

NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

RELIABILITY STANDARD IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

Date of Notice: Tuesday 13 March 2018

This notice informs the Reliability Panel, all Registered Participants and interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation to amend the Reliability Standard Implementation Guidelines (**RSIG**).

This consultation is being conducted under 3.9.3D(c) of the National Electricity Rules (**NER**), in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements detailed in rule 8.9 of the NER.

Matter under Consultation

The matter for consultation is proposed revisions to the RSIG to ensure that this guideline is consistent with clause 4.8.4A of the NER – Reserve level declaration guidelines.

The proposed changes to the RSIG are minor in nature involving only Section 1.3 and Section 2.3.2 on the ST PASA. These changes do not impact the intended operation of the RSIG and aim only to ensure that references to other processes are consistent.

The opportunity has also been taken to update the RSIG to the current AEMO template for such documents and to update any references to other procedures or guidelines.

A draft of the proposed changes have been provided with this notice with proposed changes highlighted.

The Consultation Process

The consultation process is outlined below. Dates are indicative only and subject to change.

Process Stage	INDICATIVE Date
Closing date for submissions in response to this Notice	Tuesday 24 April 2018
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	Tuesday 1 May 2018
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	Tuesday 22 May 2018
Publication of Final Report and Determination	Tuesday 29 May 2018

Invitation to Make Submissions

AEMO invites written submissions on the matter under consultation, including any other proposed approaches you consider may better meet the objectives of this consultation and the national electricity objective.

Please identify any parts of your submission that you wish to remain confidential, and provide the reasons why you wish that that information be treated as confidential. AEMO reserves the right to publish material it does not consider to be confidential, but will consult with you before doing so.

Please note that material identified as confidential may be given less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published.

Meetings

In your submission, you may request a meeting with AEMO to discuss the matter under consultation. If you request a meeting, you must advise why you consider a meeting is necessary or desirable.

If appropriate, meetings may be held jointly with other Consulted Persons. Subject to confidentiality restrictions, AEMO will generally make details of matters discussed at a meeting available to other Consulted Persons, and may publish them.

Closing Date and Time

Submissions in response to this Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation should be sent by email to RSIG_Consultation@aemo.com.au. Submissions must be received by 5.00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on **Tuesday 24 April 2018**.

All submissions must be forwarded in electronic format (both pdf and Word). Please send any queries about this consultation to the same email address.

Submissions received after the closing date and time will not be valid, and AEMO is not obliged to consider them. Any late submissions should explain the reason for lateness and the detriment to you if AEMO does not consider your submission.

Publication

All submissions will be published on AEMO's website, other than confidential content.