

NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

Measurement requirements for Distributed Energy Resources (DER) under Market Ancillary Service Specification (MASS) and general updates to the MASS

Date of Notice: 19 January 2020

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation to cover a broader review of the MASS (General MASS review) and to set out the ongoing arrangements for Distributed Energy Resources (DER) to operate under the Market Ancillary Service Specification (MASS).

This consultation is being conducted under clauses 3.11.2.(c) and (d) of the National Electricity Rules (**NER**), in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements detailed in rule 8.9 of the NER.

Matters under Consultation

The consultation will consider the following:

- General MASS review
 - A simplification and clarification of the document itself;
 - Better specification of the expected characteristics and interactions of the different types of frequency control ancillary services (FCAS) and their relationship to the Frequency Operating Standard (FOS); and
 - Addressing issues raised in AEMO's Renewable Integration Study (RIS) concerning the balance of frequency responsive and non-frequency responsive FCAS.
- DER MASS review

Whether or not to implement the learnings from the Virtual Power Plant (VPP) Demonstrations, including the following:

 - Measurement sampling rate requirements for Aggregated Ancillary Service Facilities participating in the Fast Contingency FCAS markets
 - Location for measurement of the delivery of FCAS from controllable devices in a VPP
 - Threshold to limit the new measurement requirements to smaller ancillary service units only

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	25 February 2021
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	25 March 2021

PROCESS STAGE	INDICATIVE DATE
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	13 April 2021
Publication of Final Report and Determination	25 May 2021

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 (NEO) in section 7 of the National Electricity Law (NEL).

Please identify any parts of your submission that you wish to remain confidential and explain why. AEMO may still publish that information if it does not consider it 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, 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.

Closing Date and Time

Submissions in response to this Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation should be sent by email to mass.consultation@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by 5.00pm NEM time (AEST) on 25 February 2021.

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

Public submissions will be published approximately one week after the submission close date. Any confidential submissions must be clearly marked, or any confidential information within a submission should be clearly marked, to make this clear to AEMO so confidentiality can be maintained.