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0.1	1 May 2024	<p>AEMO is making amendments to these Wholesale Market Procedures to account for the AEMC’s “DWGM distribution connected facilities” and “Review into extending the regulatory frameworks to hydrogen and renewable gases” rule changes.</p> <p>AEMO is making this new Procedure consolidating the new Wholesale Market Additional Reporting Procedures and existing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wholesale Market Electronic Communication Procedures. 2. Wholesale Market Gas Ownership Rules Procedures. 3. Wholesale Market Rule Change Consultation Procedures.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose and scope

These are the Wholesale Market Management Procedures (Victoria) (**Procedures**) made in accordance with section 91BL of the National Gas Law (NGL) and the National Gas Rules (NGR). These Procedures contain the Wholesale Market Procedures for:

- (a) Additional Reporting Procedures
 - (i) Defines the persons and classes of persons, who are not *Registered participants*, that may be requested to provide information to the Victorian Gas Planning Report.
- (b) Electronic Communication Procedures
 - (i) Defines the Electronic Communication System that facilitates the operation of the Declared Wholesale Gas Market.
- (c) Gas Ownership Rules
 - (i) Defines Gas Ownership Rules as required by the NGL.
- (d) Rule Consultation Procedures
 - (i) Defines the process AEMO follows when undertaking a consultation to make a rule change proposal to the AEMC under Part 19 of the NGR.

The NGL and the NGR prevail over these Procedures to the extent of any inconsistency.

These Procedures may only be amended in accordance with Part 15B of the NGR.

1.2. Application

These Procedures apply to AEMO and each person to whom they are expressed to apply.

1.3. Legal and regulatory framework

These Procedures have been made under section 91BL of the National Gas Law.

These Procedures include:

- (a) Additional Reporting Procedures required by rule 324A of the NGR.
- (b) Electronic Communication Procedures required by rule 319(4) of the NGR.
- (c) Gas Ownership Rules required by clause 91BO of the NGL.
- (d) Rule Consultation Procedures required by rule 357 of the NGR.

1.4. Definitions and interpretation

1.4.1. Glossary

Terms defined in the NGL and the NGR have the same meanings in these Procedures unless otherwise specified in this clause.

Terms defined in the NGL and NGR are intended to be identified in these Procedures by italicising them, but failure to italicise a defined term does not affect its meaning.

The words, phrases and abbreviations in the table below have the meanings set out opposite them when used in these Procedures.

Table 1 Glossary of terms

Term	Definition
Communication	Means any information, notice, request, injection or withdrawal bid or other submission or communication to be given by AEMO or any other person under Part 19 of the NGR.
Consultative Forum	Means the Consultative Forums hosted by AEMO with Registered participants in each of AEMO's markets (i.e. DWGM, Gas Retail Markets) to discuss issues and regulatory changes impacting the gas markets operated by AEMO.
DDS	<i>declared distribution system</i> as defined in Part 19 of the Rules. [Note only declared distribution systems that are directly connected to the DTS are covered by Part 19]
DTS	<i>declared transmission system</i> as defined in Part 19 of the Rules
DTS SP	<i>declared transmission system service provider</i>
DWGM	declared wholesale gas market
Electronic Communication System	Means a system used by Registered participants (as defined in this Table 1) and AEMO for exchange of information in accordance with NGR rule 319(1). Specifically, the <i>Electronic Communication System</i> is described by the following Technical Documents includes: (a) a) DWGM Participant Build Pack the Market Information Bulletin Board (MIBB), and its constituent parts: i. MIBB Reports; i. WebExchanger; i. Web Services; and i. CSV file upload for allocations. a) System Wide Notice facility ; User Guide to MIBB Reports b) DWGM WebExchanger User Guide. (b)
Market Information Bulletin Board or MIBB	Means a facility established by AEMO on the <i>Electronic Communication System</i> on which it may publish information for Market-Registered Participants participants .
NGL or Law	National Gas Law
NGR or Rules	National Gas Rules
Registered participant	For the purpose of the electronic communication procedures only, M means a person registered by AEMO under the NGL section 91BI and NGR 135A and the following –In addition addition , a Registered Participant participants includes: (a) a) an Allocation Agent (a person who has been appointed by a <i>Market Participant</i> to submit injection allocation statements or withdrawal allocation statements under NGR rule 229 or 230); (b) b) a Sub Allocation Agent (a person who has been appointed by a <i>Market Participant</i> or other person to submit sub-allocation statements under NGR rule 229 or 230); (c) c) A Metering Data Agent (an agent appointed by AEMO to create, maintain and administer the <i>metering database</i> according to NGR rule 310(2)); and (d) d) a responsible person (required by rule NGR 292 for a Metering metering Installation). e) A LNG Storage Provider as defined in Part 19 of the NGR which is a special kind of Storage Provider as per NGR rule 135A. f) A responsible gas quality monitoring provider (required by rule 289C of the NGR) (a) References to Registered participants in other procedures has have the meaning in the NGL .
System Wide Notice or SWN	Means a notification sent from AEMO's market systems and published on the MIBB. An SWN can also be sent by email and SMS as a secondary communication facility. See section 3.42.4.3.
Technical Documents	Means the detailed T Technical D documents describing the operation of AEMO's system required by AEMO's Wholesale Market Procedures.

