

CHANGE PACK -DRAFT DETERMINATION

MSATS PROCEDURES:

Consumer Administration and Transfer Solution (CATS) Procedure Principles and Obligations Version 3.9

Procedure for the Management of Wholesale, Interconnector, Generator and Sample (WIGS) NMIs Version 3.9

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1. Background

AEMO utilises a central system called Market Settlement and Transfer Solution (MSATS) to manage consumer transfers. MSATS also administers notifications of transactions to market participants and retains the data needed to facilitate wholesale settlement. The MSATS Procedures have been in operation since 1 January 2002 and have been revised a number of times to support ongoing business improvements.

Scope of Changes

The Tasmanian Government requested changes to the MSATS Procedures to implement the following:

QC 853 – MSATS CHANGE FOR TASMANIAN FRC

This change will provide a mechanism to enable churn restrictions for small residential sites within Tasmania.

Within the initial months of Full Retailer Contestability, it is the intention of the Tasmanian Government to limit the number of transfers in the initial months to allow end-consumers the opportunity to adapt to the change in market conditions. The proposed changes will be temporary until such time that the Tasmanian Government determines that the market has settled in line with the reforms, and will initiate the removal of these changes accordingly. The Tasmanian Government has indicated that this transitional period will last no more than 12 months.

AEMO released the initial stage of consultation for the proposed change on 16 August 2013. On 26 September 2013, the Tasmanian Government announced that it was suspending the sale of Aurora Energy's retail business. As a result, AEMO notes there will be no requirement for this change to the MSATS Procedures in the near future. Accordingly, AEMO proposes not to make the changes resulting from QC853 and the other minor matters relating to this consultation at this time.

To comply with the Rules consultation procedures in clause 8.9 of the Rules, AEMO is required to continue with the consultation process.

2. Purpose of this document

This document proposes <u>no amendments</u> to the MSATS Procedures. This means that there will be no changes to **MSATS Procedures: CATS Procedure Version 3.8** and **WIGS Procedures Version 3.8** which are due to take effect as of 13 November 2013. These are available on AEMO's website.

To comply with the Rules consultation procedures in clause 8.9 of the Rules, AEMO is required to continue with the consultation process. There will be no version 3.9 issued as a result of this. The current versions will remain as **MSATS Procedures: CATS Procedure Version 3.8** and **WIGS Procedures Version 3.8**.

3. The Consultation Process

The process and date plan for the changes proposed in this document is as follows:

Action	Start Date	End Date	Notes
Issue Notice of Consultation	16/08/2013	16/08/2013	(Complete)
Participant submissions are to be provided to AEMO	19/08/2013	23/09/2013	within 25 business days after the Notice of Consultation is issued (Complete)
AEMO considers all valid submissions and shall create the Draft Determination report (including the change marked MSATS Procedure version 3.9	24/09/2013	17/10/2013	within 20 business days of the submission close date (Complete)
AEMO Publish Draft Determination and Report	21/10/2013	21/10/2013	(Complete)
Participant submissions are to be provided to AEMO	23/10/2013	06/11/2013	within 10 business days after the Draft Determination is published
AEMO considers all valid submissions and shall create the Final Determination report (including the change marked and clean versions of the MSATS Procedure version 3.9	07/11/2013	19/12/2013	within 30 business days of the submission close date
AEMO Publish Final Determination	20/12/2013	20/12/2013	
Proposed Effective Date of the MSATS Procedures 3.9	01/01/2014	01/01/2014	Based on AEMO's draft determination there will be no effective date for this consultation.

4. Proposed Changes

AEMO is required to comply with the Rules consultation procedures in clause 8.9 of the Rules and continue with the consultation process. AEMO proposes no amendments to the **MSATS Procedures: CATS Procedure Version 3.8** and **WIGS Procedures Version 3.8**. AEMO notes that the following market participants have provided submissions on the initial consultation and that these have been considered:

- i. Energex
- ii. Lumo
- iii. Energy Australia
- iv. Origin
- v. South Australia Power Networks
- vi. Citipower and Powercor Australia

Due to recent announcements from the Tasmanian Government the changes are no longer required. AEMO's proposes that at the conclusion of this consultation, there will be no version 3.9 of the MSATS Procedures released. The MSATS Procedures: CATS Procedure Version 3.8 and WIGS Procedures Version 3.8 will remain as current.