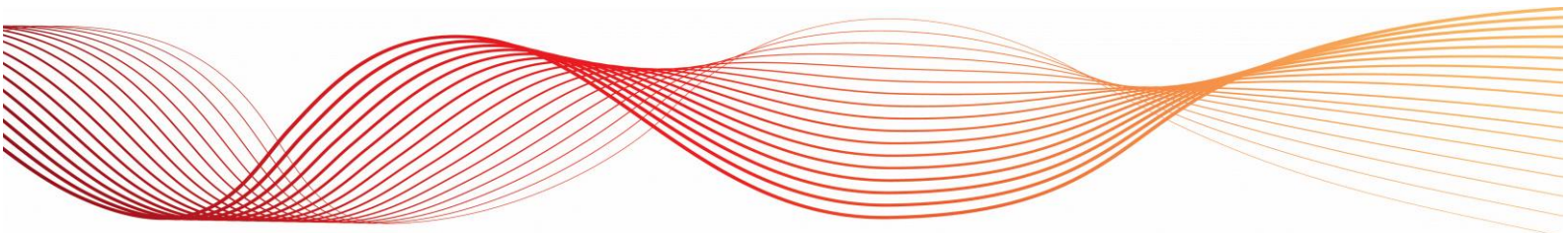


CONGESTION INFORMATION RESOURCE GUIDELINES

DRAFT REPORT AND DETERMINATION

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NOTICE OF SECOND STAGE CONSULTATION – CONGESTION INFORMATION RESOURCE GUIDELINES

NATIONAL ELECTRICITY RULES – RULE 8.9

Date of Notice: 11 August 2015

This notice informs all interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is commencing the second stage of its consultation on the Congestion Information Resource Guidelines (**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.

Invitation to make Submissions

AEMO invites written submissions on this Draft Report and Determination (**Draft Report**).

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.

Consulted Persons should note that material identified as confidential may be given less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published.

Closing Date and Time

Submissions in response to this Notice of Second Stage of Rules Consultation should be sent by email to magnus.hindsberger@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on **26 August 2015**.

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.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The publication of this Draft Report and Determination (**Draft Report**) commences the second stage of the Rules consultation process conducted by AEMO to amend the Congestion Information Resource Guidelines (**CIR Guidelines**) under the National Electricity Rules (**NER**).

AEMO's original proposal was to revise the CIR Guidelines to:

- a) Remove the requirement to undertake annual consultations. Instead, AEMO proposes to undertake consultations as needed, but in any event, at least every three years.
- b) Cancel a number of low-benefit/high-cost items from the list of "Items Requested for the CIR".

An addendum to the 1st stage notice considered the proposal for cessation of the Quarterly Mis-pricing Reporting based on the submission from from National Generators Forum to the 2013 CIR Guidelines consultation¹.

In response to the 1st stage notice, AEMO received only one submission, from GDF SUEZ Australian Energy (**GDFSAE**).

GDFSAE supported the Congestion Information Resource (**CIR**) in general as well as AEMO's proposal to cease annual consultations and to undertake consultations as needed, but at least every three years. GDFSAE also requested a more user-friendly publication of some constraint-related data.

AEMO has amended the draft CIR Guidelines to:

- a) Provide an GDFSAE's request for more user-friendly publication of some constraint-related data.
- b) Remove Quarterly Mis-pricing Reporting.

AEMO's draft determination is to revise the CIR Guidelines in the form published on AEMO's website at:

<http://www.aemo.com.au/Consultations/National-Electricity-Market/2015-Congestion-Information-Resource-Guidelines-Consultation>.

¹ See:

<http://sharedocs/sites/cm/sd/Congestion%20Information%20Resource/Consultation%202013/NGF%20Response%20to%202013%20CIR%20first%20stage.pdf>.

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1 Stakeholder Consultation Process

As required by clause 3.7A(m) of the NER, AEMO is consulting on CIR Guidelines in accordance with the Rules consultation process in rule 8.9.

AEMO's indicative timeline for this consultation is outlined below. Future dates may be adjusted depending on the number and complexity of issues raised in submissions.

DELIVERABLE	INDICATIVE DATE
Notice of first stage consultation and draft CIR guidelines published	7 May 2015
First stage submissions closed	19 June 2015
Draft Report & Notice of second stage consultation published	11 August 2015
Submissions due on Draft Report	26 August 2015
Final Report published	9 September 2015

The publication of this Draft Report marks the commencement of the second stage of consultation.

Note that there is a glossary of terms used in this Draft Report at **Appendix A**.

2 Background

2.1 NER requirements

The NER specifies:

3.7A(k) AEMO must develop and publish guidelines (the congestion information resource guidelines) in relation to:

- (1) the categories of information to be contained in the congestion information resource including the source of that information;
- (2) the scope and type of information to be provided by Transmission Network Service Providers in accordance with paragraphs (n) and (o);
- (3) the processes to be implemented by AEMO to obtain the information from Transmission Network Service Providers in accordance with paragraphs (n) and (o);
- (4) the determination of the intervals for updating and publishing the congestion information resource under paragraph (e); and
- (5) the processes to be implemented by AEMO for providing Registered Participants with information under paragraph (g).

