Transmission Pricing Review

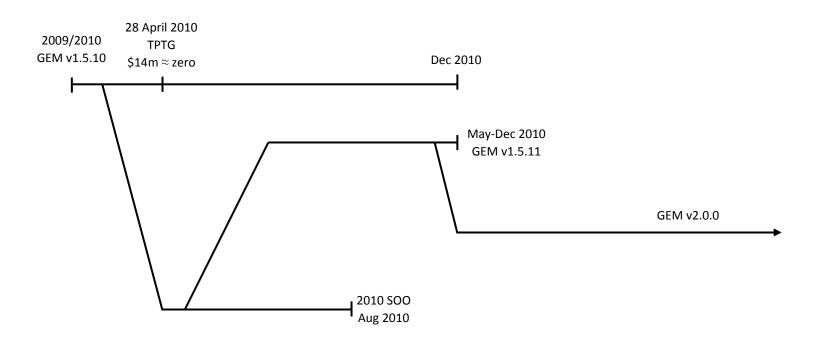
Update on GEM-based analysis

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GEM – too many versions



GEM – data updating

- Review and update capex costs
 - o Incl. exrate and local content assumptions
 - CCGT↑, OCGT↓, wind↓, diesel peakers/recip engines↓
 - Coal but probably still too low, hydro too low?
 - MED/PB review of costs but too late for TPAG
- Review fixed and variable operating costs
- Heat rate and other operating assumptions reviewed
- WACC 7% post-tax, real; c.f. 8% previously
- New HVDC charges and ownership shares
- Peak/security constraints (MW) based on WEM. Also changed RHS, i.e. peak forecasts
 - => constraints now less aggressive
- Remove hard-coding (or fixing) of assumed commissioning dates in distant future

GEM – analysis to be done

- Repeat earlier \$14m \approx zero experiment and explain differences (if any)
- Replicate J Culy HVDC analysis
- Demonstrate results using BOTE/GEMlite model
- Sensitivity analysis
 - Randomise capex costs, +/-20% for wind, hydro, geothermal
 - With and without security/peak constraints
 - Stochastic treatment of gas availability, CO₂ price, others?
 - o Smelter decommissioning when?
- Document revised model, data, and analysis