



Guidance notes for membership application

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1 Important Notice

1.1 Purpose

AEMO has prepared this document to provide information about information about applying to be admitted as a Member of Australian Energy Market Operator Limited (AEMO), as at the date of publication.

Applications for admission as a Member are subject to the Constitution. The Constitution is available on AEMO's website. Please read this document carefully before submitting your application. Capitalised terms not defined elsewhere in this document have the meaning set out in AEMO's Constitution.

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2 General

AEMO has two classes of Members: Government Members and Industry Members.

Specific Membership Eligibility Criteria and separate application forms apply for each class of Member.

Please review the Membership Eligibility Criteria for the applicable class of Member (as described in item 2 below) before submitting your application for admission as a Member of AEMO.

3 Membership Eligibility Criteria

The Constitution defines the Membership Eligibility Criteria that applies to admission as a Government Member or Industry Member of AEMO.

3.1 Government members

The Membership Eligibility Criteria for admission as a Government Member of AEMO is:

- the applicant is the Crown in the right of the Commonwealth of Australia, a State of Australia, the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory; and
- the applicant has conferred on AEMO at least one function relating to the objects of AEMO.

3.2 Industry members

The Membership Eligibility Criteria for admission as an Industry Member of AEMO is:

- a person who is registered with AEMO pursuant to a requirement or entitlement in a statute or legislative instrument (or in an agreement or rules contemplated by statute or legislative instrument), as a participant in an energy market or information service that AEMO operates.

Examples of persons eligible for membership are included in Attachment 1 to these guidance notes.

4 Application process

An applicant who meets the Membership Eligibility Criteria for the relevant class must complete and submit the application form relevant applicable to that class of Member as follows:

- for applicants seeking to be admitted as a Government Member, please complete all sections of the Application for Government Membership form (available on AEMO's website); or
- for applicants seeking to be admitted as an Industry Member, please complete all sections of the Application for Industry Membership form (available on AEMO's website).

By completing an application form, the Constitution provides that an applicant agrees to be bound by the Constitution of AEMO and any other rules, by-laws, policies or other standards prescribed by the Directors of AEMO from time to time.

The completed application form must be submitted to the Company Secretary of AEMO at the address specified in the application form.

The Directors:

- may admit as an Industry Member any person who meets the Membership Eligibility Criteria for an Industry Member and agrees to be bound by the Constitution and any other rules, by-laws, policies or other standards prescribed by the Directors from time to time; and
- must admit as a Government Member a person who meets the Membership Eligibility Criteria for a Government Member and agrees to be bound by the Constitution and any other rules, by-laws, policies or other standards prescribed by the Directors from time to time.

Please note that submitting a completed application form for admission as an Industry Member does not mean that the application will be successful. A person is only admitted as a Member when an application is accepted by the Directors of AEMO.

Upon receipt of a completed application form for admission as an Industry Member, the Directors of AEMO will consider the application and resolve whether to accept or reject the application for admission as an Industry Member. AEMO will notify an applicant if its application was successful or within a reasonable time after making a decision.

No Membership fees are currently payable for any application for membership in AEMO.

For further details on the application process, please contact the Company Secretary via email [AEMO Board.Secretariat@aemo.com.au](mailto:AEMO.Board.Secretariat@aemo.com.au).

5 Liability

While there are no Membership fees currently payable, Members must agree to provide an undertaking to contribute an amount not exceeding \$1.00 in the event of winding up.

Attachment 1

Examples that meet the Membership Eligibility Criteria for an Industry Member

1. 'Registered Participant' within the meaning of section 2 of the National Electricity Law

A 'Registered Participant' is a person registered as a registered participant by AEMO under the National Electricity Law or National Electricity Rules.

2. 'Registered Participant' within the meaning of section 2 of the National Gas Law

A 'Registered Participant' is a person registered as a 'registered participant' by AEMO under the National Gas Law (section 91BJ or section 91LB) and the National Gas Rules.

3. 'Service Provider' within the meaning of section 2 of the National Gas Law

A 'Service Provider' is a person who:

- owns, controls or operates
- intends to own, control or operate,

a pipeline or scheme pipeline, or any part of a pipeline or scheme pipeline (excluding a gas market operator that controls or operates (with or without at the same time owning) a pipeline or scheme pipeline or part of a pipeline or scheme pipeline).

4. Persons required to provide information to the Bulletin Board operator

Persons required to give information to the Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board operator are:

- a service provider;
- a user;
- a non scheme pipeline user;
- a producer;
- a storage provider; or
- other persons prescribed by regulation for the purposes of section 223 of the National Gas Law.

5. Participants in the Western Australian Wholesale Energy Market and gas services.