



# WEM Procedure: Verification of Dispatch Inflexibility

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Purpose and scope

- 1.1.1. This WEM Procedure: Verification of Dispatch Inflexibility (Procedure) is made in accordance with AEMO's functions under clause 2.1A.2(h) of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (WEM Rules).
- 1.1.2. The *Electricity Industry Act 2004*, the WEM Regulations and the WEM Rules prevail over this Procedure to the extent of any inconsistency.
- 1.1.3. In this Procedure, where obligations are conferred on a Rule Participant, that Rule Participant must comply with the relevant obligations in accordance with clause 2.9.7A, 2.9.7D or 2.9.8, as applicable.
- 1.1.4. The purpose of this Procedure is to document the forms of independent verification to be used to support a reason given under clause 7.6.31(b) **[clause 7.6.33]**.
- 1.1.5. Appendix A of this Procedure outlines the head of power clauses that this Procedure is made under, as well as other obligations in the WEM Rules covered by this Procedure.

## 1.2. Definitions

- 1.2.1. Terms defined in the *Electricity Industry Act 2004*, the WEM Regulations and the WEM Rules have the same meanings in this Procedure unless the context requires otherwise.

## 1.3. Interpretation

- 1.3.1. The following principles of interpretation apply in this Procedure unless the context requires otherwise.
  - (a) Clauses 1.3 to 1.5 of the WEM Rules apply in this Procedure.
  - (b) References to time are references to Australian Western Standard Time.
  - (c) Terms that are capitalised, but not defined in this Procedure, have the meaning given in the WEM Rules.
  - (d) A reference to the WEM Rules or WEM Procedures includes any associated forms required or contemplated by the WEM Rules or WEM Procedures.
  - (e) Words expressed in the singular include the plural and vice versa.
  - (f) A reference to a paragraph refers to a paragraph of this Procedure.
  - (g) A reference to an appendix refers to an appendix of this Procedure.
  - (h) A reference to a clause refers to a clause or section of the WEM Rules.
  - (i) References to WEM Rules in this Procedure in bold and square brackets **[Clause XXX]** are included for convenience only, and do not form part of this Procedure.
  - (j) Text located in boxes and headed as **E[X]** in this Procedure is included by way of explanation only and does not form part of this Procedure. The Procedure prevails to the extent of any inconsistency with the explanatory notes contained within it.

- (k) The body of this Procedure prevails to the extent of any inconsistency with the figures, diagrams, appendices, schedules, annexures or attachments contained within this document.

## 2. Occurrences of Inflexibility

- 2.1.1. If clause 7.6.31 applies to a Market Participant for any future Dispatch Interval, that Market Participant must immediately amend its Real-Time Market Submission to inform AEMO of the Inflexibility [**clause 7.6.31(a)**], and provide the following details to AEMO:
  - (a) the Registered Facility and Dispatch Interval when the Registered Facility is Inflexible;
  - (b) when the Market Participant first became aware of the Inflexibility;
  - (c) the physical, operational or other reason for the Inflexibility which is able to be independently verified; and
  - (d) the time the Inflexibility will cease, if known.
- 2.1.2. For the purposes of paragraph 2.1.1(c), examples of the types of information a Market Participant may provide to enable the Inflexibility to be independently verified include:
  - (a) a detailed report explaining the sequence of events that led to the Inflexibility;
  - (b) documentation or correspondence from the manufacturers, maintainers, or operators of the relevant equipment;
  - (c) documentation or correspondence from a Network Operator or AEMO, where the Inflexibility relates to a Network or communication issue; and
  - (d) operational data recordings with accompanying explanations as to their meaning and likely causes.
- 2.1.3. A Market Participant is not required to act under paragraph 2.1.1 where the Inflexibility of a Registered Facility is represented as a Dispatch Inflexibility Profile, and the Dispatch Inflexibility Profile reflects normal operational behaviour of the Registered Facility.
- 2.1.4. AEMO will publish on the WEM Website an email address to receive additional information under paragraph 2.1.5. if required.
- 2.1.5. If the information required to be provided by a Market Participant under paragraph 2.1.1 is too long to be provided in an amended Real-Time Market Submission, then that information must be provided to the email address published under paragraph 2.1.4 and the Real-Time Market Submission amended to refer to the e-mail providing this information (Explanatory Email).
- 2.1.6. Following receipt of an amended Real-time Market Submission (and Explanatory Email, if applicable) from a Market Participant under paragraph 2.1.1, AEMO may request further information from that Market Participant about why the Registered Facility is Inflexible and will state, in that request, the date and time by which the Market Participant must provide the further information.
- 2.1.7. A Market Participant must respond to any request for further information from AEMO, under paragraph 2.1.6 by the date and time specified in the request, unless otherwise agreed with AEMO.

## Appendix A. Relevant clauses of the WEM Rules

Table 1 details:

- (a) the head of power clauses in the WEM Rules under which the Procedure has been developed; and
- (b) each clause in the WEM Rules requiring an obligation, process or requirement be documented in a WEM Procedure, where the obligation, process or requirement has been documented in this Procedure.

**Table 1 Relevant clauses of the WEM Rules**

Clause
7.6.33
7.6.31(b)