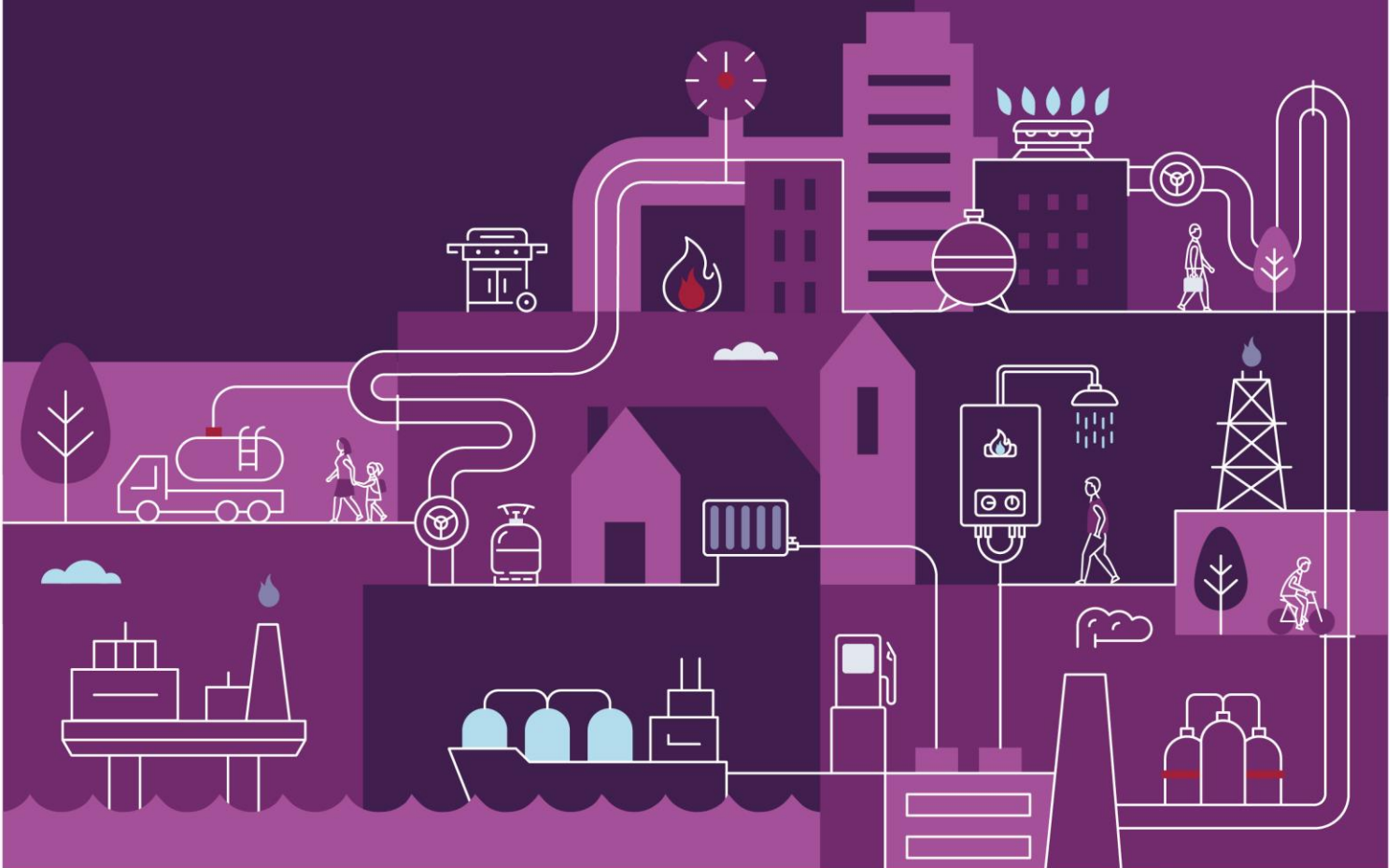


National Transmission Planner fees

1 JULY 2025 – 30 JUNE 2026

15 February 2025



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Background

The [National Electricity Rules](#) (NER) set out a national framework for transmission and distribution network planning and expansion. The NER requires AEMO to act as the National Transmission Planner (NTP) for the National Electricity Market (NEM).

The NER enable AEMO to recover the costs of performing its NTP function from the Coordinating Network Service Providers (CNSPs) (a CNSP is usually the Transmission Network Service Provider, except where a region has more than one TNSP).

