

# 1. NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

## 1.1. Declared NEM Project – 5MS Program

Date of Notice: 22 July 2019

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (Consulted Persons) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on determination of the 5MS Program as a declared NEM project.

This consultation is being conducted under clause 2.11 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 matter for consultation is determination of the 5MS Program as a declared NEM project. Further details are provided in the Consultation Paper published with this notice.

Stakeholders should note that this consultation relates only to determining whether the 5MS Program should be determined to be a declared NEM project, and, if it is determined to be a declared NEM project, the actual fee structure for recovery of the costs of the project including the Registered Participants that will be charged the fees will be determined in a separate consultation.

Therefore, stakeholders should not make submission to this consultation that relate to the actual fee structure for recovery of the costs of the project or the Registered Participants that should or should not be charged the fees.

### The Consultation Process

The consultation process is outlined below. Dates are indicative only and subject to change.

PROCESS STAGE	INDICATIVE DATE
5MS Program Consultation Forum Presentation	8 August 2019
Closing date for submissions in response to this Notice and Consultation Paper	27 August 2019
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	24 September 2019
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	9 October 2019
Publication of Final Report and Determination	20 November 2019

## 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 [5ms@aemo.com.au](mailto:5ms@aemo.com.au), to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on 27 August 2019.

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

Submissions received after the closing date and time will not be valid, and AEMO is not obliged to consider them. 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 confidential content.