Term	Definition
	<u>Specifically in this document it includes the AEMO's gas market systems covered by the Wholesale Market Electronic Communication Procedures required documents (listed in Table 5) defining the Electronic Communication System, as defined in Table 3.</u>
Technical Specification	<u>A document AEMO provides summarising an IT change release that contains extracts from Technical Documents summarising the IT change.</u>
WebExchanger	The facility within the Market Information Bulletin Board to be used by <i>Registered Participants</i> to provide <i>Market Participant</i> submissions to AEMO.

1.4.2. Interpretation

The following principles of interpretation apply to these Procedures unless otherwise expressly indicated:

- These Procedures are subject to the principles of interpretation set out in Schedule 2 of the National Gas Law.
- References to time are references to Australian Eastern Standard Time.
- Market prices are determined to four decimal places and gas is scheduled in integer gigajoule terms to the whole gigajoule.

1.5. Related documents

The following documents support this Procedure.

Table 2 Related wholesale market procedures

Reference	Title	Location
Gas Quality Procedures	Wholesale Market Gas Quality Monitoring Procedures (Victoria)	https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/gas/declared-wholesale-gas-market-dwgm/procedures-policies-and-guides
Market Operations Procedures	Wholesale Market Operations Procedures (Victoria)	
Metering Procedures	Wholesale Market Metering Procedures (Victoria)	
System Security Procedures	Wholesale Market System Security Procedures (Victoria)	

1.6. Technical Documents

The following Technical Documents support this Procedure.

Table 3 Related Technical Documents

Reference	Title	Location
DWGM Participant Build Pack	DWGM Participant Build Pack	https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/gas/pipeline-capacity-trading-pct/procedures-policies-and-guides https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/gas/declared-wholesale-gas-market-dwgm/procedures-policies-and-guides
User Guide to MIBB Reports	User Guide to MIBB Reports	https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/market-portals-directory/markets-portal-help https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/gas/declared-wholesale-gas-market-dwgm/procedures-policies-and-guides

Reference	Title	Location
DWGM WebExchanger User Guide	DWGM WebExchanger User Guide	https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/gas/declared-wholesale-gas-market-dwgm/procedures-policies-and-guides

2. Additional Reporting Procedures

2.1. Purpose

This is the Additional Reporting Procedures, as required by rule 324A of the NGR, that requires AEMO to define persons or classes of persons who are not a *Registered participants* as additional reporting entities that are subject to rule 324 of the NGR.

The information provided to AEMO by additional reporting entities informs AEMO's Victorian Gas Planning Reports required by rule 323 of the NGR.

2.2. Scope

The Additional Reporting Procedures must specify:

- (a) the persons, or classes of persons, who are additional reporting entities; and
- (b) the information required to be provided for each person, or class, in accordance with NGR 324.

