# Interim Reliability Reserves Tender

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| 15 | If an existing wholesale demand response unit exited the wholesale demand response market. What would need to happen to demonstrate to AEMO that they are now “out of market” - i.e. would the wholesale demand response unit need to remove/unregister the relevant NMI(s) from their respective DUIDs in the required regions (via AEMO portal). | To be “out of market” AEMO must determine all of the following:* that in the 12 month period prior to execution of the reserve contract, dispatch bids or offers have not been submitted for the capacity of the relevant units; **and**
* that such offers are not likely to be submitted or the capacity will be otherwise not be available for dispatch at any time during the term of the reserve contract. This aspect of the requirements could be demonstrated by taking the actions described in the question.
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| 16 | Presuming the wholesale demand response unit exited the wholesale demand response market with an effective date 1 Oct 2023, would they only be eligible to be contracted for RERT (either interim reserves or short notice RERT) from 1 October 2024? | This would depend on whether dispatch bids or offers have been submitted for the capacity of the relevant unit in the previous 12 months.  If they haven’t and if the relevant unit exited WDRM from 1/10/23, then it would be “out of market” and eligible to be considered for RERT from that date. |
| 17 | Given the forecast breach of the interim reliability reserves in SA and VIC this summer (and beyond for VIC), and the need for interim reserves up to 120 MW in VIC – would AEMO consider having a former wholesale demand response unit as part of a reserve contract? | Consideration of specific NMIs would depend on the ”out of market” requirements described in the answer to question 15 being satisfied and any other requirements prescribed for the tender process. |