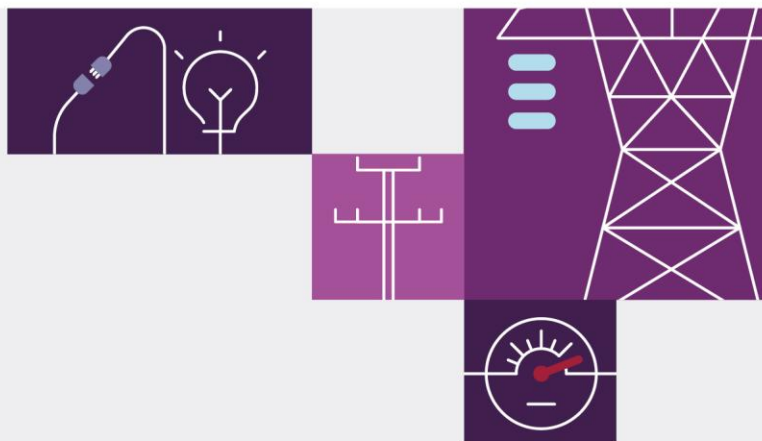


RCM 3.5 Release Notes

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

This release implements changes from the following amending rules:

- Wholesale Electricity Market Amendment (RCM Reviews Sequencing) Rules 2025
- Electricity System and Market Amendment (Tranche 9) Rules 2025

These release notes cover the changes to:

- RCM portal:
 - Removal of Verification Tests for Demand Side Programmes;
 - Creation of Reserve Capacity Testing display and scheduling functionality for Demand Side Programmes for Summer and Winter testing; and
 - Removal of Relevant Demand for Demand Side Programmes;

These changes are explained in further detail in Section 2.

1.2 Supporting documentation

The WEMS MPI User Guide for RCM has been updated for this release and is available on AEMO's website¹.

1.3 Version summary

The change in versions post-deployment of this release is summarised in Table 1. To view the current application version, navigate to **Help > About** in the Market Participant Interface (MPI).

Table 1 Version summary

Application	Current version	New version
RCM	3.4	3.5

1.4 Terms and abbreviations

The terms and abbreviations used in this document are outlined in Table 2.

Table 2 Terms and abbreviations

Abbreviation	Expanded name
DSP	Demand Side Programme
RCM	Reserve Capacity Mechanism

¹ Available at: <https://aemo.com.au/en/energy-systems/electricity/wholesale-electricity-market-wem/procedures-policies-and-guides/guides>.

2 RCM portal changes

2.1 RC Testing

2.1.1 Demand Side Programmes

From the 2026 Reserve Capacity Cycle, RC Testing for Demand Side Programmes are amended to:

- Remove Verification Tests and Detailed Reports;
- Add RC Testing for Summer and Winter;
- Add display of all Non-Zero Dispatch Events and assessment of whether Dispatch Events occurred prior to the deadline (31 January/31 July) to commence AEMO scheduled testing;
- Remove functionality relating to Capacity Credit reductions and pass/fail test outcomes;
- Add 'Request Test' button, available after a DSP Dispatch Event within the relevant period; and
- Add display of the period of a RC test, available after the test has been scheduled.

Within the existing RC Testing application, the following fields in Figure 1 will be visible for Registered DSPs with Capacity Credits.

Figure 1 Example Reserve Capacity Testing for a Demand Side Programme

Reserve Capacity Testing

01 October 2026 – 31 March 2027

01 April 2027 – 30 September 2027

Search

Market Participant

DSP Dispatch Event by 31 July? Yes

FACILITY_DSP_01

DSP

Non-Zero Dispatch Events

Start: 20/07/2027 17:30 End: 20/07/2027 18:00
Start: 02/08/2027 17:30 End: 02/08/2027 18:00

RC Test 1

01 Aug – 30 Sep
02/08/2027 17:30
02/08/2027 18:00

RC Test 2

03 Aug – 30 Sep
Requested

RC Test 3

RC Test 4

Request Test

2.2 Relevant Demand

From the 2026-2027 Capacity Year, the RCM portal has been amended to:

- Cease calculating Relevant Demand for Demand Side Programmes.

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- Remove functionality relating to Consumption Deviation Applications for Demand Side Programmes.

Historical data will continue to be displayed within the RCM portal.