

National Electricity Market (NEM) - Notice of Second Stage of Consultation - MSATS Procedures Version 3.9

Market Settlement and Transfer Solution (MSATS) Procedures:

- **Consumer Administration and Transfer Solution (CATS) Procedure Principles and Obligations**
- **Procedure for the Management of Wholesale, Interconnector, Generator and Sample (WIGS) NMIs**

This Notice was issued on 21 October 2013 and informs all NEM Registered Participants, Metering Service Providers, Intending Participants and interested parties that AEMO has released the next phase in this consultation process. The consultation is being conducted under Clause 7.2.8 of the National Electricity Rules (the Rules) in accordance with the consultation procedures in clause 8.9 of the Rules.

1. Background and Scope

The Tasmanian Government requested changes to the MSATS Procedures to implement the following requirement:

- **QC 853 – MSATS CHANGE FOR TASMANIAN FRC**

This change will provide a mechanism to enable churn restrictions for small residential sites within Tasmania.

Within the initial months of Full Retailer Contestability, it is the intention of the Tasmanian Government to limit the number of transfers in the initial months to allow end-consumers the opportunity to adapt to the change in market conditions. The proposed changes will be temporary until such time that the Tasmanian Government determines that the market has settled in line with the reforms, and will initiate the removal of these changes accordingly. The Tasmanian Government has indicated that this transitional period will last no more than 12 months.

AEMO released the initial stage of consultation for the proposed change on 16 August 2013. On 26 September 2013, the Tasmanian Government announced that it was suspending the sale of Aurora Energy's retail business. As a result, AEMO notes there will be no requirement for this change to the MSATS Procedures in the near future. Accordingly, AEMO proposes not to make the changes resulting from QC853 and the other minor matters relating to this consultation at this time.

To comply with the Rules consultation procedures in clause 8.9 of the Rules, AEMO is required to continue with the consultation process as outlined below.

2. Consultation Process

Although AEMO proposes to not make the changes, it is still required to consult on its draft determination that there will be no amendments made to MSATS Procedures Version 3.8. The following proposed consultation dates will still apply:

| Process | Date |
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| Closing date for submissions received in response to this Notice of Second Stage of Consultation | 06/11/2013 |
| Publication of the final determination | Currently, proposed date is 20/12/2013 |
| Proposed Effective Date of the MSATS Procedures 3.9 | Based on AEMO's draft determination, there will be no effective date for this consultation. |

3. Objectives of the consultation

The objectives of the consultation are:

- i. to provide Registered Participants, Metering Service Providers, Intending Participants and interested parties with the opportunity to be involved in the development of MSATS Procedures: CATS Procedure and WIGS Procedure; and
- ii. to ensure that Registered Participants, Metering Service Providers, Intending Participants and interested parties are properly informed about the proposed and the final outcome.

4. Invitation to make submissions

AEMO invites written submissions on the provided document: **MSATS Procedures: MSATS Procedures 3.9 Change Pack – Draft Determination.**

Please identify any information in your submission that you consider to be confidential. AEMO may require you to give reasons as to why you regard information as confidential. AEMO reserves the right to publish material that it does not consider confidential. Material identified as confidential may be accorded less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published and withstands challenge and exposure to the market.

5. Closing date for submissions

Submissions in response to this Notice should reach AEMO by **5:00pm on 6 November 2013**. AEMO has the discretion to consider late submissions. Any late submission should explain:

- i. The reason for the lateness; and
- ii. The detriment to your organisation if AEMO fails to consider your submission.

6. Meetings

In your written submission you may request a meeting in connection with the matter under consultation and, if so, you must specify the reasons why such a meeting is considered necessary or desirable.

Please note that details of matters discussed at a meeting may be made available to other consulted parties.

7. Further Information

The following lists the documents used for this consultation:

| Document Name |
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| Notice of Rules Consultation - MSATS Procedures 3.9 |
| MSATS Procedures 3.9 - Change Pack –Draft Determination.doc |

8. Contact details

AEMO requests that submissions be forwarded in electronic format utilising the Participant response pack provided as they need to be published on the AEMO website. Please send all e-mail submissions to the Enhancements Team at: enhancements@aemo.com.au

Alternatively, you may post submissions to:

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