



INDEPENDENT
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Gas Advisory Board Minutes

Meeting No.	17
Location	IMO Board Room Level 17, 197 St Georges Terrace, Perth
Date	Tuesday, 14 October 2014
Time	1:00 PM – 2:10 PM

Attendees	Class	Comment
Allan Dawson	Chair	
Kate Ryan	Independent Market Operator (IMO)	
Michael Puls	Pipeline Owner/Operator	Proxy
Mark Cooper	Pipeline Owner/Operator	
Pete Di Bona	Gas Producer	
Stewart Gallagher	Gas Producer	
Andrew Sutherland	Gas Shipper	
Mike Lauer	Gas Shipper	
Mike Shaw	Large Gas User	
Ray Challen	Coordinator of Energy	
Aden Barker	Minister's Appointee – Small End Users	
Natalia Kostecki	Minister's Appointee – Observer	Proxy
Natalie Jackson	Economic Regulation Authority – Observer	Proxy
Chris Campbell	Alinta Energy	Observer
Michael Smythe	Alinta Energy	Observer (1:10 PM- 2:10 PM)
David Rafferty	Santos	Observer
Carole Clare	Synergy	Observer
Graham Weaver	Apache	Observer
Courtney Roberts	IMO	Observer
Brigid Reilly	IMO	Observer
Laura Koziol	IMO	Presenter
George Sproule	IMO	Minutes
Apologies	Class	Comment
John Jamieson	Pipeline Owner/Operator	Proxy attended
Nerea Ugarte	Minister's Appointee – Observer	Proxy attended

Elizabeth Walters	Economic Regulation Authority – Observer	Proxy attended
Ian Mumford	Large Gas User	

1.	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting at 1:00 PM and welcomed all members and observers to the 17th Gas Advisory Board (GAB) meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>MEETING APOLOGIES / ATTENDANCE</p> <p>The following apologies were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Jamieson (Pipeline Owner/Operator); • Ian Mumford (Large Gas User); • Nerea Ugarte (Minister’s Appointee – Observer); and • Elizabeth Walters (Economic Regulation Authority – Observer). <p>The following proxies were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalia Kostecki for Nerea Ugarte (Minister’s Appointee – Small End Users); • Michael Puls for John Jamieson (Pipeline Owner/Operator); and • Natalie Jackson for Elizabeth Walters (Economic Regulation Authority – Observer). <p>The following presenters/observers were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Campbell (Alinta Energy); • Michael Smythe (Alinta Energy); • Graham Weaver (Apache Energy); • David Rafferty (Santos); • Carole Clare (Synergy); • Courtney Roberts (IMO); • Laura Koziol (IMO); • Brigid Reilly (IMO); and • George Sproule (IMO). 	
3.	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of GAB Meeting No. 16, held on 16 July 2014 were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>No further comments were raised and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><i>Action Point: The IMO to publish the minutes of Meeting No. 16 on the website as final.</i></p>	IMO
4.	<p>ACTIONS ARISING</p> <p>Ms Kate Ryan advised the GAB that action item 52 would be discussed under agenda item 5a and action item 54 would be discussed under agenda item 6. Ms Ryan noted that all other action items had been completed.</p>	

