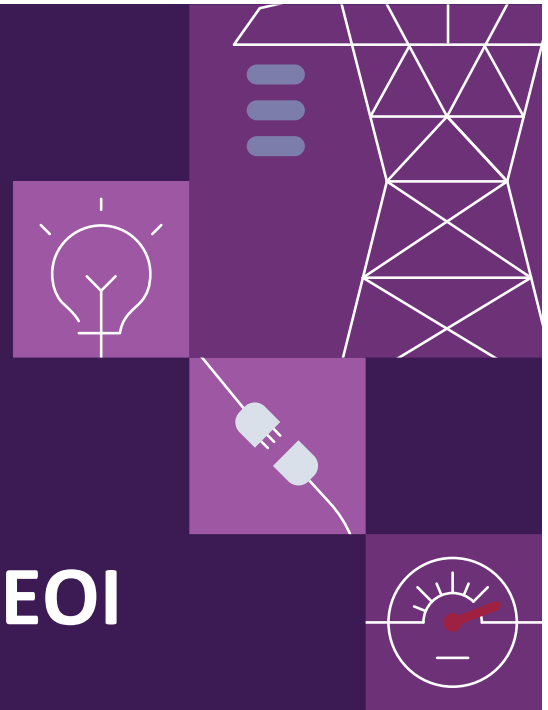




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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

1.1.1. AEMO invites all Market Participants with System Restart Service capable facilities to submit an expression of interest (EOI) for:

- (a) Facility with System Restart Service capability to commence from 23 Oct 2028 (**EOI Part 1**); and
- (b) Facility with System Restart Service capability to commence only after Oct 2030 (**EOI Part 2**).

1.1.2. AEMO will review all EOI submissions to assess interest and System Restart Service capability from Market Participants and their Facilities. Information received is intended to promote better procurement outcomes by:

- identifying interested Market Participants and the market depth of viable Facilities (including where a new System Restart Service may be located);
- informing the market regarding System Restart Service requirements;
- identifying any technical issues or capital work requirements for potential service providers;
- informing a review of the System Restart Standard (e.g. potential amendment of the sub-network classifications in the System Restart Standard, if appropriate); and
- supporting development of a set of assumptions to be included in future system restart planning, including the identification of new pathways and technology types.

1.1.3. AEMO is seeking specific information, including but not limited to:

- Facilities that are compliant with the System Restart Standard;
- Facilities that are currently non-compliant with the System Restart Standard but that could potentially upgrade or undertake capital projects to meet the System Restart Standard;
- indicative capital works and indicative costs (non-binding and where available) needed to meet the System Restart Standard or service specifications.
- Facilities outside of the currently-classified North Metro, South Metro and South Country sub-networks;
- estimated lead-time of when a Facility could provide System Restart Service, if AEMO were to enter a System Restart Service contract; and
- feedback from applicants on System Restart Service contract duration (up to five years) that the applicant is willing to enter into.

1.1.4. The EOI will better support AEMO to meet its obligations to:

- ensure the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) is restarted and restored in the event of a system shutdown or major supply disruption [clause 3.7.20 of the ESM Rules]; and
- procure System Restart Services to meet the System Restart Standard [clause 3.7.25 of the ESM Rules].

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1.2. This EOI Guideline

- 1.2.1. This EOI process is for a South West Interconnected System wide System Restart Service (SWIS-wide). i.e. Facility that may be capable of System Restart Service and located anywhere in the South West Interconnected System (SWIS).
- 1.2.2. AEMO has prepared this EOI Guideline to provide prospective applicants with information regarding:
- the Service (section 2);
 - the EOI Rules (section 3); and
 - the EOI submission process (section 4).

1.3. Expression of Interest objectives

This EOI seeks to achieve the following to support future procurement:

- (a) identify a short-list of candidates to frame a tender for a System Restart Service to meet the System Restart Standard for the purposes of clause 3.7.25 of the ESM Rules;
- (b) if required, a review and update of the System Restart Standard (which may result in retaining or changing the Electrical Sub-Network boundaries);
- (c) to confirm with short-listed candidates any necessary upgrades or capital works to be compliant with the future System Restart Standard and the System Restart Service Specification and identify associated timelines to provide System Restart Service;
- (d) For EOI Part 1, assess short-listed submissions for efficacy to provide System Restart Services capability to commence 23 Oct 2028; and
- (e) For EOI Part 2, assess short-listed submissions for efficacy to provide System Restart Services capability to commence after Oct 2030.

1.4. Definitions

- 1.4.1. Terms defined in the ESM Rules have the same meaning in this EOI Guideline unless the context requires otherwise.
- 1.4.2. Capitalised terms used in this EOI Guideline:
- (a) for terms that are defined in the ESM Rules have the meaning given in the ESM Rules; and
 - (b) otherwise have the meaning set out in 0.

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Table 1 Definitions

Term	Meaning
AWST	Australian Western Standard Time.
EOI Guideline	External guideline document to support an applicant with submitting an expression of interest for System Restart Service.
EOI Rules	Rules in section 3 of this Guideline that apply to this expression of interest process.
Electrical Sub-Network	A smaller section of a Network where the boundary is defined by AEMO in the System Restart Standard.
Reference Documents	The documents specified in section 2.2 of this Tender Guideline.
Representative	An employee, agent, adviser, consultant, or contractor of (as applicable) AEMO or a tenderer.
System Restart Service Facility	A facility that is capable of providing a System Restart Service.
VendorPanel	The electronic tender submission portal used by AEMO for this procurement.

