

Gas Market Leaders Group

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1 Introduction

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Gas Market leaders Group (GMLG) was held on Tuesday 27 April 2010.

The key matters considered at the meeting included the following.

2 Legal Update

Members were briefed on the status of legal instruments for the STTM noting that the legal work is currently on track for enactment of the National Gas Rules (STTM Rules) to establish the STTM by 7 May 2010.

Members noted the following developments:

- The NSW Application Act was passed on 21 April 2010 and is expected to be proclaimed and come into effect by 7 May 2010,
- On 20 April 2010 the Standing Committee of Officials approved the STTM Rules and the amendments to the SA Regulations. Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) approval of the STTM Rules and SA Regulations is expected by 27 April 2010.
- The NSW Government agreed to discontinue the NSW Gas Continuity Scheme. It is expected that the rules that establish the basis for the Scheme will cease to operate from the STTM commencement date.
- On 21 April 2010 SCO released the STTM Study Final Report and its response to the report recommendations. The Final Report and the SCO response are available on the MCE website (www.mce.gov.au).

3 Market Readiness Update

Members were briefed on the status of Market Readiness.

Members discussed two issues that have arisen during the market trial - system defects and the timeliness and quality of pipeline operator data.

Concerns were raised that the number of defects that have been identified during market trial and the issues with the timeliness and quality of pipeline operator data, while being fixed, does not provide an appropriate period of clean settlement runs before market commencement.

Members sought to be kept abreast of the progress of these issues over the coming weeks.

4 Change Requests Update

Members were provided an update on the status of change requests raised by industry, noting that the Technical Liaison Group and Business Liaison Group had met in the last month to discuss the prioritisation of the industry changes requests and AEMO was in the process of undertaking the change request impact assessments.

5 Upcoming Business for GMLG

Members noted that the business for the next GMLG meeting included

- Legal –the status of the legal instruments to authorise the STTM; and
- Market Readiness – the status of Market Readiness.

Members confirmed that the next meeting of the GMLG is to be held on Tuesday 18 May 2010, however noted that an earlier meeting may be convened should required.