

15 December 2023

Notice of AEMO decision

This Notice is to advise of AEMO's decision to approve amendments to the following Retail Market Procedures:

- Retail Market Procedures (Victoria)
- Gas Interface Protocol (Victoria)

This Notice advises that consultation under the ordinary Procedure Change Consultative Process prescribed under Rule 135EE of the NGR concluded on 28 November 2023 for:

- Gas Retail Market Package 3B – Retail Market Hydrogen and minor RMP Changes

As required under Rule 135EE of the NGR, Gas Market Registered Participants and other interested parties were invited to submit comments to AEMO on the Impact and Implementation Report (IIR) for the proposed procedure changes which also included publishing a new guide¹ that explain the scope of the Victorian Retail Gas Market, the Declared Wholesale Gas Market and AEMO's directions powers. AEMO received submissions from Alinta Energy, AGL, AGN, Origin Energy and Red Energy and Lumo Energy all indicating support of the proposed changes.

Attachment C of this Notice sets out the consolidated feedback relating to the proposed amendments that AEMO received during this consultation phase. This attachment includes a stakeholder comment, AEMO's response and, based on this response, AEMO has made a minor typographical amendment in the guide. Document referred to in Attachment B identifies this change.

Having considered the feedback provided by each respondent, AEMO has approved the proposed amendments (Attachments A and B) of this Notice.

As required by Rule 135EE(5), the Retail Market Procedures (Victoria) and other documents in the Attachments to this notice will take effect on the day that the Wholesale Market Procedures made to reflect the National Energy Laws Amendment (Other Gases) Bill 2022 and the AEMC's recommended Rules for extending the regulatory frameworks to hydrogen and renewable gases (including the recommended transitional rules) take effect.

A further notice of effective date and updated versions of the documents mentioned in Attachments A and B will be published on the AEMO website prior to the effective date.

Should you require any further information please contact Louise Webb on grcf@aemo.com.au.

¹ This guide (Guide to understand the scope of the Victorian Retail Gas Market, the Declared Wholesale Gas Market and AEMO's directions powers) is not a Procedure made in accordance with 135EA of the NGR. The guide was included in this consultation for contextual purposes.

Attachment A – Retail Market Procedures (Victoria).

Blue underline represents additions ~~Red~~ and ~~strikeout~~ represents deletions – Marked up changes. Grey highlighted indicates changes made from PPC feedback.

The Final versions of the Retail Market Procedures showing tracked changes between the current version and the proposed changes is attached separately to this document.

Attachment B – Guide to understanding the scope of the Victorian DWGM and Retail Market.

Blue underline represents additions ~~Red~~ and strikeout represents deletions – Marked up changes.

The Final version of the Guide to understanding the scope of the Victorian DWGM and Retail Market attached separately to this document.

Note: Updates made to the guide post the version published with the IIR as shown in grey shade.

ATTACHMENT C

Consolidated feedback for Package 3B – Retail Market Hydrogen and minor RMP Changes

Section 1 - General Comments on the Impact and Implementation Report

Sections 1 to 8 of the IIR sets out *AEMOs critical examination of the proposal*.

Does your organisation support AEMO’s examination of the proposal?

If no, please specify areas in which your organisation disputes AEMO examination proposal and include information that supports your organisation rational why you do not support AEMO examination.

Ref #	Company	Response	AEMO Response
1	Alinta Energy	Alinta Energy supports AEMOs assessment.	AEMO notes Alinta Energy support of AEMO’s assessments.
2	AGL	AGL supports this proposed change.	AEMO notes AGL support of AEMO’s proposed changes.
3	Origin	Origin supports AEMO’s examination of the proposal.	AEMO notes Origin support of AEMO’s proposal.
4	Red Energy and Lumo Energy	Red Energy and Lumo Energy (Red and Lumo) support AEMO’s examination of the proposal.	AEMO notes Red Energy and Lumo Energy support of AEMO’s examination of proposal.
5	AGN	AGN supports AEMO’s examination.	AEMO notes AGN support of AEMO’s examination.

Sections 9 and 10 of the IIR sets out *AEMOs recommendation and timeframes*.

Does your organisation support AEMO position to recommend the procedures changes and the timeline for those procedures change to take effective?

Ref #	Company	Response	AEMO Response
6	Alinta Energy	Alinta Energy supports AEMOs assessment.	AEMO notes Alinta Energy support of AEMO's proposed procedure changes and timelines.
7	AGL	AGL supports AEMO's recommendation for this change.	AEMO notes AGL support of AEMO's proposed procedure changes and timelines.
8	Origin	Yes	AEMO notes Origin support of AEMO's proposed procedure changes and timelines.
9	Red Energy and Lumo Energy	Red and Lumo support the timeline for the proposed changes to the procedures.	AEMO notes Red Energy and Lumo Energy support of AEMO's proposed procedure changes and timelines.
10	AGN	AGN supports AEMO's recommendation and timeframes.	AEMO notes AGN support of AEMO's proposed procedure changes and timelines.

Section 2 - Feedback on the documentation changes.

Retail Market Procedures (Victoria)					
Ref #	Clause #	Organisation	Issue / Comment	Proposed text Red-strikeout means delete and <u>blue underline</u> means insert	AEMO Response (AEMO only)
11	1.1.1	AEMO	Victoria's Gas Distribution Code Review proposed change in the title of the document. The change involves removing the word 'system' from the title.	Distribution Code means the Gas Distribution System -Code <u>of Practice</u> made by the jurisdictional regulator for Victoria as amended from time to time.	AEMO has amended the definition for Distribution Code to reflect changes by Essential Services Commission
Guide to understanding the scope of the Victorian DWGM and Retail Market					
Ref #	Clause #	Organisation	Issue / Comment	Proposed text Red-strikeout means delete and <u>blue underline</u> means insert	AEMO Response (AEMO only)
12	1	Red Energy and Lumo Energy	'...large customer...' should be plural	.. This market also allows large customer <u>customers</u> to directly participate in the market and the DWGM whereby they are responsible for sourcing their own gas...	AEMO agrees with Red Energy and Lumo Energy and has updated Guide.
13	Section 3	AEMO	AEMO have included footnote reference to Essential Service Commission (ESC) update to the Gas Distribution Code of Practice whereby they the code has a new clause 3.1.2 that states distributors operating a non-DTS distribution system must, to the extent practicable, adhere to requirements of Division 3, Subdivision 4 of Part 19 of the NGR in relation to metering installations.	<u>However, it should be noted that clause 3.1 (Distributor obligation) of the Essential Services Commissions (ESC), Gas Distribution Code of Practice Essential Service requires distributors operating a non-DTS distribution system must, to the extent practicable, adhere to requirements of Division 3, Subdivision 4 of Part 19 of the NGR in relation to metering installations.</u>	AEMO has updated The Guide with this footnote.
13	Section 6	AEMO	AEMO has updated paragraph to include reference to provision of meter data in relation to a metering installation and removed sentence referring to service agreements.	AEMO has agreed services agreements (ASAs) in place for each of the distribution systems listed in table 4. These agreements include services required to facilitate the retail market <u>and require the provision of data including metering data in relation to metering installation</u> which	AEMO has updated The Guide with these edits.

				<p>AEMO would otherwise receive through DWGM mechanisms. These ASA's mirror the obligations in Part 19 of the NGR and the wholesale market procedures which would ordinarily apply to distribution systems which are connected to the DTS.</p>	
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