

NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

DEMAND SIDE PARTICIPATION INFORMATION GUIDELINES – 2016

Date of Notice: 21 November 2016

This notice informs all Registered Participants and other interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on the development of Demand Side Participation Information Guidelines.

This consultation is being conducted under clause 3.7D 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 to develop Demand Side Participation Information Guidelines, which will require Registered Participants to submit defined information to AEMO, which AEMO will then use when developing or using electricity load forecasts. AEMO will have access to better quality information to further develop and improve its current load forecasting.

The objectives of the consultation are to:

- Give Consulted Persons the opportunity to be consulted on proposed developments of the Demand Side Participation Information Guidelines.
- Ensure that Consulted Persons are properly informed on the rationale for the inclusion of proposed information requests in the Demand Side Participation Information Guidelines.

Further details are provided in the Issues Paper published with this notice.

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 and Issues Paper	19 January 2017
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	20 February 2017
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	6 March 2017
Publication of Final Report and Determination	19 April 2017

Invitation to Make Submissions

AEMO invites written submissions on the matter under consultation, including any alternative or additional proposals you consider may better meet the objectives of this consultation and the National Electricity Objective in section 7 of the National Electricity Law.

Please identify any parts of your submission that you wish to remain confidential, and explain the reasoning. AEMO may still publish that information if it does not consider it to be confidential, but will seek consent 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, stating 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. Consent will be sought prior to publication.

Closing Date and Time

Submissions in response to this Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation should be sent by email to energy.forecasting@aemo.com.au to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on 19 January 2017.

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. Consent will be sought prior to publication.