

WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY MARKET

PROCEDURE CHANGE REPORT: AEPC_2020_03

MARKET PROCEDURE: FACILITY REGISTRATION, DE-
REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose

The publication of this Procedure Change Report and the accompanying Market Procedure completes the Procedure Change Process conducted by AEMO to consider proposed amendments to the Market Procedure: Facility Registration, De-registration and Transfer (Procedure) under the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (**WEM Rules**).

Proposed amendments

AEMO proposed minor revisions to the Procedure to improve alignment with the WEM Rules. Minor referencing errors in the Procedure have been corrected as well as the inclusion of a number of administrative updates. The Procedure has been aligned with AEMO's latest Market Procedure template.

Consultation

The Procedure Change Proposal was first consulted on at the AEMO Procedure Change Working Group (APCWG) meeting on 7 April 2020. Stakeholders did not request any changes at the meeting. Due to COVID-19 circumstances the proposal was not immediately progressed following the APCWG as the proposed amendments concerned minor matters. AEMO considered that the proposal be progressed to ensure that participants have the correct procedural information to follow.

AEMO published the Procedure Change Proposal (AEPC_2020_03) on the Market Web Site and issued a call for submissions on 21 January 2021. The submission period closed on 19 February 2021, with submissions received from Synergy. AEMO has responded to the issues raised in the submissions in Section 3.3 and has updated the Procedure where necessary.

AEMO's decision

Next steps

The revised Market Procedure: Facility Registration, De-registration and Transfer will commence at 8:00 am on 19 March 2021.



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1. BACKGROUND

1.1. Regulatory requirements

AEMO has published this Procedure Change Report in accordance with the Procedure Change Process specified in section 2.10 of the WEM Rules.

1.2. Context

As part of its internal review processes, AEMO identified some minor referencing errors in the Procedure. AEMO considers it appropriate to correct these errors to ensure that the procedural steps for Market Participants are accurate.

As part of this change, AEMO is proposing minor revisions to the Procedure to improve alignment with the WEM Rules, together with administrative updates to align the Procedure with AEMO's current Market Procedure template.

The Procedure Change Proposal was first consulted on at the AEMO Procedure Change Working Group (APCWG) meeting on 7 April 2020. Stakeholders did not request any changes at the meeting. Due to COVID-19 circumstances the proposal was not immediately progressed following the APCWG as the proposed amendments concerned minor matters. AEMO considered that the proposal be progressed to ensure that participants have the correct procedural information to follow.

1.3. Procedure change process and timetable

On 21 January 2021, AEMO published a Procedure Change Proposal (AEPC_2020_03) for the Market Procedure: Facility Registration, De-registration and Transfer and issued a call for submissions.

The proposal was progressed using the Procedure Change Process specified in section 2.10 of the WEM Rules with submissions required by 19 February 2021.

2. PROPOSED PROCEDURE CHANGE

This section details the changes that AEMO proposed when the call for submissions was published.

2.1. Detail of the proposed procedure change

The proposed changes to the Market Procedure are summarised below:

- Revisions to section 1 of the Procedure to align this section with AEMO's latest Market Procedure template.
- Step 3.1.4 has been updated to clarify the requirements of this step so that it now reads *"Applicants must indicate in the Request for Facility Creation form which type of facility they wish to create. This can either be:..."*
- Updates to steps 3.1.4 (b), 3.2.15, 4.1.5 and 4.1.10 to reflect the correct cross references in those steps.
- Several updates to align the wording in the Procedure to the Market Rules including replacing the word "Approve" with "Accept" (and variations thereof) in the flowcharts in section 2 as well as steps 3.1.9, 3.1.10, 3.2.16, 4.1.10, 4.1.11, 4.1.12, 5.1.13, 5.1.14, 5.1.16, 5.1.16, 6.1.5, 6.1.7, 6.2.4, 6.2.5, 6.2.7, 7.1.7, 8.1.5, 8.1.6.
- Various typographical, grammatical and formatting updates throughout the Procedure.



2.2. Proposed drafting

AEMO published a draft of the proposed Procedure for consultation. Clean and change-marked versions are available at: https://aemo.com.au/en/consultations/current-and-closed-consultations/aepc_2020_03.

