

IMPACT & IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (IIR) – DWGM MAINTENANCE PLANNING RULE CHANGE

Impacted Jurisdiction(s)	Victoria		
Proponent	Luke Garland	Company	AEMO
Affected Gas Market(s)	DWGM	Consultation process (Ordinary or Expedited)	Ordinary
Industry Consultative forum(s) used	GWCF	Date Industry Consultative forum(s) consultation concluded	Tuesday, 2 February 2021
Short Description of change(s)	A new version of the Wholesale Market Maintenance Planning Procedures reflecting National Gas Amendment (DWGM maintenance planning) Rule 2021 No. 4.		
Procedure(s) or Documentation impacted	Wholesale Market Maintenance Planning Procedures v 3.0		
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IMPACT & IMPLEMENTATION REPORT – DETAILED REPORT SECTION

CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF PROPOSAL

1. DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE

On 17 December 2020 the AEMC made a final rule to clarify AEMO's existing maintenance coordination function in the Victorian Declared Wholesale Gas Market (DWGM)¹. This rule requires AEMO to make the necessary amendments to its maintenance planning procedures by 22 April 2021.

2. REFERENCE DOCUMENTATION

- Wholesale Market Maintenance Planning Procedures

3. OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

The changes to the Procedures include:

- Restructuring of the document structure to better align with the NGR.
- Necessary updates to reflect that the Procedures are now applicable to DWGM facility operators.
- AEMO will coordinate all maintenance to minimise threats to system security (as opposed to ensuring that system security is not threatened).
- Clarified the process for planning, approval and management of Planned Maintenance, Unplanned Maintenance and Emergency Work.
- Clarified the decision-making process for the assessment of threats to system security and included a reference to the Gas Safety (Safety Case) Regulations 2018 and the Australian Standards (AS 2885).
- Removal of AEMO Gas Control Room phone number and email from the publicly published document, to minimise improper use.

4. LIKELY IMPLEMENTATION EFFECTS AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS

These changes will require AEMO to make minor changes to internal documents and business processes. There are no system changes required.

5. OVERALL COST AND BENEFITS

The underlying rule change allows for greater clarity to be provided to DWGM facility operators on the maintenance planning, approval and management process.

The changes are largely focussed on clarifying the existing process and should not materially impact cost to DWGM facility operators. The implementation cost of updating AEMO's associated business processes is nonmaterial.

¹ <https://www.aemc.gov.au/rule-changes/dwgm-maintenance-planning>



6. AEMO'S PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSAL'S COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 135EB:

The set of changes described in this IIR are required for AEMO's procedures to maintain consistency with the NGR and to implement the 2020 DWGM enhancements. AEMO considers that the NGO is met for the reasons set forth in sections 2.4 of the AEMC's rule determination².

7. CONSULTATION FORUM OUTCOMES

AEMO issued a proposed procedure change by email to the Gas Wholesale Consultative Forum on 22 January 2021. The following updates were made as a result of the feedback received from stakeholders.

- Improved definition and guidance on treatment of 'emergency work'.
- Clarification that maintenance in the context of the procedure is as defined in the NGR.
- Minor updates for legibility
- Clarification that maintenance forecasts and maintenance forecast information is a requirement under the NGR.
- Improved guidance what will constitute a material change in respect of maintenance forecasts.

² https://www.aemc.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/grc0058_dwgm_maintenance_planning_final_determination.pdf



IMPACT & IMPLEMENTATION REPORT – RECOMMENDATION(S)

8. SHOULD THE PROPOSED PROCEDURES BE MADE?

AEMO recommends that the Procedures should be amended as set out in the draft Wholesale Market Maintenance Planning Procedures v3.0 published with this IIR.

9. PROPOSED TIMELINES

- IIR stage of consultation closed 16 March 2021
- Decision published 29 March 2021
- 22 April 2021 implementation.