

NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

The publication of this Issues Paper commences the first stage consultation by AEMO on proposed changes to market and system operation procedures methodologies and guidelines under the National Electricity Rules (NER).

These changes result from the Wholesale Demand Response (WDR) rule changes, which take effect from 24 October 2021.

This consultation is being conducted in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements detailed in rule 8.9 of the National Electricity Rules.

1.1. Market and System Operation Procedures, Methodologies and Guidelines (Wholesale Demand Response)

Date of Notice: 9 October 2020

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on the Market and System Operation Procedures, Methodologies and Guidelines (Wholesale Demand Response).

This consultation is being conducted in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements detailed in rule 8.9 of the NER.

Matter under Consultation

The matter for consultation is the Market and System Operation Procedures, Methodologies and Guidelines (Wholesale Demand Response). Further details are provided in the Issues Paper published with this notice. A consultation draft of the following procedures, methodologies and guidelines is published with the Issues Paper:

- o Procedures for Issue of Directions and Clause 4.8.9 Instructions.
- o Intervention Pricing Methodology.
- o Constraint Formulation Guidelines.

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 Issues Paper	17 November 2020
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	11 December 2020
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	29 January 2021
Publication of Final Report and Determination	12 March 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 wdr@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on 17 November 2020.

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.

Notice of First Stage Consultation (Rule 8.9): the Retailer Reliability Obligation Voluntary Book Build Procedures