

WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY MARKET

PROCEDURE CHANGE REPORT: AEPC_2018_06

POWER SYSTEM OPERATION PROCEDURE:
COMMISSIONING TESTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose

The publication of this Procedure Change Report and accompanying Power System Operation Procedure commences the Procedure Change Process conducted by AEMO to consider a proposed revised Power System Operation Procedure: Commissioning Tests (Procedure) under the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (WEM Rules).

Proposed amendments

The revised Procedure is required by clause 3.21A.15 of the WEM Rules, which requires AEMO to detail the processes to be followed by:

- (a) AEMO in scheduling and approving Commissioning Tests; and
- (b) AEMO and Market Participants in planning and conducting Commissioning Tests.

Consultation

Draft versions of the Procedure were presented at the WEM AEMO Procedure Change Working Group (WEM APCWG) meetings held on:

- 20 April 2018, during which major changes were recommended by stakeholders; and
- 16 January 2019, during which minor changes were recommended by stakeholders.

In addition, a revised methodology was presented at a workshop held on 22 May 2018, during which minor changes to the draft Market Procedure were recommended by stakeholders.

Details of these forums are available at: <http://aemo.com.au/Stakeholder-Consultation/Industry-forums-and-working-groups/WA-Forums/WEM-APCWG>.

AEMO published the Procedure Change Proposal (AEPC_2018_06) on the Market Web Site and issued a notice calling for submissions from stakeholders on 22 February 2019.

The submission period closed on 25 March 2019, with no submissions received. Alinta Energy provided informal comments.

AEMO's decision

AEMO's decision is to accept the Procedure, as amended, following the consultation period. AEMO considers that the revised Procedure is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives, the *Electricity Industry Act*, the *Electricity Industry (Wholesale Electricity Market) Regulations 2004*, and the WEM Rules.

Next steps

The revised Power System Operation Procedure: Commissioning Tests will commence at 8:00 am on 1 June 2019.



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1. BACKGROUND

1.1. Regulatory requirements

Clause 3.21A.15 of the WEM Rules provides that System Management must document the procedure it follows in scheduling and approving Commissioning Tests in the Procedure, and System Management and Market Participants must follow that documented Market Procedure when planning and conducting Commissioning Tests.

1.2. Context for this consultation

As part of the amalgamation of System Management and AEMO, the Power System Operation Procedures are being revised and updated. In general, AEMO is revising the Market Procedures to:

- (a) remove any Power System Operation Procedures not required by WEM Rules;
- (b) update all Power System Operation Procedures to current AEMO standards;
- (c) ensure Power System Operation Procedures comply with obligations; and
- (d) ensure content in Market Procedures is included where a WEM Rule requirement exists to include detail or process or AEMO requires an obligation on itself or Participants.

The Power System Operation Procedure will be the sixth version of this Procedure. AEMO proposes to commence the revised Procedure on 1 June 2019.

1.3. Procedure Change Process and timetable

On 22 February 2019, AEMO published a Procedure Change Proposal (AEPC_2018_06) for the Power System Operation Procedure: Commissioning Tests and issued a call for submissions, which are available at http://www.aemo.com.au/Stakeholder-Consultation/Consultations/AEPC_2018_06.

The proposal was progressed using the Procedure Change Process specified in clause 2.10 of the WEM Rules, with submissions required by 25 March 2019.

2. PROPOSED PROCEDURE CHANGE

This section details the changes that AEMO proposed when the call for submissions was published.

2.1. Detail of the proposed procedure change

Among numerous editorial changes, AEMO proposed that Participants may submit to AEMO multiple test scenarios in a Commissioning Test Plan.

2.2. Proposed drafting

AEMO published a draft of the proposed Power System Operations Procedure: Commissioning Tests for consultation, which is available at: http://www.aemo.com.au/Stakeholder-Consultation/Consultations/AEPC_2018_06. AEMO also provided a marked-up version of the revised Procedure.



3. CONSULTATION PROCESS

3.1. Market Advisory Committee or Working Group

The Market Advisory Committee (MAC) has delegated its advisory role with respect to AEMO Procedure Change Proposals to the AEMO Procedure Change Working Group (APCWG), in accordance with clause 2.3.17(a) of the WEM Rules. Accordingly, the MAC did not review the Procedure Change Proposal.

Draft versions of the Procedure were presented at the WEM AEMO Procedure Change Working Group (WEM APCWG) meetings held on:

- 20 April 2018, during which major changes were recommended by stakeholders; and
- 16 January 2019, during which minor changes were recommended by stakeholders.

AEMO notified the MAC once the Procedure Change Proposal was published and noted that the Rule Change Panel would convene a meeting of the MAC should two or more members request it in accordance with clause 2.10.9 of the WEM Rules.

3.2. Public workshop

A revised methodology was presented at a workshop held on 22 May 2018, during which minor changes to the draft Procedure were recommended by stakeholders. Details of this workshop are available at: <http://aemo.com.au/Stakeholder-Consultation/Industry-forums-and-working-groups/WA-Forums/WEM-APCWG>.

3.3. Submissions received during consultation period

AEMO published the Procedure Change Proposal (AEPC_2018_06) and issued a notice calling for submissions on 22 February 2019.

The submission period closed on 25 March 2019, with only informal feedback received from Alinta Energy suggesting the following changes to step 2.4.2 of the Procedure:

- The reference to step 2.2.6 should be to 2.2.5.
- The reference to clause 7A.2.10 of the WEM Rules should also be to clauses 7A.2.3 and 7A.2.8 of the WEM Rules.

AEMO concurs with these suggestions, and has amended the Procedure accordingly.

4. AEMO'S ASSESSMENT

4.1. Further changes to the Procedure

Other than editorial matters, AEMO has not made any further changes to the Procedure.

4.2. Consistency with Electricity Industry Act, WEM Regulations, and WEM Rules

The revised Procedure has been reviewed as a whole by AEMO to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions in the:

- *Electricity Industry Act 2004*.
- *Electricity Industry (Wholesale Electricity Market) Regulations 2004* (WEM Regulations).
- WEM Rules.



4.3. Consistency with Wholesale Market Objectives

AEMO considers that the steps are drafted in a way that is consistent with the objectives of the WEM Rules. As a result, AEMO considers that the revised Procedure, as a whole, is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.

4.4. Implementation of the Procedure

The Procedure was developed in accordance with clause 3.21A.15 of the WEM Rules.

This Procedure does not require system changes by AEMO.

The Procedure will not require Rule Participants to implement any procedural or system amendments before commencement.

Consequently, AEMO considers that commencement at 8:00 AM on 1 June 2019 will allow Rule Participants sufficient time from the date of publication of this Procedure Change Report to ensure compliance.

4.5. AEMO's decision and commencement

AEMO's decision is to accept the Procedure, as amended, following the consultation period. The new Power System Operation Procedure: Commissioning Tests will commence at 8:00 AM on 1 June 2019.

AEMO has made this decision on the basis that the new Procedure:

- Is consistent with the Wholesale Market Objectives.
- Is consistent with the Electricity Industry Act, WEM Regulations, and WEM Rules.
- Has the general support of submissions received during the consultation period.

The new Power System Operation Procedure: Commissioning Tests is available at: http://www.aemo.com.au/Stakeholder-Consultation/Consultations/AEPC_2018_06.