2.3. Additional reporting entities

AEMO requires information from the additional reporting entities (other than *Registered participants*) where, in AEMO's reasonable opinion, the person's facility would be expected to directly or indirectly impact gas supply to, or withdrawals from, the DTS and/or DWGM.

This includes a person who owns or operates, or intend to own or operate, a facility or undertake an activity in the next five years based on information available to AEMO, in any of the capacities set out in the table below.

The information required to be provided for each additional reporting entity (including a person, or class), is to be done on the basis of the additional reporting entities corresponding Part 19 *Registered participant* classification as per the table below.

Table 4 DWGM Registered participant role mapped to additional reporting entity

<u>Part 19 Registered participant</u>	<u>Additional reporting entity as a person or class of persons that operate or own the following facilities or undertake the following activities</u>
<u>Producer</u>	<u>Producer (including field operators, field owners, biomethane and primary gas producers)</u> <u>LNG facility</u> <u>Part 18 – BB field operator or BB field owner;</u> <u>Part 18 – BB production facility;</u> <u>Part 20 – STTM Injection Facility;</u> <u>Part 27 – Relevant Entity</u>
<u>Storage Provider (includes an LNG storage facility)</u>	<u>Storage provider</u> <u>Part 18 – BB storage facility, or LNG processing facility;</u> <u>Part 20 – STTM Injection Facility;</u> <u>Part 27 – Relevant Entity</u>
<u>Blend Processing Provider</u>	<u>blend processing provider</u> <u>Part 18 – BB blend processing facility;</u> <u>Part 20 – STTM Blend Processing Provider</u> <u>Part 27 – Relevant Entity</u>

<u>Part 19 Registered participant</u>	<u>Additional reporting entity as a person or class of persons that operate or own the following facilities or undertake the following activities</u>
<u>declared transmission system service provider</u>	Not applicable
<u>interconnected transmission pipeline service provider</u>	<p><u>pipeline operator</u></p> <p>Part 18 – BB pipeline; BB compression facility</p> <p>Part 20 – STTM pipeline</p> <p>Part 27 – Relevant Entity</p>
<u>Distributor</u>	<p><u>Distributor</u></p> <p>Part 15A – distributor</p> <p>Part 18 – BB Blended Gas Distribution Facility; <u>Distribution System</u></p> <p>Part 20 – STTM Distributor</p> <p>Part 27 – Relevant Entity</p>
<u>Market Customers including Transmission Customer, Distribution Customers</u>	<p><u>end user</u></p> <p>Part 15A – Self Contracting User, end user</p> <p>Part 18 – BB user; BB large user facility; BB shipper</p> <p>Part 20 – STTM shipper; <u>STTM user</u></p> <p>Part 27 – Relevant Entity</p>
<u>Retailer</u>	<p><u>Retailer</u></p> <p>Part 15A – Retailer</p> <p>Part 18 – BB user; BB large user facility; BB shipper</p> <p>Part 20 – STTM Shipper; <u>STTM User</u></p> <p>Part 27 – Relevant Entity</p>
<u>Trader</u>	<p><u>Shipper</u></p> <p>Part 18 – BB shipper;</p> <p>Part 20 – STTM shipper;</p> <p>Part 27 – Relevant Entity</p>

2.3. Electronic Communication Procedures

2.1.3.1. Purpose

These are the Wholesale Market Electronic Communication Procedures (Victoria) (**Procedures**) made in accordance with section 91BL of the NGL and rule 319 of NGR.

2.2.3.2. Scope

These Procedures govern the operation of the DWGM's electronic communication system, as per NGR 319(4), under which:

- (a) information must be provided by Registered Participants to AEMO;
- (b) information must be provided by AEMO to Registered Participants; and
- (c) information published on the Market Information Bulletin Board may be accessed by Market Participants.

2.3.3.3. Electronic communication requirements

2.3.1.3.3.1. Legal and Rule requirements

In accordance with the NGL section 91BL and rule 319 of the NGR, AEMO must, after consulting with Registered Participants, establish the Wholesale Market Electronic Communication Procedures, under which:

- (a) information must be provided by Registered Participants to AEMO;
- (b) information must be provided by AEMO to Registered Participants; and
- (c) information published on the MIBB may be accessed by Registered Participants.