<p>5a.</p>	<p>OVERVIEW OF THE RULE CHANGE PROCESS</p> <p>The Chair introduced Ms Laura Koziol to present an overview of the rule change process for the Gas Services Information (GSI) Rules.</p> <p>GAB members discussed the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to the informal consultation prior to commencing a rule change, the Chair noted that the IMO may prepare a concept paper (rather than a pre Rule Change Proposal) for discussion at a GAB meeting. A concept paper may be useful to identify a preferred option to resolving an issue prior to considering the drafting changes required. • Mr Mike Shaw sought clarification on who makes the final IMO decision on whether a proposed Rule Change Proposal is approved or rejected. The Chair noted that the decision is made by the IMO Board, except where the rule change relates to Protected Provisions, in which case the Minister makes the final decision after it is approved by the IMO Board. • Mr Aden Barker queried whether the commencement of a Rule Change Proposal could be set retrospectively. The Chair responded that the GSI Rules do not allow this. • Mr Graham Weaver queried whether Final Rule Change Reports were published for consultation. Ms Koziol clarified that they are published but that the IMO does not consult on them as they present the IMO's final decision. • Mr Mike Lauer sought clarification on whether the IMO could end the rule change process after a rule change notice had been published. The Chair clarified, that once a notice has been published the IMO must complete the entire rule change process and even if the IMO's draft decision is to reject a Rule Change Proposal, it must still complete a second round of consultation and publish a final decision. • Mr Barker queried whether the costs of administering the rule change process were published. The Chair noted that while the IMO is required to provide a breakdown of its budgeted costs across its functions, including Market Development, under the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules, it is not required to do so under the GSI Rules. 	
<p>5b.</p>	<p>GPC_2014_01: GSI FEE ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>The Chair invited Ms Koziol to provide an overview of the Procedure Change Proposal. Ms Koziol noted that the Procedure Change Proposal was to support, and was therefore contingent on approval of, the Rule Change Proposal: GSI Fee Arrangements - Inclusion of Registered Production Facility Operators (GRC_2014_01). Ms Koziol also noted that the key aspects of the proposed amendments are to facilitate the invoicing of GSI Fees to Production Facility Operators and the update of incorrect Daily Actual Flow Data for Production Facilities.</p> <p>GAB members discussed the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Stewart Gallagher queried what the difference was between 	

	<p>the current and proposed provisions in relation to updating Daily Actual Flow Data. Ms Koziol clarified that the proposed changes would introduce an obligation to update Daily Actual Flow Data for Production Facilities up to one year after the end of the relevant GSI Invoice Period (when the final adjustment is made). Mr Gallagher queried whether without a similar obligation there would be a risk for Shippers. Ms Koziol clarified that there is already an obligation to update the Aggregated Actual Flow Data which is used for calculating GSI Fees for Shippers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Lauer asked if the IMO would usually use a Procedure Change Proposal to include editorial changes. Ms Ryan responded that this was the case, if such changes were identified, and noted that the IMO had done so on this occasion. • Mr Pete Di Bona sought clarification regarding the adjustment process of GSI Invoices. The Chair explained that the IMO has mechanisms in place to find and correct major mistakes in the relevant data before the GSI Fees for the initial GSI Invoices are calculated. The Chair also noted that after one year the IMO recalculates GSI Fees taking into account any adjusted data. Ms Koziol noted that participants can also dispute a GSI Invoice to initiate an adjustment. <p><i>Action Point: The IMO to submit the Procedure Change Proposal GPC_2014_01 into the formal Procedure Change Process.</i></p>	IMO
6.	<p>DEVELOPMENT OF A WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GAS MARKET: OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED</p> <p>The Chair noted the IMO had met informally with 25 gas market stakeholders and received 15 public submissions in relation the work it had undertaken for the GAB to investigate the development of a wholesale gas market in Western Australia. The Chair then invited Ms Ryan to present the overview of submissions received.</p> <p>Ms Ryan provided a brief overview of the consultation undertaken by the IMO and noted that the summary provided included views expressed in written submissions and during informal consultations with stakeholders. Ms Ryan highlighted that, similar to the stakeholder workshop held in July 2014, consultation with individual stakeholders identified a range of views on the need for a wholesale gas market. However, while not all stakeholders support the development of new market arrangements, if such a market was to be introduced, the broad design proposed was generally supported.</p> <p>In discussions on the summary of submissions, the following issues were raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Weaver queried whether there was a majority of stakeholders in favour of the development of a wholesale gas market. The Chair responded that, on the basis of volumes, there may be a majority of current and new entrant participants that support such a development. However, on the basis of numbers of participants, there would not be support. • The Chair also observed that, looking at the current market structure there is little need for further trading options. However, 	

	<p>the stakeholders that support the development of a wholesale gas market tend to be looking to the future, noting the development and diversification of the market that is likely to occur over coming years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Chris Campbell observed that the market would develop any new trading arrangements in the future when they are required. • Mr Michael Smythe queried what the next steps were. The Chair responded that this concluded the work the GAB had asked the IMO to do and that any next steps were to be agreed by the GAB. Mr Di Bona confirmed that this concluded the work the IMO had been asked to do. 	
7.	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <p>No general business was raised.</p>	
<p>CLOSED: The Chair declared the meeting closed at 2:10 PM.</p>		