

NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

Network Support and Control Ancillary Services Description and Quantity Procedure Amendments

Date of Notice: 1 June 2020

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on the Network Support and Control Ancillary Services description and quantity procedure.

This consultation is being conducted under clause 3.11.4 of the National Electricity Rules (**NER**), in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements detailed in rule 8.9 of the NER.

Matter under Consultation

The matter for consultation is the NSCAS quantity procedure and description. AEMO considers that the existing NSCAS quantity procedure and description, developed in 2011, need to be updated to better address the requirements for the ongoing transformation of the National Electricity Market.

The purpose of the review is to:

1. Develop the NSCAS description such that it fulfils the NER requirement to be a “detailed description of each type” of NSCAS, while still being flexible enough to allow NSCAS to be used to address emerging challenges.
2. Develop the NSCAS quantity procedure such that it meets the NER requirement to specify how the location and quantity of NSCAS required will be determined, while allowing investigation of a variety of relevant and localised challenges.

Further details are provided in the Issues Paper published with this notice.

The Consultation Process

The consultation process is outlined below. Dates are indicative only and subject to change.

PROCESS STAGE	INDICATIVE DATE
Closing date for submissions in response to this notice and issues paper	7 July 2020
Publication of draft report and determination	4 August 2020
Closing date for submissions in response to the draft report	18 August 2020
Publication of final report and determination	30 September 2020

Invitation to Make Submissions

AEMO invites written submissions on the matter under consultation, including any alternative or additional proposals you consider may better meet the objectives of this consultation and the national electricity objective in section 7 of the National Electricity Law.

Please identify any parts of your submission that you wish to remain confidential, and explain why. AEMO may still publish that information if it does not consider it to be confidential, but will consult with you before doing so.

Please note that material identified as confidential may be given less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published.

Meetings

In your submission, you may request a meeting with AEMO to discuss the matter under consultation, stating why you consider a meeting is necessary or desirable.

If appropriate, meetings may be held jointly with other Consulted Persons. Subject to confidentiality restrictions, AEMO will generally make details of matters discussed at a meeting available to other Consulted Persons, and may publish them.

Closing Date and Time

Submissions in response to this Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation should be sent by email to planning@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by 5.00pm (AEDT) on 7 July 2020.

All submissions must be forwarded in electronic format (both pdf and Word). Please send any queries about this consultation to the same email address.

Submissions received after the closing date and time will not be valid, and AEMO is not obliged to consider them. Any late submissions should explain the reason for lateness and the detriment to you if AEMO does not consider your submission.

Publication

All submissions will be published on AEMO's website, other than confidential content.