The Procedures may specify details to be included in a *communication* as required by Part 19 of the NGR and the Wholesale Market Procedures.

All *communications* made under Part 19 of the NGR, must comply with the requirements of these Procedures, including the form, manner and timing by which *communications* are submitted (unless expressly stated otherwise in Part 19 of the NGR or approved by AEMO as per rule 319(1)). Non-compliant *communications* may be rejected by AEMO as per rule 319(2).

The primary means by which AEMO *communicates* information to Registered Participants is:

- (a) By publishing reports on the MIBB as defined in the User Guide to MIBB Reports.
- (b) By message and transaction acknowledgements as defined in the DWGM Participant Build Pack.

A *communication* by these means is taken to have been notified to each relevant Registered Participant at the time (as required by NGR 319(3)) the report is published on the MIBB or the Message or Transaction Acknowledgment is posted to a location from which it is accessible by the Registered Participant in accordance with the DWGM Participant Build Pack.

~~2.3.2. System Wide Notices—Contact registration~~

~~Some communications in Part 19 of the NGR and the Wholesale Market Procedures may require AEMO to:~~

- ~~(a) notify Registered Participants of events affecting Registered Participants generally or a group of Registered Participants by posting an SWN on the MIBB;~~
- ~~(b) Registered Participants may access SWNs through the MIBB (SWN report) either in the public area or, for participant-specific notices, the participant area through the Registered Participant’s valid account.~~

~~2.3.3. System Wide Notice—SMS and Email Functionality~~

- ~~(a) A Registered Participant may register contacts to receive notification from AEMO:

 - ~~(i) one or more mobile telephone numbers of nominated individuals for the receipt of SWN SMS notifications.~~
 - ~~(ii) one or more email address of nominated individuals for the receipt of SWN email notifications.~~~~
- ~~(b) After the contact is registered, under clause 7.4.3(a), they will begin to receive SMS/email messages when SWNs are issued.~~
- ~~(c) A notice communicated by SWN is taken to have been given at the time it is posted on the MIBB.~~

~~The SMS/email facility is a secondary communication method provided for the convenience of Registered Participants and AEMO is not responsible for ensuring receipt of SMS/email messages.~~

~~2.3.4.3.3.2. Electronic Communication System Technical Documents~~

~~These Procedures are underpinned by the Electronic Communication System. [The Electronic Communication System](#) This system is defined [by the documents in the following table.](#) ~~in~~ the following Technical Documents:~~

~~Table 4~~ **Table 5** ~~Technical Documents~~

Document Title	Location
DWGM Participant Build Pack	https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/gas/declared-wholesale-gas-market-dwgm/procedures-policies-and-guides
User Guide to MIBB Reports	https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/gas/declared-wholesale-gas-market-dwgm/procedures-policies-and-guides https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/market-portals-directory/markets-portal-help
WebExchanger User Guide	https://www.aemo.com.au/energy-systems/gas/declared-wholesale-gas-market-dwgm/procedures-policies-and-guides

~~2.3.5.3.3.3. Availability of Technical Documents~~

~~AEMO must make each relevant document listed in clause 3.3.2 available to a Registered participant on the [MIBB](#) ~~AEMO~~ website.~~

~~[AEMO also defines some additional DWGM Technical Documents in other Procedures. These documents are subject to the Technical Document consultation process below unless a different document change process is specified.](#)~~

~~New Registered Participants will be provided information on accessing market systems as part of the market registration process.~~