3.7A(l) AEMO must develop and publish the first congestion information resource guidelines in accordance with the Rules consultation procedures by 1 September 2010 and there must be a set of congestion information resource guidelines available and up to date at all times after that date.

3.7A(m) AEMO must amend the congestion information resource guidelines in accordance with the Rules consultation procedures.

2.2 Context for this consultation

The existing CIR Guidelines calls for AEMO to undertake consultations with interested parties annually. The previous consultation was undertaken mid 2014 causing a new consultation to be undertaken in mid 2015.

2.3 First stage consultation

AEMO issued a Notice of First Stage Consultation on 7 May 2015. The matters for consultation were:

1. The quality, relevance and frequency of information provided under the existing CIR Guidelines.
2. Suggestions of what additional information stakeholders consider should be included in the CIR Guidelines, including explanations of the value to stakeholders.
3. What current congestion-related information AEMO could stop publishing with no or little loss of value for stakeholders.
4. AEMO's proposal to revise the CIR Guidelines to:
 - a) Remove the requirement to undertake annual consultations. Instead, AEMO proposes to undertake consultations as needed, but in any event, at least every three years.
 - b) Cancel a number of low-benefit/high-cost items from the list of "Items Requested for the CIR".

A consultation draft of the CIR Guidelines was published with the 1st stage notice².

An addendum to the 1st stage notice argued for the cessation of the Quarterly Mis-pricing Reporting.

AEMO received one written submission in the first stage of consultation.

This has been published on AEMO's website at: <http://www.aemo.com.au/Consultations/National-Electricity-Market/2015-Congestion-Information-Resource-Guidelines-Consultation>.

3 Summary of Material Issues

A number of issues were raised by GDFSAE, but none of the were considered material.

A detailed summary of these issues together with AEMO's responses, is contained in **Appendix B**.

4 Draft Determination

To account for the issues raised by GDFSAE and the addendum to the 1st stage notice, AEMO has amended the draft CIR Guidelines to:

- a) Provide an update of request highlighted by GDFSAE
- b) Remove Quarterly Mis-pricing Reporting.

AEMO's draft determination is to revise the CIR Guidelines in the form published on AEMO's website at: <http://www.aemo.com.au/Consultations/National-Electricity-Market/2015-Congestion-Information-Resource-Guidelines-Consultation>.

² See: <http://www.aemo.com.au/Consultations/National-Electricity-Market/2015-Congestion-Information-Resource-Guidelines-Consultation>

Appendix A - Glossary

TERM OR ACRONYM	MEANING
CIR	Congestion Information Resource
GDFSAE	GDF SUEZ Australian Energy
NEM	National Electricity Market
NER	National Electricity Rules

Appendix B - Summary of Submissions and AEMO Responses

NO.	CONSULTED PERSON	ISSUE	AEMO RESPONSE
1.	GDFSAE	GDFSAE believes that the CIR Guidelines provide a useful overview of the range of National Electricity Market (NEM) congestion information contained on the AEMO web pages, and believes that it should be maintained.	Noted
2.	GDFSAE	GDFSAE has considered AEMO's question as to what information is no longer required by stakeholders. GDFSAE suggests that there is likely to be a range of information needs across the various NEM stakeholders, and it would therefore be difficult for any one participant to identify any item that is not required. If there are particular information items that are especially difficult or costly for AEMO to provide, then it may be worth AEMO flagging these particular items to ascertain whether any participants would object to it being deleted.	Noted. AEMO will generally use this approach when it is aware the costs of providing the information may outweigh the benefits to stakeholders, as exemplified by AEMO's suggestion to cease publication of the Quarterly Mispricing Reports.
3.	GDFSAE	<p>GDFSAE notes that the following request lodged in 2012 and 2013 is still pending: Provide in a user-friendly form in the CIR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently invoked constraint equation results. • Constraint equations binding now and in pre-dispatch period. • Identification of generators/interconnectors impacted by each binding constraint equation. • Identification of which constraint equations are the limiting factors on interconnector flows. <p>The consultation document does not indicate whether this item is still under consideration by AEMO, and if so, what the likely timeframe would be for implementation. GDFSAE would appreciate this being updated.</p>	AEMO has been investigating ways of publishing dynamic tables with the requested information. Some of the functionality is not available on our current website platform, but AEMO is investigating options for upgrading the platform or alternative approaches should an upgrade not be possible within a reasonable timeframe. The status of this will be updated in the list of "Items requested for the CIR".
4.	GDFSAE	GDFSAE agrees with the proposal by AEMO to remove the requirement to undertake an annual consultation on the guidelines, and that a three year review (or "as needed") would be appropriate.	Noted