3. CONSULTATION PROCESS

3.1. Market Advisory Committee or Working Group

The Market Advisory Committee (MAC) has delegated its advisory role with respect to AEMO Procedure Change Proposals to the AEMO Procedure Change Working Group (APCWG), in accordance with clause 2.3.17(a) of the WEM Rules.

A draft version of the proposed amended Market Procedure was presented at the AEMO Procedure Change Working Group held on 7 April 2020. The minutes and papers from the AEMO Procedure Change Working Group meeting can be found at: <https://aemo.com.au/consultations/industry-forums-and-working-groups/list-of-industry-forums-and-working-groups/wem-aemo-procedure-change-working-group>.

AEMO published the Procedure Change Proposal (AEPC_2020_03) on the Market Web Site and issued a call for submissions on 21 January 2021.

In accordance with clause 2.10.9 of the WEM Rules, AEMO notified the MAC once the Procedure Change Proposal was published and noted that the Rule Change Panel would convene a meeting of the MAC if two or more members requested it. The MAC did not convene a meeting for this Procedure.

3.2. Public workshop

No public workshops were held in relation to this Procedure Change Proposal.

3.3. Submissions received during consultation period

AEMO received one submission from Synergy to the Procedure Change Proposal. The submission is summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Specific comments and AEMO's responses

Respondent	Step	Comment	AEMO's response
Synergy	-	<p>Synergy suggests the WEM Procedure should be amended to reflect the formatting of new WEM Procedures released as part of the New Energy Transformation Strategy, which involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> usage of 'paragraph' and 'part' instead of 'sections' (e.g. paragraph 1.2.3); correction of redundant terminology, e.g. 'WEM Procedure' as opposed to 'Market Procedure' (e.g. paragraph 1.1.1); and the replacement of portions of part 1.1 and part 1.2 of the WEM Procedure to reflect the new formats. 	AEMO concurs with Synergy's suggestions, and has amended the Procedure accordingly.



Respondent	Step	Comment	AEMO's response
Synergy	1.1.2	Synergy considers that step 1.1.2 does not appear to reflect clause 2.31.23 of the WEM Rules, and suggests that the Procedure be amended to reflect this clause.	AEMO concurs with Synergy's suggestion, and has amended the Procedure accordingly.
Synergy	-	Synergy suggests various typographical corrections.	AEMO concurs with Synergy's suggestions, and has amended the Procedure accordingly.

4. AEMO'S ASSESSMENT

4.1. Further changes to the Procedure

AEMO has amended the Procedure as indicated in Section 3.3, and has made additional minor administrative, typographical, and formatting amendments.

4.2. Consistency with Electricity Industry Act, WEM Regulations, and WEM Rules

The revised Procedure has been reviewed by AEMO to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions in the:

- Electricity Industry Act 2004.
- Electricity Industry (Wholesale Electricity Market) Regulations 2004 (WEM Regulations).
- WEM Rules.

4.3. Consistency with Wholesale Market Objectives

AEMO considers that the steps are drafted in a way that is consistent with the objectives of the WEM Rules. As a result, AEMO considers that the revised Procedure is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

4.4. Implementation of the Procedure

The Procedure was developed in accordance with clause 2.31.23 of the WEM Rules.

Market Participants have not raised issues with implementing the Procedure.

Consequently, AEMO considers that commencement at 8:00 am on 19 March 2021 will allow Rule Participants sufficient time from the date of publication of this Procedure Change Report to ensure compliance.

4.5. AEMO's decision and commencement

AEMO's decision is to accept the Procedure as amended following the consultation period. The revised Market Procedure: Facility Registration, De-registration and Transfer will commence at 8:00 am on 19 March 2021.

AEMO has made this decision on the basis that the new Procedure:

- Is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.
- Is consistent with the Electricity Industry Act, WEM Regulations, and WEM Rules.
- Has the general support of submissions received during the consultation period.



The revised Market Procedure: Facility Registration, De-registration and Transfer is available at:
https://aemo.com.au/en/consultations/current-and-closed-consultations/aepe_2020_03.