2.3.6.3.3.4. Consultation on amendment to Technical Documents

- (a) ~~AEMO will use the following the following~~ consultation process, ~~will applying to the documents identified in table 3, shall be followed~~ when amending the Technical Documents ~~identified in table 3,~~ unless the Technical Document specifies a separate consultation or change process, ~~AEMO will:~~
- (i) ~~Publish the consultation on AEMO's website;~~ Send an initial draft of the proposed IT changes to Registered participants via the relevant consultative forums (e.g., working groups, consultative forums or IT development forums) detailing the proposed changes to market systems;
 - (ii) ~~Send to the relevant Consultative Forum members a draft of the Technical Document a minimum of 20 business days prior to implementation of the change~~ Send a draft Technical Specification to participants via the relevant consultative forums contacts with the initial preproduction IT systems release detailing the proposed changes to the Technical Documents; and
 - (A) AEMO may send an updated draft Technical Specification with each additional preproduction IT system release.
 - ~~(ii)(iii)~~ Publish the an updated final Technical Document a minimum of 10 business days prior to implementation of the change in AEMO's IT systems on the MIBB.
- (b) In the event the Technical Document change is:
- (i) -a result of a Rule or Wholesale Market Procedure change, or
 - (ii) necessitated by a minor defect or documentation errors that do not otherwise alter the operation defined by the Technical Document. in the IT systems
- ~~-AEMO may disregard the consultation specified in clause 3.3.4.2.5(a), and publish a final Technical Document 10 business days before the implementation of the change.~~

NOTE: AEMO may specify a longer period for consultation by providing a draft based on a market system design, then publish a final Technical Document when the system is built with an effective date in the future.

3.4. System Wide Notices

3.4.1. System Wide Notices – Contact registration

Some communications in Part 19 of the NGR and the Wholesale Market Procedures may require AEMO to:

- (a) notify Registered participants of events affecting Registered participants generally or a group of Registered participants by posting an SWN on the MIBB;
- (b) Registered participants may access SWNs through the MIBB (i.e. the SWN report) either in the public area or, for participant-specific notices, the Registered participant area through the Registered participant's valid account.

2.3.7.3.4.2. System Wide Notice – SMS and email functionality

- (a) A Registered participant may register contacts to receive notification from AEMO:
- (i) one or more mobile telephone numbers of nominated individuals for the receipt of SWN SMS notifications.
 - (ii) one or more email address of nominated individuals for the receipt of SWN email notifications.
- (b) After the contact is registered, under clause 3.4.1, they will begin to receive SMS/email messages when SWNs are issued.
- (c) A notice communicated by SWN is taken to have been given at the time it is posted on the MIBB.
- (d) AEMO may publish public SWNs on the AEMO website.
- (e) Private notices will only be published to a Registered participant's MIBB report folder.
- (f) AEMO may send emails and SMS notifications to Registered participant contacts and is taken to have been sent at the time the MIBB report is published.

3.4.3. System Wide Notice – Publication via SWN for non-AEMO communications

AEMO may be requested, as per rule 318A, to publish non-AEMO communications to SWN recipients. AEMO will use reasonable endeavours to publish any valid communication by the end of the next business day after the communication is received. The communication request must meet the following requirements:

- (a) State the Rule requirement under which the communication must be sent, as allowed by rule 318A of the NGR. AEMO may send a communication that does not meet rule 318A requirement at its discretion.
 - (i) If a routine communication is to be sent multiple times a calendar year, AEMO may reasonably require a communication to only be sent every three calendar months (e.g. reflecting quarterly communication of meter calibrations dates).
 - (ii) AEMO may agree to send additional routine communications at its discretion.
- (b) Contains a 230 character SMS message based on this template:
"AEMO, on behalf of [company name], has published a communication concerning XXX impacting gas day DD MMM YY to gas day DD MMM YY. See email for details."
- (c) Contains a 2,000 character email message based on the template:
"AEMO, on behalf of [company name], has published a communication concerning XXX impacting gas day DD MMM YY to gas day DD MMM YY. See PDF attachment for details or download the file from the location MIBB > Public > SWN Attachments."
- (d) A PDF document using the participant's header is to be provided to AEMO which contains:
 - (i) An explanation of the event and the expected impact.
 - (ii) Start date and time of the event.

- (iii) Expected end date and time of the event, or if appropriate, the date a future update may be provided.
- (iv) Appropriate contact details for the Registered participant to provide a response to any questions or queries.

