

NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

AMENDMENT OF THE MARKET ANCILLARY SERVICE SPECIFICATION (MASS)

Date of Notice: 25 January 2017

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on amendments to the Market Ancillary Service Specification (**MASS**).

This consultation is being conducted under clauses 3.11.2 (c), and (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 consultation considers:

- Any amendments required to implement the Ancillary Services Unbundling Rule Change.
- Articulate the principles underlying the market ancillary service specification.
- Identify and where possible address any barriers to entry for new Market Ancillary Service Providers.
- Better define the services required in terms of what is needed for system security.
- Better describe the principles for verifying the performance of plant.
- Provide more flexibility in allocating of switching controller settings, particularly for aggregated units.

Further details are provided in the Issues Paper published with this notice.

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	10 March 2017
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	26 April 2017
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	19 May 2017
Publication of Final Report and Determination	30 June 2017

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 rob.jackson@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on 10 March 2017.

All submissions must be forwarded in electronic format (both pdf and Word). Please send any queries about this consultation to the same email address.

AEMO may consider late submissions but is not required to do so. 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 content that AEMO deems to be confidential.