

Notice to all Participants,

12 June 2012

Notice to Participants on effective date of amendments to Retail Market Procedures associated with the implementation of the National Energy Customer Framework

On 1 February 2012, AEMO advised Gas Market Registered Participants that AEMO approved amendments to:

- a. Retail Market Procedures (Victoria)
- b. Retail Market Procedures (South Australia)
- c. Retail Market Procedures (Queensland)
- d. Retail Market Procedures (NSW/ ACT)
- e. Gas Interface Protocol
- f. Participant Build Pack 1 – Process Flow Table of Transactions
- g. Participant Build Pack 1 – CSV Data Format Specifications
- h. Queensland Gas Interface Protocol
- i. Specification Pack Usage Guidelines
- j. FRC B2B System Interface Definitions

And on 25 May 2012, AEMO advised Gas Market Registered Participants that AEMO approved amendments to:

- a. Retail Market Procedures (Queensland)
- b. Retail Market Procedures (South Australia)
- c. FRC B2B System Interface Definitions
- d. Participant Build Pack 4 – Queensland Specific Build Pack

The above advice advised that the approved amendment would come into effect immediately after the making of Retail Market Procedures by the South Australian Minister in accordance with section 294C of the National Gas Law (“Minister Amendments”).

AEMO notes:

- under section 294C(7) of the National Gas Law, the Minister Amendments will be made shortly before the first participating jurisdiction applies the National Energy Retail Law (“NERL”) as a law of that jurisdiction;
- there will not be a common start date across the above jurisdictions for the adoption of the NERL; and
- this means that the Minister Amendments will be made by 1 July 2012, but will not take effect in any participating jurisdiction until the adoption of the NERL in that jurisdiction.

AEMO therefore advises that the AEMO approved amendments to the Retail Market Procedures will take effect on the date and immediately after the time of commencement of the Minister Amendments in the relevant jurisdiction.

For clarity, AEMO advises Gas Market Registered Participants that until the NERL is adopted in a jurisdiction, the existing Retail Market Procedures will continue to apply in that jurisdiction, unless otherwise advised.