3.4.4. Types of System Wide Notices

Notifications and communication of market and system information between AEMO and Registered Participants. The MIBB is the primary means by which AEMO and Registered participants communicate information required under these Procedures.

If the MIBB fails is not available, AEMO and Market Participants must use the backup communication arrangements, which AEMO will specify via SWN, to communicate the information required. The backup communication arrangements may include facsimile messaging email, telephone and teleconferencing platforms, or other means, as communicated by AEMO at the time.

Notification by an SWN, with follow up email and SMS as the secondary means for communicating updates to Market Participants. For the avoidance of doubt, an error or failure to notify Market Participants by SMS or email is not an unintended scheduling result under the gas scheduling procedures.

An SWN with follow up SMS message may be used to notify Market Participants of any of the following:

- (a) the application of any new or amended constraints;
- (b) changes to End of Day total system Linepack target;
- (c) changes made to MCE reference data;
- (d) notification of a threat to system security to allow AEMO to run an ad-hoc operating schedule;
- (e) publication of an ad hoc operating schedule;
- (f) time and date of the commencement and completion of any intervention;
- (g) time and date of the commencement and completion of any Market suspension;
- (h) time and date of the commencement and completion of any threats to system security;
- (i) time and date of the commencement and completion of an administered price period; and
- (j) any other information AEMO reasonably considers it needs to notify Market Participants.

2.4.3.5. Access and security

~~2.4.1.~~3.5.1. Establishing and maintaining user accounts and registered contacts details

- (a) Registered Participant must maintain with AEMO at least two user accounts to access MIBB reports and (if required by the Registered participant to comply with the Rules) the Web-Exchanger.

- (b) A Registered participant must nominate one or more individuals to be a registered contact to act on behalf of the Registered participant in dealings with AEMO relating to electronic communications.
- (c) A Registered participant is responsible for requesting AEMO update any Registered contacts detail when they change.
- (d) AEMO will implement reasonable security and verification measures to address the risk of unauthorised access. Registered participants are solely responsible for managing and ensuring the security of their allocated accounts.

2.4.2.3.5.2. Registered participant systems

Each Registered participant is responsible for:

- (a) configuring its systems and networks; and
- (b) maintaining firewalls,

to ensure the secure upload and download of data between the Registered participant's systems and the MIBB.

3.4. Gas Ownership Rules

3.1.4.1. Purpose

~~These isese are the Wholesale Market Gas Ownership Rules Procedures (Procedures)~~
~~includes are the ownership rules established by AEMO made~~ under section 91BO of the NGL,
~~in accordance with the process for making Procedures in Part 15B of the NGR.~~

4.2. Scope

~~Under clause~~ section 91BO of the NGL:

- (a) AEMO must establish rules (*ownership rules*) for determining the ownership of gas in the DTS and for resolving disputes about ownership.
- (b) The ownership rules are to form part of the Wholesale Market Procedures.
- (c) Subject to the ownership rules, gas injected into the DTS remains the property of the person that injected it or, if that person was acting as an agent, that person's principal.
- (d) A dispute about the ownership of gas in the declared transmission system is to be determined in accordance with the Rules.

Title to gas in Part 19 of the NGR is also governed by Rule 220 (Title, custody and risk in relation to gas in the DTS) and Rule 220A (Title, custody and risk in relation to gas in the DTS) of the NGR.

The following ownership rules should be interpreted in accordance with, and operate in conjunction with, the Part 19 of the NGR.

3.2.4.3. Gas Ownership Rules

3.2.1.4.3.1. Gas withdrawn at system withdrawal points

Title to gas withdrawn on a *gas day* from the DTS at *system withdrawal points* is taken to have passed immediately prior to withdrawal:

- (a) from the *Market Participants* that injected gas into the DTS at *system injection points* on that *gas day*,
- (b) to the *Market Participants* that withdrew gas at *system withdrawal points* on that *gas day*, in the quantities that each *Market Participant* is treated to have injected or withdrawn under Part 19 of the Rules.

