

NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

SYSTEM RESTART ANCILLARY SERVICES (SRAS) GUIDELINE

Date of Notice: 1 June 2017

This notice informs all Registered Participants and all other interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on the SRAS Guideline, electrical sub-network boundaries and NSCAS tender guidelines.

This consultation is conducted under clauses 3.11.7(f), 3.11.8 and 3.11.5, in accordance with the Rules consultation procedures in rule 8.9 of the National Electricity Rules (**NER**).

SRAS Guideline

The NER were amended from 1 July 2015, following which the AEMC Reliability Panel reviewed the system restart standard (SRS). In December 2016, the Reliability Panel published a revised system restart standard, to take effect from 1 July 2018.

AEMO is now consulting on a new SRAS Guideline as required by the NER, with the objective of meeting the SRS at the lowest cost. This is AEMO's **SRAS Procurement Objective** under clause 3.11.7(a1) of the NER.

Electrical sub-network boundaries

AEMO is also reviewing and consulting on the boundaries of the electrical sub-networks determined for the purpose of acquiring SRAS and implementing the system restart plan. The electrical sub-networks will be specified in the SRAS Guideline document.

Any changes to the SRAS Guideline and electrical sub-network boundaries arising from this consultation will apply to the procurement of SRAS to commence on or after 1 July 2018.

NSCAS tender guidelines

AEMO is also proposing to re-issue the NSCAS Tender Guidelines, with only minor updates from the existing version.

The Consultation Process

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

Process Stage	INDICATIVE Date
SRAS stakeholder forum	23 June 2017
Closing date for submissions in response to this Notice and Issues Paper	11 July 2017
Publication of Draft Report and Determination	8 August 2017
Closing date for submissions in response to the Draft Report	7 September 2017
Publication of Final Report and Determination	23 October 2017

Invitation to make submissions

AEMO invites written submissions from Consulted Persons on any aspect of the proposed SRAS Guideline, electrical sub-network boundaries and NSCAS Tender Guidelines by the closing date specified in this notice. In particular, AEMO seeks feedback on its proposed approach to the following matters:

- Technical and reliability requirements for individual SRAS.
- The proposed process for modelling, assessment and testing of the capability of individual proposed SRAS, including proposed assumptions about the state of the transmission network.
- The proposed process for meeting the aggregate required reliability of SRAS for each electrical sub-network.
- How AEMO proposes to determine the number and location of SRAS with the capability to meet the SRS for each electrical sub-network.
- How AEMO proposes to determine an appropriate procurement option (competitive tender or selective negotiation), and the description of each process.
- The proposed process for Generators to register their interest in providing new SRAS capability.
- The proposed electrical sub-network boundaries.

More detail is provided in the Issues Paper published with this notice.

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

AEMO intends to hold a forum on 23 June 2017 to outline its proposals and facilitate initial discussion.

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 SRAS2018@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on 11 July 2017.

All submissions must be forwarded in electronic format (machine-readable PDF or 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.