



NEM PARTICIPANT FEE STRUCTURES

National Electricity Market:
Notice of extension of time

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1. Notice of extension of time for consultation

This notice is published by AEMO under National Electricity Rules (**NER**) 8.9.2(d) to extend the time limit for AEMO to publish its Draft Report and Determination (Draft Report) on its National Electricity Market (NEM) Participant fee structures to apply from 1 July 2026 (**proposal**), under the standard consultation procedure.

AEMO commenced consultation on the proposal, publishing its Consultation Paper on 10 April 2025. Under NER 8.9.2(b), AEMO's Draft Report was due for publication by 5 August 2025.

AEMO is extending the time limit for publication of the Draft Report on the proposal to **30 September 2025**, due to the complexity and difficulty in resolving the issues involved, as described in more detail in section 2. AEMO considers that this extended timeframe provides sufficient time for AEMO to undertake the work described below to prepare the draft determination. The next steps for the consultation are summarised in section 3.

2. Detailed reasons

AEMO considers the extension to be necessary because the preparation of the draft determination involves the consideration of a wide range of complex issues, including those raised in feedback received from stakeholders on the matters under consultation. For example:

- Review of the existing types of fees and investigating options to simplify fee structures through aggregation of certain fee structures requires a comprehensive assessment to ensure consistency with the National Electricity Objective (NEO) and Fee Structure Principles as prescribed under NER clause 2.11.1(b). The extension provides additional time to assess potential options.
- To determine the allocated fees to Registered Participants or categories of Registered Participants, it is necessary to understand their level of involvement with AEMO's activities and outputs, and the costs attributed to them. AEMO are mindful that several stakeholder submissions recognised the need for careful review of the methodology to be applied as part of its cost allocation survey. The extension provides AEMO more time to assess and improve upon the current methodology, carry out the cost allocation survey in collaboration with members of its Senior Leadership Team, and consolidate and analyse responses.
- As noted in its Consultation Paper, AEMO is investigating alternative approaches to the bases for charging NEM Participant fees to Registered Participant types or categories. This assessment requires further consideration of potential implementation approaches, alongside further assessment against the NEO and Fee Structure Principles.

The extension also gives AEMO more time to engage with stakeholders on matters raised in submissions to the Consultation Paper (if desirable or required), as well as on potential fee structure options considered as part of its draft report and determination.

3. Next steps for consultation

AEMO’s process and expected timeline for the remainder of this consultation are outlined below. Future dates may be adjusted, and additional steps may be included as needed, as the consultation progresses.

Table 1 Consultation process and timeline

| Consultation steps | Dates |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Draft report published | On or before 30 September 2025 |
| Submissions due on Draft report | 28 November 2025 |
| Final report published | On or before 12 February 2026 |