NIEIR to prepare a forecast of base load as an input particularly to assessment of the overnight load issue in Work Package 3. • The Chair also noted that concern had been expressed by some members at the appointment of ROAM consulting, given that some members were concerned at the findings of ROAM's previous work for System Management. It was noted that the baseline assumptions for that previous work had been provided by System Management 	

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	<p>and that these had been acknowledged as likely to be worst cases. The new studies would be built on assumptions and scenarios developed by ROAM as part of the Work Packages. System Management noted that the assumptions were not part of the presentation on the ROAM findings which was circulated to the REGWG. System Management's final report on the ROAM studies will contain all assumptions used in the studies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - System Management noted that while it believed the previous work remained relevant, this could be put aside for the purposes of this process. <p>Action: ROAM to provide and IMO to circulate scenario assumptions.</p>	ROAM/IMO
5.	<p>Update On Work Packages 2, 3 & 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IMO reported that MMA's work on Work Package 2 (reliability) was progressing well and that initial results were expected in a week or so. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The IMO thanked Alinta, Griffin, Verve, Ausra and SunPower who had provided wind and solar data for MMA's work and advised that generic solar thermal and PV data had also been sourced from Senergy based on its earlier work for the IMO and OOE. • The meeting was advised that ROAM and SKM had been appointed for Work Packages 3 and 4 respectively and that preliminary meetings between the IMO and the consultants would be held over the next few days. 	
6.	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Hydro expressed concern that the inclusion on the IMO's REGWG webpage of the System Management presentation on the ROAM studies might indicate the Working Group's endorsement of the findings in the presentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The IMO clarified that inclusion of member papers on the website had never been intended to indicate endorsement of the Working Group, but was done simply to provide access to information papers presented by members in good faith. - However, the concern had been noted and a statement had now been included on the web page making it clear that views presented in member reports and presentations did not necessarily reflect the views of the Working Group. - All studies that had been presented to previous meetings were available on the web page including the Pacific Hydro presentation and the final Senergy Econnect report to the OOE. - Members were also advised that a rearrangement of the webpage was expected to be needed to accommodate the increasing amount of information being added. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Dawson addressed the meeting, thanking members on behalf of the market Advisory Committee and the IMO Board for the contributions being made. He noted that the Working Group was undertaking work which was long outstanding and had been allocated special funding for its completion. Some of the issues being addressed also featured in the Oates Report and it was important that these matters be progressed to finalise recommendations to the Market Advisory Committee for the necessary rule changes. 	
7.	<p>Close of Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair raised the question of an appropriate time for the next meeting, cognisant of the possible unavailability of members over the coming month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was agreed that the next meeting should be early in the new year, nominally in the third week of January. 	