A *Registered participant*, who is not a *Market Participant*, may be directed by AEMO to inject gas which is available and to which the *Registered participant* is entitled but has not been bid into the market, or is non-firm gas, pursuant to rule 343(1)(c) or off-specification gas pursuant to rule 343(1)(d).

Title to gas injected by a *Registered participant* that is not a *Market Participant* is taken to pass as if the *Registered Participant* was a *Market Participant*.

[AEMO may be required to inject and withdraw gas in the Market for specific processes under the Rules.](#)

[Title to gas injected and withdrawn by AEMO is to be taken to pass to and from AEMO as if AEMO was a Market Participant.](#)

~~3.2.2.4.3.2.~~ Operational gas

Title to operational gas is taken to have passed immediately prior to the point at which it is used on a *gas day* for the purposes of operating DTS assets:

- (a) from the *Market Participants* that injected gas into the DTS at *system injection points* on that *gas day*,
- (b) to the *Market Participants* that withdrew gas at *system withdrawal points* on that *gas day*, and then from those withdrawing *Market Participants* to the person having operational control of the DTS for the purposes of the ~~Clean Energy Act 2014~~ [National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007](#) of the Commonwealth.

Each of the withdrawing *Market Participants* takes and passes title to operational gas in the proportion that the quantity of its adjusted withdrawals on a *gas day* bears to the total quantity of adjusted withdrawals by all *Market Participants* on that *gas day*.

~~3.3.4.4.~~ Dispute about ownership of gas

~~3.3.1.4.4.1.~~ Dispute resolution procedure

Any dispute about the ownership of gas in the DTS is to be resolved in accordance with Part 15C of the Rules.

4.5. Rule Consultation Procedures

4.1.5.1. Purpose

These are the Wholesale Market Rule Consultation Procedures (**Procedures**) made under rule 357(2) of the National Gas Rules.

4.2.5.2. Scope

The purpose of these Procedures is to describe how AEMO will consult on proposals made under and in accordance with rule 356 by a person, other than AEMO, to amend Part 19 of the Rules.

AEMO has a general power to reject non-compliant or frivolous proposals, without consultation, under rule 10 of the Rules.

With respect to any proposal, AEMO may after discussion with the AEMC in relation to that proposal, depart from or modify these Procedures in order to meet any requirements of the AEMC as to the consultation needed. If AEMO does so, it must publish the [consultation](#) process that it will follow.

These Procedures have effect only for the purposes set out in the Rules. The Rules and the National Gas Law (Law) prevail over these Procedures to the extent of any inconsistency.

4.3.5.3. Preliminary requirements

4.3.1.5.3.1. Notice of proposal

If AEMO receives a proposal for a rule that complies with the requirements in rule 356(2), AEMO must publish, and notify *Registered participants* in the declared wholesale gas market of the publication of:

- (a) the proposal (excluding any information that the proponent has identified as confidential information);
- (b) a statement of whether AEMO considers that the standard or expedited consultation process applies to the proposal; and
- (c) an invitation to *Registered participants* in the declared wholesale gas market and other persons AEMO reasonably considers would be affected by the proposed rule to make submissions on the proposal by a date determined in accordance with the applicable process.

4.3.2.5.3.2. Consolidation of proposals

If at any time AEMO considers it necessary or desirable that two or more proposals dealing with similar subject matter should be assessed together, AEMO may, on giving notice to all proponents:

- (a) treat those proposals as a single proposal; or
- (b) treat any later proposal as a submission in relation to the earliest proposal.

4.4.5.4. Determination of applicable consultation process

AEMO will determine the appropriate consultation process, as required by rule 357, that should be followed under Part 3 of the Rules, which includes:

- (a) The standard consultative procedure under rule 8 of the NGR.
- (b) The expedited consultative procedure under rule 9 of the NGR.

AEMO must make its decision on the Rule proposal in accordance with rule 358 of the NGR.

