

NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules - Rule 8.9

Congestion information Resource Guidelines

Date of Notice: 10 May 2021

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on the Congestion Information Resource (CIR) Guidelines.

This consultation is being conducted under clause 3.7A(d) 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 CIR Guidelines, more particularly to consider and seek stakeholder feedback on the following questions:

- 1. Whether the quality, relevance and frequency of information provided in the CIR remains appropriate.
- 2. What additional information stakeholders consider should be included in the CIR, including explanations of the value to stakeholders.
- 3. What current congestion-related information AEMO could stop publishing in the CIR with no or little loss of value for stakeholders (for example because it is published elsewhere or no longer relevant).
- 4. AEMO's proposal to revise the CIR Guidelines to include a clear requirement for Transmission Network Service Providers (TNSPs) to publish their limit advice on their website or on AEMO's limits advice page, as set out in the draft CIR Guidelines published with this notice.

AEMO has also proposed a number of minor drafting changes to the CIR Guidelines to improve readability, remove redundant text and transition to an updated format.

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	17 June 2021
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	16 July 2021
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	3 August 2021
Publication of Final Report and Determination	15 September 2021



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 ben.blake@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on 17 June 2021.

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.