

Minutes

Meeting Title:	Pilbara Advisory Committee (PAC)
Date:	13 March 2025
Time:	2:30 pm – 03:10 pm
Location:	Online, via TEAMS

Attendees	Class	Comment
Sally McMahon	Chair	
James Campbell-Everden	Independent System Operator (ISO)	
Quentin Jeay	Excluded NSP	Proxy for Rebecca White
Gabby Pracilio	Contestable Customer	
Rosh Ireland	Small-Use Consumer	
Lekshmi Jaya Mohan	Discretionary Rule Participant	
Kristian Myhre	Discretionary Rule Participant	
Bethwyn Cowcher	Discretionary Rule Participant	Arrived at 2:54 pm
Clayton James	Observer (BHP)	

Also in Attendance	From	Comment
Dora Guzeleva	PAC Secretariat	
Tom Coates	PAC Secretariat	
Luke Commings	PAC Secretariat	

Apologies	From	Comment
Anthony Ravi	Registered Network Service Provider (NSP)	
Momcilo Andric	Registered NSP	
Sandy Morgan	Registered NSP	
Rory Burn	Discretionary Rule Participant	
Sandra McInnes	Contestable Customer	
Melinda Anderson	ERA Appointed Observer	
Noel Ryan	Minister Appointed Observer	

Item	Subject
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.</p> <p>The Chair noted that she had no conflicts to declare and reiterated that any views expressed were the views of the PAC, not the independent Chair.</p> <p>The Chair noted the Competition Law Statement, reminded members of their obligations, and encouraged them to bring any issues to her attention should they arise.</p> <p>The Chair reminded members that the meeting would be recorded to develop the Minutes.</p>
2	<p>Meeting Apologies/Attendance</p> <p>The Chair noted the attendance and apologies as listed above.</p>
3	<p>PRC_2025_01 Discussion and Feedback</p> <p>The Chair indicated that this meeting was convened following a member's request and outlined that the sole item on the agenda is a discussion of the ISO Rule Change Proposal (PRC_2025_01). She noted that following the discussion, the PAC would need to consider whether to provide advice to the Coordinator and, if so, what that advice would be.</p> <p>The Chair noted the contents of the Rule Change Proposal to amend Rule 279 and Rule 286 in sub-chapter 10.1 of the Pilbara Networks Rules to defer the publication of the inaugural Transmission Development Plan and Pilbara Generation Statement of Opportunities from 1 July 2025 to 1 July 2027.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Coordinator of Energy published the Rule Change Notice on 1 February 2025, which is open for public comment until 19 March 2025.</p> <p>The Chair asked Mr Campbell-Everden to outline the Rule Change Proposal for PAC members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Campbell-Everden explained the Rule Change Proposal, how it aligns with the Pilbara Electricity Objective, and that the ISO aimed to avoid overlap of its work requirements in sub-chapter 10.1 of the PNR and work being done by EPWA, referencing the concept paper provided to PAC at its meeting on 29 August 2024. Mr Campbell-Everden acknowledged that ACCC deliberations delayed the submission of this Rule Change Proposal. <p>The Chair asked Mr Campbell-Everden to respond to points raised in Horizon Power's public submission in their absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Campbell-Everden noted that Horizon Power supported the Rule Change Proposal but sought clarification on two points and provided one recommendation for consideration. Mr Campbell-Everden indicated that Horizon Power sought clarification on the ISO's budget allocation and spending for its long-term planning functions. He noted that the initial budget of \$600,000 was reduced to \$400,000 in the mid-year review, with the \$200,000 reduction being reallocated to another project. He said the ISO had not spent this money but would undertake a modest system strength modelling exercise this year. Beyond this, he noted the potential to reallocate unspent funds. Mr Campbell-Everden indicated that Horizon Power sought clarification on what actions the ISO would take should the Rule Change Proposal be unsuccessful.

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	<p>He acknowledged that the Rule Change Proposal was submitted later than anticipated. If the Rule Change Proposal was unsuccessful, he outlined that the ISO would recommence scoping work outlined in the Rules, but that work would take at least 6-12 months to complete. He indicated this would result in non-compliance with the Rules, which would be self-reported to the ERA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Campbell-Everden added that the ISO's next steps would be to develop a long-term planning procedure that addresses the broader interests of stakeholders regarding what is covered in the ISO's long-term planning functions. • Mr Campbell-Everden noted Horizon Power's suggestion that the Rule Change Proposal be amended to add a commitment from the ISO to fulfil its functions under subchapter 10.1 if EPWA does not undertake its overlapping work by a certain time. He noted that the current proposal allowed the ISO to publish its reports before 1 July 2027. He outlined his expectation that while factors to complete the work earlier aren't specified, the ISO would react to requests made by stakeholders. He quantified that project lead times meant the inaugural reports may be delivered six months earlier. • Mr James suggested that it is worth considering whether elements of the work in subchapter 10.1 can be shared and published earlier than proposed if that information is more readily accessible, available, and useful to stakeholders. • Mr Campbell-Everden stated that one of the ISO's roles is to assist the industry, including providing information on the NWIS, and that the ISO is happy to publish that information when it is helpful to stakeholders. • Ms Guzeleva directed members to the ISO's concept paper shared at the 29 August 2024 PAC meeting. The paper included a table outlining items that the ISO would publish even before the extended timeframe in the Rule Change Proposal. • Mr Campbell-Everden provided an update on the information mentioned in that table, including a requirement for the ISO to publish constraint rules for covered networks. This work has been ongoing since August 2024 but has encountered difficulties regarding modelling quality and other factors. The constraint list has been received, and the ISO intends to consult with stakeholders, mainly covered NSPs, to provide constraint rules in the coming months. • Mr Campbell-Everden also acknowledged that the ISO needs to review generation adequacy as part of its Chapter 6 functions, noting that the suspension of Chapter 6 is a blunt instrument. He indicated that recent modelling suggested revisiting whether those functions are required and mentioned the possibility of publishing some of that information in coming months. <p>The Chair opened the discussion to members for further comments or questions and to identify any issues that members thought should be provided to the Coordinator.</p> <p>Following discussion, the Chair summarised the advice being provided to the Coordinator as follows: the PAC is supportive of the Rule Change; important information that can be published before 1 July 2027 should be made available for all Participants; and EPWA should complete its relevant work program as early as possible.</p> <p>The PAC was unanimous in its support that advice is provided to the Coordinator.</p>
Action	
The Chair will circulate a draft email outlining PAC's advice for members consideration.	

The meeting closed at 3:06 pm.