

Applicant Capability Declaration

Applicant Name:	
Applicant ABN:	
<i>NEM</i> Region:	

As a duly authorised representative of the Applicant, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the following statements:

1. *AEMO* relies on timely and accurate information and responses from all *Registered Participants* in line with their obligations under the *National Electricity Rules (NER)*. Failure to do this can cause power system security breaches, reliability issues and significant additional costs for the market.

2. The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) monitors and enforces compliance with the *NER* and *AEMO* may report identified or suspected non-conformance to the AER. The AER has prepared a checklist¹ for participants to check their preparations against the identified *NER* obligations. Please refer to this checklist, to ensure the Applicant is familiar with, and prepared to meet, the key *NER* obligations before registration and commissioning.²

3. The Applicant will be expected to have the technical and operational capabilities required of *Network Service Providers* to meet the *NER* obligations, including:
 - Complying with the *Network Service Provider's* obligations in relation to its network to co-operate with and assist *AEMO* in the proper discharge of *AEMO* power system security responsibilities (*NER* 4.3.4(a)),
 - Planning and operating its transmission system in accordance with the power system stability guidelines (*NER* 4.3.4(g)),
 - Providing information to *AEMO* as requested to assist investigation of power system operating incidents (*NER* 4.8.15(g)), and
 - Providing and maintaining the primary and backup communications for control and monitoring of the network in accordance with the *Power System Data Communications Standard (NER* 4.11.2(a)).

4. The operation of the *NEM* power system requires participants to have robust communication mechanisms and 24-hour operational response capabilities in place prior to commissioning.
 - Refer to *Section 3.3.3* of the *Network Service Provider Application Guide* which requires 24/7 operational contacts to be supplied to *AEMO*.
 - *NER* 4.11.3 requires all *Network Service Providers* to:
 - nominate control room contacts, authorised personnel who will receive and act on operational communications,

¹ Australian Energy Regulator, *NEM Summer Readiness Checklist - Quarterly Compliance Report – 28 November 2022* <<https://www.aer.gov.au/publications/reports/compliance/nem-readiness-guide-and-checklist>>

² Note the checklist is for guidance only and is not an exhaustive list of obligations on Network Service Providers.

- maintain up-to-date contact details of nominated operational personnel with *AEMO*,
 - provide two independent telephone systems for each nominated operational personnel and the contact details for the control centre (mobile phone numbers are not acceptable),
 - maintain both independent telephone systems in good repair and investigate communication faults within 4 hours, and
 - establish and maintain a form of electronic mail facility as approved by *AEMO*.
5. This document is not an exhaustive list of obligations but identifies the general capabilities Applicants require to meet *NER* obligations. Each registered *Network Service Provider* is responsible for maintaining current awareness of regulatory obligations and ensuring compliance.

I declare that the Applicant has established all necessary capabilities prior to registration and commissioning, and will maintain while registered, all necessary capabilities for compliance with the *NER* as a *Network Service Provider* in the NEM. I also understand that failure to meet *NER* obligations may result in enforcement action by the AER.

.....
(insert name)

.....
(insert title)

.....
Signature

.....
Date