

**From:** Tony Snell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 28 May 2020 6:42 PM  
**To:** Adjudication  
**Cc:** Camilleri, Lyn; Ross, Nicole; Sood, Rajat; Drake, Michael; Janissen, Robert; Brett Hausler; Healy, Rosannah; Hender, Kathryn  
**Subject:** AEMO Interim Authorisation dated 17 April 2020 - report for period 18 - 24 May 2020

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

We refer to condition 1 of the interim authorisation granted by the ACCC on 17 April 2020 (**Interim Authorisation**) and the reporting protocol dated 8 May 2020.

Set out below is AEMO's report for the period 18– 24 May 2020 (**Reporting Period**).

This report can be published on the public register.

**1. Material contracts, arrangements, understandings or decisions that rely on the Interim Authorisation**

No material contract, arrangement or understanding that relies on the Interim Authorisation was entered into during the Reporting Period.

The meeting of AEMO representatives and industry executives convened by the AEMO CEO did not occur during the Reporting Period.

A decision that relies on the Interim Authorisation was made during the Reporting Period. A meeting between AEMO, CS Energy, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Queensland), Intergen, Powerlink and Stanwell (together, **Meeting Participants**) was held on Friday 22 May. ACCC representatives also attended this meeting as observers. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any potential issues that may arise in relation to maintenance or scheduled outages in Queensland, and the resources required, in light of COVID-19. The Meeting Participants shared information relating to the timing of proposed maintenance and the specialist skills required. The Meeting Participants also discussed the impact of planned maintenance being delayed or moved due to COVID-19 related issues and the interactions they have had with government bodies regarding the processes for carrying out work in light of COVID-19. Another meeting with the Meeting Participants is expected to be held on Friday 29 May.

Finally, AEMO notes that a weekly industry update on AEMO's operational response to COVID-19 occurred on Thursday 21 May. AEMO reported on the impact of COVID-19 on system operations and provided forecasts for potential demand during the next week based on a number of factors, including the weather and likely impact of COVID-19.

**2. Update to the Energy Coordination Mechanism**

The Energy Coordination Mechanism (**ECM**) met on Wednesday 20 May 2020. No update was provided to the ECM on coordinated activities, however AEMO provided a joint update with the AER and AEMC on the prioritisation of market reforms.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries in relation to this report.

Kind regards

**Tony Snell**  
Group Manager, Legal  
Australian Energy Market Operator Limited

T  
M

| [www.aemo.com.au](http://www.aemo.com.au)



**Working days at AEMO: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**

*In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, AEMO has adopted digital and remote ways of working to protect our people and critical operations. Please be aware that most meetings will now be conducted digitally, preferably using WebEx, to minimise physical contact and allow business to continue. Given the dramatic increase in load on our systems, please bear with us while we work through any technical issues that may result.*

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

This email, including all attachments, is confidential and for the sole use of the intended recipient(s). If you are not the intended recipient, you are prohibited from disclosing, copying, distributing, or in any other way using it. If you have received this email in error, please notify me by return email, or contact the AEMO Information and Support Hub on 1300 236 600, and then delete this email from your system.

\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*