

1. NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

1.1. Structure of Participant Fees for AEMO’s NEM 2025 Reform Program

Date of Notice: 3 February 2023

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (Consulted Persons) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on the determination of the Participant Fee structure for the NEM 2025 Reform Program declared NEM project. The NEM 2025 Reform Program was determined a declared NEM Project on 29 September 2022 following a consultation process.

This consultation is being conducted under clause 2.11 of the National Electricity Rules (NER), in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements detailed in rule 8.9 of the NER.

Matter under Consultation

The matter for consultation is the determination of a Participant fee structure for the NEM 2025 Reform Program declared NEM project. Further details are provided in the Consultation Paper published with this notice.

The objective of the consultation is to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to have input into the development of the structure of Participant fees to apply to the NEM 2025 Reform Program 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.

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 3 March 2023
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	Wednesday 17 May 2023 ¹
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	Wednesday 14 June 2023
Publication of Final Report and Determination	Wednesday 23 August 2023

¹ This assumes that AEMO concludes that it is not desirable or necessary to hold any meetings under clause 8.9(f) of the Rules (If meetings are held, meetings must be held within a further 25 business days after submissions close, and this will then impact the consultation dates following the meeting)

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

Please also refer to our stakeholder engagement approach released with this paper.

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 3 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.