NTP fees are calculated and apportioned using the gigawatt hours (GWh) consumed in a region in the prior financial year as a proportion of the GWh consumed in all regions in that financial year. AEMO is required to publish these costs by 15 February each year.

The value provided by AEMO as national transmission planner

In its role as the national transmission planner, AEMO supports the realisation of Australia's net zero future. We do this by undertaking the forecasting, modelling and planning required to support the energy industry and government to make cost-effective and coordinated energy investment that delivers energy to consumers at least cost. AEMO's NTP functions provide the following value to industry, government and consumers:

- **Forecasting and scenario modelling:** insights into future energy needs, system risks, and investment opportunities through forecasting and scenario analysis. This includes modelling supply, demand, and grid capacity to ensure the system is resilient to future uncertainties, and to provide actionable insights to jurisdictions, investors, and market participants.
- **Identifying system security needs:** AEMO studies emerging transmission planning risks across the NEM to identify needs and coordinate an effective industry response. This can take the form of new network services, improved operating strategies, or advice to inform policy and regulatory decisions.
- **Regulatory review and alignment:** AEMO's transmission planning activities inherently monitor the effectiveness of the underlying NER and processes, allowing AEMO to pre-emptively manage any planning shortfalls, and to identify and advocate for regulatory and rule changes to better reflect the needs of Australia's future energy system.
- **Joint planning coordination:** AEMO works with state governments, regulators, and network service providers across jurisdictional boundaries to align local and national transmission planning activities. This supports coordinated outcomes that reduce duplication and allows for optimised policy and investment decisions.
- **Data collation and consultation:** AEMO prepares and publishes a range of valuable supporting datasets that informs cost-effective transmission investment and policy decisions and which is reliable, transparent and accessible.

This work culminates in a suite of plans and reports that AEMO produces for use by industry, government, and consumers. Chief of these is AEMO's biennial flagship [Integrated System Plan](#) (ISP), which provides a whole-of-system blueprint for developing future energy infrastructure, identifying the most cost-effective approach to meet

system needs over time, and triggering investment in strategic transmission infrastructure that is robust, justified, and coordinated.

FY26 revenue requirement and fees

AEMO’s revenue requirement for performing its NTP role in FY26 is \$35.2 million, which is an increase from \$30.4 million in FY25. This increase reflects:

- the estimated costs of the work required to develop the 2026 ISP, which has an expanded scope, as [endorsed by the Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council \(ECMC\)](#) in March 2024
- recovery of some costs incurred by AEMO in FY25 for preparing the 2026 ISP, which were not recovered in FY25 . AEMO’s obligation to publish NTP fees by 15 February preceded the conclusion of the ECMC’s response to the ISP review and, to ensure AEMO did not charge more than needed, AEMO included only a portion of the fees for the potential scope in FY25, pending the conclusion of the review
- the estimated costs of meeting new Australian Energy Market Commission rules ([rule ERC0395](#) and [rule ERC0396](#)) in the development of the ISP, including integration of the impact of gas supply on electricity requirements and improving consideration of demand-side factors that can influence the identification of the optimal development pathway.
- additional costs for preparing the new annual Enhanced Locational Information report, a deliverable of an ECMC requirement to provide participants in the NEM with better information on the optimal location for new investments to inform decisions about where to locate projects in the NEM.

Digital costs, labour costs (including a proportion of central support function roles) and consulting costs are also included. Wage and consumer price index increases have been applied to these costs.

Table 1 outlines the revenue requirement for each Transmission Network Service Provider from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Table 1. FY26 NTP fees for CNSPs

Coordinating Network Service Provider	Region	% allocation of charge*	FY26 fees (\$) (GST exclusive)	FY26 monthly fees (\$) (GST exclusive)
Transgrid	NSW	36%	12,785,818	1,065,485
Powerlink	QLD	29%	10,379,419	864,952
ElectraNet	SA	6%	2,196,183	183,015
TasNetworks	TAS	6%	2,058,534	171,544
AEMO (Vic TNSP)	VIC	22%	7,780,662	648,389
	Total	100%	35,200,617	2,933,385

* Calculated using the gigawatt hours (GWh) consumed in a region in the prior financial year as a proportion of the GWh consumed in all regions in that financial year.