**FROM:**  Wholesale Energy Market Dispute Resolution Adviser (the Adviser)

**DATE:**  8 April 2015

**RE: End of Quarter Report**

January – March 2015

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**Summary**

**January – March 2015**

**1 Disputes**

**1.1 details of other matters Notified[[1]](#footnote-1)**: 0

**1.2 Stage 1:** nil

**2 General work: January to March - 2015:**

**2.1 AMPLA webinar**

I participated in a webinar for **AMPLA** on **19 March** 2015, hosted by Hive legal. A number of market participants attended and the feedback was terrific. Please email me if you would like a copy of the slides. Session description:

*‘Disputes between participants in the National Electricity Market often involve complex technical detail and difficult legal issues. The National Electricity Rules contain a special dispute resolution process for managing disputes of this kind. This session will provide an overview of the NEM dispute resolution process, and offer practical guidance for effectively navigating that process.*

*The session will cover:*

* *the types of disputes and scheduling errors that are covered by the wholesale energy dispute resolution process;*
* *the role of the Wholesale Energy Market Dispute Resolution Adviser (WEMDRA);*
* *the process for initiating and seeking a negotiated solution to a dispute;*
* *the dispute resolution panel process;*
* *managing and allocating costs; and*
* *appeals and alternative legal options.’*

Contact me if you would like the slide presentation.

**2.2 DMS and DMC contacts**

I have updated the contacts provided to me. There have been a number of changes in the market. Please make sure your details are up to date and let me know if you need to amend any contacts due to a change in personnel.

**2.3 Advisory Group meeting**

I have re-established the wholesale energy market dispute resolution advisory group (WEMDAG). This group will evaluate and recommend projects for the Adviser and review the dispute process generally. Delegates volunteered from each of Origin, AGL, TRUenergy and PowerCor.

We met at Origin in Melbourne at 3.00pm on **Wednesday 18 March.** It will meet again before July 2016 (most likely in Melbourne).

The group unanimously agreed that the priority is for an updated DMS education program.Their preference is for it to be in person (rather than webinar). I will be organising this in Melbourne. Any other ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Kind Regards

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1. This item has been added to record:

	1. Matters which may not be formally within the scope of the wholesale energy marked dispute resolution adviser; or
	2. Which are discussed with the DMS/DMC contact and may proceed no further or may proceed at some future date subject to time periods under the NER, NGR [↑](#footnote-ref-1)