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BACKGROUND

Following on from various market events, facility operators have been requested to provide information to the STTM Market Participants when operational matters (such as abnormal operation of the facility or network) may impinge upon market outcomes. This information would be prepared by the facility operators and provided to AEMO who can release the information as a market notice.

The purpose in implementing this process is to ensure that consistent information is made available to market participants operating within the STTM so as to ensure symmetry of information and minimise any adverse market outcomes.

A recent example was the information provided by Jemena Gas Networks to market participants regarding expected changes in linepack in Sydney during April.

Feedback from trading participants indicated that the market notice was extremely helpful as it ensured consistent and transparent communications for all trading participants and ensured that the gas traders were aware of events which may impact their trading position.

The following provides a short summary of the process to provide that information to AEMO for release via the AEMO Market Notice process.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING NOTICE

It has been recommended that the facility operators whose assets are affected would take the lead in preparing and submitting the information for publication as a market notice. This is to ensure a consistent process and responsibility for communications.

COMMUNICATION PROCESS

The market Notice should comprise a short message and an attachment with futher information, (including relevant contact details). The message can be provided in advance of when the facility operator wishes the message to be issued.

The information should then be sent to AEMO Gas Operations.

The provider should then phone gas operations to confirm receipt.

AEMO will then prepare the information provided and issue it via a market notice to the trading participants at the relevant hub or hubs.

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FORMAT OF INFORMATION

Market Notices are a combination of a short message (120 characters - SMS text length) and an attachment.

Short Message Format

They should begin with a hub identifier and the initiating party (see Table 1 below) with the remainder of the message being concise but informative.

Please note that any attachments are not provided with the SMS. Participants need to log into the market systems to retrieve thse documents, therefore the short message must be informative as possible.

Table 1 - Hub Identifier and Initiating Party Abbreviations for Market Notices

Hub Identifier	■ STTM Adl	STTM Adelaide Hub
	■ STTM Bri	STTM Brisbane Hub
	■ STTM Syd	STTM Sydney Hub
Initiating party		
Networks	■ Env Ad MN	Envestra Adelaide Network
	■ Env Bri MN	Envestra Brisbane Network
	■ All Bri MN	APT Allgas Brisbane Network
	■ JGN MN	Jemena Gas Networks Sydney
Transmission	■ JEGP MN	Jemena Eastern Gas Pipelines
Pipelines	■ MSP MN	Moomba-Sydney Pipelines
	■ EPIC MN	Moomba-Adelaide Pipeline
	■ RBP MN	Roma-Brisbane Pipeline
	■ SEA MN	SEAgas Pipeline
Production	■ Cam MN	Camden Production facility

Examples of short message:

STTM Syd: JGN MN: Expected change in network linepack on Monday 16 April. See attachment for further details

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Additional Information from Facility Operators

Aditional information can be supplied to provide further details. This information should be either:

- a pdf via email; or
- an email containing the relevant details which will be turned into a pdf attachment.

Preferably, the additional information should contain as much information as possible, in particular any relevant quantities (eg changes in capacity) and contact details for the facility operator for further information.

The table below provides a guide to the additional information that could be provided and a possible format:

Table 2 - Example of additional supporting information

Type of Information	Details
Date of event	Monday 16 April
Duration of event	Duration 1 Day
Details of Event	APA intends to increase Wilton delivery pressure from approximately 3,000 kPa to 4,300 kPa
Anticipated effect of Event:	A relatively large change in linepack is expected to occur as the operating pressures are restored to normal levels. Indicatively a pressure increase from 3,000kPa to 4,300kPa at the Wilton Receipt Point on a single day, may see a positive change in linepack (and therefore increased market demand) of around 30 – 35TJ on that day
Affected Parties	Trading participants will need to consider network linepack changes when making bids and offers to the market as well as nominations
Contact for Further Information	J. Smith; (xx) 1234 5678 or e-mail j.smith@abcde.com.au

When providing the supporting information it could be provided as either as text or parties can use the table format provided above.

AEMO CONTACT DETAILS:

Messages for re-transmission as market notices should then be sent to AEMO gas operations below. The sender should confirm that AEMO gas operations has received the message.

e-mail: ops centre@aemo.com.au

Phone: (03) 9609 8256

A copy should also be sent to:

e-mail: sttmcf.correspondence@aemo.com.au