

## NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Forecasting Best Practice Consultation Procedures.

### Demand Side Participation Forecast Methodology

Date of Notice: 26 February 2020

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on its methodology to forecast Demand Side Participation (DSP).

This consultation is being conducted as outlined in AEMO's Interim Reliability Forecast Guidelines in accordance with the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) Forecasting Best Practice Consultation Procedures<sup>1</sup>.

#### Matter under Consultation

The matter for consultation is AEMO's methodology to forecast DSP as used in a number of AEMO's reliability and planning publications. This is one of several fundamental methodologies outlined in AEMO's Interim Reliability Forecast Guidelines, which must be consulted on at least every four years. Further details are provided in the Issues Paper published with this notice.

#### The Consultation Process

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

PROCESS STAGE	INDICATIVE DATE
Closing date for submissions in response to this Notice and Issues Paper	27 March 2020
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	28 April 2020
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	29 May 2020
Publication of Final Report and Determination	10 July 2020

#### 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.

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix A of AER's Interim Forecasting Best Practice Guidelines available at: <https://www.aer.gov.au/system/files/AER%20-%20Final%20Determination%20-%20Interim%20Forecasting%20Best%20Practice%20Guidelines%20-%20September%202019.pdf>

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 [energy.forecasting@aemo.com.au](mailto:energy.forecasting@aemo.com.au), to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on Friday 27 March 2020.

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.