

1. NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

1.1. Structure of Participant Fees for the Consumer Data Right (CDR) declared NEM project

Date of Notice: 24 February 2023

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (Consulted Persons) that AEMO is consulting on the determination of the structure of Participant fees to recover costs for the introduction and facilitation of the Consumer Data Right (CDR), and the performance of the CDR functions by AEMO. Under clause 2.11(be) of the National Electricity Rules (Rules), the introduction and facilitation of the CDR, requiring AEMO to carry out CDR functions, is taken to have been determined to be a declared NEM project under clause 2.11.1(ba) of the Rules (CDR declared NEM project).

This consultation is being conducted by AEMO for the purposes of clauses 2.11(bc) and 8.9 of the Rules and has effect only for the purposes set out in the Rules.

Matter under Consultation

The matter for consultation is determination of a Participant fee structure for the Consumer Data Right (CDR) declared NEM project. Further details are provided in the Consultation Paper published with this notice.

The objective of this consultation is to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to have input into the structure of Participant fees to apply to the CDR declared NEM project. This consultation applies to the structure of fees including the Registered Participants that will be charged the fee. The consultation process will also determine the start date for recovery and the period or periods over which recovery will occur. The actual amount charged to Registered participants will be determined through AEMO’s budgeting processes and in accordance with AEMO’s final determination of these matters.

Therefore, stakeholders should not make a submission to this consultation that relates to the actual amount charged. This matter will be determined through AEMO’s annual budgeting process.

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 Consultation Paper	Friday 24 March 2023
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	Wednesday 26 April 2023
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	Wednesday 24 May 2023
Publication of Final Report and Determination	Thursday 22 June 2023

Subject to stakeholder feedback additional stages may be included as part of the consultation process.

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 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 reformdevelopmentandinsights@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (AEDT) on 24 March 2023.

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.