

# 1. NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Gas Rules – Rule 135CA(3)

## 1.1. Structure of Gas Participant Fees

Date of Notice: 4 August 2023

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (Consulted Persons) that AEMO is commencing its first stage of consultation to determine the Participant Fee structure to apply to gas market participant fees, Pipeline Capacity Trading fees, and East Coast Gas System Reform Program fees from 1 July 2024.

This consultation is being conducted under Rule 135CA of the National Gas Rules (NGR), in accordance with the standard consultative procedure requirements detailed in rule 8 of the NGR.

### Matters under Consultation

The matters for consultation are the determination of a Participant fee structure to apply to the gas markets, Pipeline Capacity Trading, and East Coast Gas System Reform Program. Further details are provided in the Consultation Paper published with this notice.

The objective of the consultation is to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to have input into the development of the structure of Participant fees to apply to gas markets, Pipeline Capacity Trading, and East Coast Gas System Reform Program from 1 July 2024. This consultation applies to the structure of fees including the Registered Participants (and relevant entity in the case of ECGS fees) that will be charged the fee. The consultation process will also determine the period over which recovery will occur.

Therefore, stakeholders should not make a submission to this consultation that relates to the actual amount charged. This matter will be determined through AEMO's annual budgeting process.

### The Consultation Process

The consultation process is outlined below. Dates are indicative only and subject to change.

| Process stage   | Indicative date          |
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| <b>Closing date for submissions in response to this Notice and Consultation Paper</b> | Friday 25 August 2023    |
| <b>Publication of Draft Report and Determination</b>                                  | Friday 22 September 2023 |
| <b>Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report</b>                   | Friday 13 October 2023   |
| <b>Publication of Final Report and Determination</b>                                  | Friday 10 November 2023  |

Subject to stakeholder feedback additional stages may be included as part of the consultation process.

### 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 gas objective in section 23 of the National Gas 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 [reformdevelopmentandinsights@aemo.com.au](mailto:reformdevelopmentandinsights@aemo.com.au), to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (AEST) on 25 August 2023.

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.