4.4.1. Standard Consultation Process

The standard process must be used:

- ~~(a) if AEMO considers that the proposal relates to a rule change that, if implemented, would materially change or affect the operation of the declared wholesale gas market; and~~
- ~~(b) in relation to any other proposal unless clause 3.4.2 of these Procedures applies.~~

~~If the standard process applies to a proposal, AEMO must consult on the proposal in accordance with the standard consultative procedure under rule 8 of the Rules, with the following exceptions:~~

- ~~(c) AEMO is not required to publish any notice or decision in or on any medium other than its website;~~
- ~~(d) AEMO must publish submissions made in respect of the proposal or any draft decision (excluding any information that the submitting party has identified as confidential information);~~
- ~~(e) AEMO may, after considering the submissions received by the due date in respect of a proposal and any other matter AEMO considers relevant, make and publish a final decision (without first making a draft decision) if AEMO is satisfied that it must reject the proposal because:

 - ~~(i) its subject matter does not relate to the declared wholesale gas market; or~~
 - ~~(ii) the subject matter is similar to a proposal made in the previous 12 months in respect of which a request for a rule either was not made, was rejected by the AEMC or is currently under consideration by the AEMC; or~~
 - ~~(iii) it is misconceived or lacking in substance;~~~~
- ~~(f) AEMO is not required to undertake any further consultation if, after considering the submissions received by the due date in respect of a proposal and any other matter AEMO considers relevant:

 - ~~(i) AEMO is satisfied that the proposal meets the criteria in rule 358(2)(b); and the proponent asks AEMO to make, or consents to AEMO making, a request to the AEMC for a rule in accordance with the proposal without further public consultation, on the basis that the 'fast track' process under section 305 of the Law need not apply.~~~~

4.4.2. Expedited Consultation Process.

The expedited process may be used if AEMO considers that:

~~(a) the proposal relates to a rule change that, if implemented, would have no material effect on the operation of the declared wholesale gas market; and~~

~~(b) there are no other circumstances that justify the use of the standard process.~~

~~If the expedited process applies to a proposal, AEMO must consult on the proposal in accordance with the expedited consultative procedure under rule 9 of the Rules, with the same exceptions as are set out in clause 3.4.1(c) to (f) of this document.~~

~~4.4.3. Additional Consultation~~

~~AEMO may hold one or more public meetings or undertake such additional consultation as is considers necessary in relation to any proposal. If AEMO decides to hold a meeting, it must publish a notice of that meeting not less than 5 business days in advance, and must publish the minutes of that meeting as soon as practical after it has been held.~~

~~4.4.4. AEMO Decision on Rule Proposal~~

~~The decision process by AEMO whether or not to request a proposed rule (including any amendments that AEMO considers appropriate) will be applied in accordance with rule 358, and a decision made by AEMO within 60 business days after receiving the proposal (or period as extended under rule 358(2)).~~

~~If AEMO decides to request a rule proposed by a person under rule 356, AEMO must submit a request to the AEMC under the Law within a further 20 business days (rule 358(4)).~~

Version release history

Wholesale Market Management Procedures (this document)

Version	Effective date	Summary of changes
0.1	1 May 2024	<p>AEMO is making amendments to these Wholesale Market Procedure to account for the AEMC's "DWGM distribution connected facilities" and "Review into extending the regulatory frameworks to hydrogen and renewable gases" rule changes.</p> <p>AEMO is making this new Procedure consolidating the new Wholesale Market Additional Reporting Procedures and existing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wholesale Market Electronic Communication Procedures. 2. Wholesale Market Gas Ownership Rules Procedures. 3. Wholesale Market Rule Change Consultation Procedures.

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Electronic Communication Procedures

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2.0	29 October 2020	<p>Procedure update includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated template • Major content update • Reflecting three primary technical documents: User Guide to MIBB Reports, DWGM Participant Build Pack, WebExchanger User Guide
1.1	1 May 2012	<p>Procedures updated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect the addition of a new AMDQ nomination WebExchanger; • reflect changes to the document name (MIBB Reports Participant Guide is now titled User Guide to MIBB reports), the document list and the location that document is stored; and • improve the overall clarity of the Procedures.
1.0	1 August 2010	Rebranded and updated for NGR

Gas Ownership Procedures

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Rule Change Consultation Procedures

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