

STTM INTERFACE PROTOCOL – DRAFT DECISION

Summary Section

For AEMO to complete and administer.

Issue Number	N/A		
Impacted Jurisdiction(s)	Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales		
Proponent	Hugh Ridgway	Company	AEMO
Affected Gas Market(s)	• STTM	Consultation process	Expedited consultative procedure
Industry Consultative forum(s) used	N/A	Date Industry Consultative forum(s) consultation concluded	NA
Short Description of change(s)	Amendments to STTM Interface Protocol required due to the NGR change to harmonise the gas day.		
Procedure(s) or Documentation impacted	STTM Interface Protocol		
Summary of the change(s)	Updates to report timings to reflect new gas day start time.		
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Date I&IR published	25 January 2019	Date consultation under s 9 of the NGR concludes	25 February 2019
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Notice of Consultation

Notice under Rule 9(2)(c) of the National Gas Rules.

The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) gives notice of consultation on the amendments to the STTM Interface Protocol for the Short Term Trading Market (STTM) under Rule 368 of the National Gas Rules.

This notice of consultation is dated 25 January 2019.

Matters for consultation

Amendments to the STTM Interface Protocol are required as a result of the NGR change to harmonise the gas day

Closing date for submissions

AEMO is inviting comment on this Draft Decision by **5pm AEST 25 February 2019**.

Submissions should be sent via email to gdh@aemo.com.au and addressed to Mr Hugh Ridgway, Markets.

AEMO requests that all submissions be forwarded in electronic format (pdf or Word) as they will be published on the AEMO website.

The consultation timetable

AEMO aims to complete this SIP amendment by publishing a Final Decision on these SIP amendments by 15 March 2019 with a proposed effective date of 1 October 2019.

The consultation timetable is presented in section 4 of this paper.



1. PURPOSE OF THE STTM INTERFACE PROTOCOL

AEMO established the STTM Interface Protocol (SIP) to govern the provision of communications under Part 20 of the National Gas Rules (NGR) (see Rule 368(1)). The SIP is comprised of the following artefacts:

- STTM Participant Build Pack
- STTM Participant Build Pack Business Validations Addendum; and
- STTM Report Specifications

which describe market systems' communications in detail. The SIP is published on the AEMO website.

2. REASON FOR CHANGE

In early 2017 the AEMC published a rule determination to harmonise the start time of the gas day used in the short-term trading market hubs and the gas supply hub trading locations with the gas day start time used in the Victorian declared wholesale gas market. Under the rule, the gas day in each market at each location will commence at 6.00 am Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST). This change will also result in standardising the next gas day nomination cut-over time which will be 3pm AEST.

In late 2017 the COAG Energy Council considered a range of reform recommendations put forward by Gas Market Reform Group's (GMRG) which include harmonising the start time of the gas day. [Click here to view the GMRG final recommendation paper.](#) At the November 2017 COAG Energy Council meeting, Ministers agreed with the full package of reforms put forward by GMRG which included a recommendation that harmonising the start time of the gas day changes take effect by 1 October 2019. The relevant National Gas Law (NGL) and National Gas Rule (NGR) changes were made by the SA Minister for Energy on 22 November 2018.

In September of 2018, AEMO kicked-off a program of work to review the impact of harmonising the start time of the gas day initiative. AEMO has completed its review in respect of impact to the STTM Procedures and the SIP artefacts and has determined that changes are required to be made to the STTM Report Specifications.

3. CONSULTATION UNDER THE STANDARD CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURE

AEMO considers the proposed amendment to the SIP to be urgent, as the amendments described in this draft decision should be finalised prior to the AEMO market transition plan which is required to be published by 1 April 2019. Therefore, AEMO will be consulting with Trading Participants, STTM facility operators, STTM distributors and allocation agents in accordance with the expedited consultative procedure under Rule 9.



4. CONSULTATION TIMETABLE

The following table contains an outline of the consultation process, including key dates. Please note that some of these dates are proposed dates and may be subject to change.

Table 1. – Timetable for SIP amendment implementation

Process	Date
Publication of the Draft Decision	25 January 2019
Submissions due in response to the Draft Decision	25 February 2019
Publication of the Final Decision and amended SIP	Proposed date is 15 March 2019
Effective date of the new SIP	1 October 2019

5. DRAFT DECISION

AEMO is proposing to amend the STTM Report Specifications to incorporate the changes required due to the implementation of a standard market timetable. The amendments consist solely of changes to publication times for reports that relate to STTM market operations. A change tracked version of the STTM reports specifications is published on the AEMO website with this Notice and Draft Decision and a summary of the changes is set out in the appendix below.

6. REFERENCES

The current version of the SIP artefacts can be found on the AEMO website under the STTM Interface Protocol at: <http://www.aemo.com.au/Gas/Short-Term-Trading-Market-STTM/Policies-and-procedures>



Appendix A - Summary of the changes to the STTM Report Specifications

Updates to the publications times for the following reports:

- INT651
- INT652
- INT653
- INT654
- INT655
- INT656
- INT657
- INT658
- INT664
- INT668
- INT683
- INT689
- INT690
- INT701
- INT702
- INT703
- INT704
- INT704v2
- INT709
- INT720
- INT720A
- INT720B
- INT721
- INT721A
- INT722
- INT723
- INT724