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2. Service

2.1. Technical requirements

- 2.1.1. The technical requirements for a System Restart Service, including the locational requirements, are specified in the System Restart Service Specification.¹

2.2. Reference Documents

- 2.2.1. Details of a System Restart Service and related requirements are provided in the reference documents listed below, with links to the webpages where the documents can be located:

- System Restart Service Specification (2026) SWIS-wide
Link: [SRS EOI Submissions SWIS-wide](#) under the EOI documentation section
- WEM Procedure: System Restart (version 1.0; effective 1 June 2022)
Link: [WEM Procedure System Restart](#)
- WEM System Restart Standard (version 1.1; effective 9 January 2024)
Link: [WEM System Restart Standard](#)
- WEM System Restart – general information
Link: [AEMO | System Restart](#)

¹ See Attachment 1 of this EOI Guideline.

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3. EOI Rules

3.1. Application

- 3.1.1. Participation in the EOI process is subject to compliance with the following EOI Rules.
- 3.1.2. These EOI Rules apply to:
- (a) this EOI Guideline and any other information given, received or made available in connection with this EOI Guideline, including any revisions or addenda issued by AEMO;
 - (b) the EOI process; and
 - (c) any communications, including any presentations, meetings or negotiations, relating to this EOI Guideline or the EOI process.
- 3.1.3. All persons (whether or not they make a EOI submission) who obtain or receive this EOI Guideline may only use it, and the information contained in it, in compliance with these EOI Rules.
- 3.1.4. All applicants are deemed to accept and agree to comply with these EOI Rules.

3.2. Legal status

- 3.2.1. This EOI Guideline:
- (a) does not constitute legal or business advice;
 - (b) does not constitute an offer that is capable of acceptance; and
 - (c) does not create any contractual, promissory, restitutionary or other rights.
- 3.2.2. AEMO may issue an addendum with respect to this EOI Guideline or the EOI process, including (without limitation) an extension of the closing date.
- 3.2.3. AEMO (in its absolute discretion) may accept and evaluate or reject late or non-conforming EOI submissions.

3.3. Confidentiality

- 3.3.1. AEMO will treat a EOI submission as confidential and will not disclose it to any third party, unless the disclosure is:
- for the purpose of assessing the feasibility of any proposed service with a Network Operator;
 - reasonably necessary for AEMO to carry out its functions or comply with its obligations under the ESM Regulations and the ESM Rules;
 - required by law or in the course of legal proceedings;
 - requested by any regulatory or other government authority having jurisdiction over AEMO; or
 - to AEMO's external advisers, consultants or insurers,
- in which case the applicants are deemed to have consented to this disclosure by providing the EOI submission.

Public**3.4. Conflict of interest**

- 3.4.1. An applicant must not (and must ensure that its Representatives do not) engage in any activity or arrangement that creates (or could reasonably be perceived to create) an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest between AEMO and the applicant's interests during the EOI process. If an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest arises, the applicant must promptly notify AEMO and take any steps that AEMO reasonably requires to address the conflict of interest.
- 3.4.2. An applicant must include a disclosure in its EOI submission if it was prepared (in whole or in part) by a Representative of the applicant who was a Representative of, or otherwise engaged by, AEMO at any time during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of issue of this EOI Guideline.
- 3.4.3. AEMO (in its sole discretion) may decide to not accept, evaluate or continue to evaluate a EOI submission if AEMO reasonably considers that an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest exists in relation to a EOI and that the conflict is not capable of being remedied.

3.5. Applicants to perform own due diligence

- 3.5.1. By making an EOI submission, an applicant is taken to have:
 - (a) read and understood this EOI Guideline;
 - (b) familiarised itself with the System Restart Service Specification;
 - (c) made all reasonable estimate or assessments of, and examined all information relevant to, the risks, contingencies, procedures and other circumstances relating to the Service; and
 - (d) satisfied itself as to the correctness and sufficiency of its EOI submission.

3.6. No reimbursement

- 3.6.1. AEMO or its Representatives are not responsible for, and no applicant is entitled to be reimbursed for, any cost, expense, liability or loss incurred in preparing and making an EOI submission, including (without limitation) any costs incurred in providing any further information requested by AEMO.

3.7. No anti-competitive conduct

- 3.7.1. An applicant must ensure that they (and their Representatives) do not:
 - (a) discuss this EOI Guideline with any other person they know has received this EOI Guideline or might reasonably be expected to have received it; or
 - (b) engage in any conduct that is designed to, or might have the effect of, lessening competition in the delivery of the supply to AEMO of the Service.

Public**3.8. No improper assistance or inducements**

- 3.8.1. An applicant must not seek or accept improper assistance from AEMO or an AEMO Representative in preparing and making an EOI submission.
- 3.8.2. An applicant must not make any offers or engage in any activities that are likely to be perceived as, or may have the effect of, influencing the outcomes of the EOI process. An applicant must at all times comply with all applicable laws in relation to the offering of unlawful inducements in connection with their EOI submission.

3.9. Use of EOI submissions

- 3.9.1. All EOI submissions become the property of AEMO upon receipt.
- 3.9.2. An applicant who makes an EOI submission:
 - (a) retains all intellectual property rights contained in the EOI submission; and
 - (b) is deemed to have granted AEMO a licence (which includes a right to sublicense to its professional advisers or any regulatory or other government authority having jurisdiction over AEMO) to reproduce the EOI submission (in whole or in part) or to otherwise use the EOI submission for the purpose of enabling AEMO to evaluate the EOI submission or for the purpose of any future tender process or document describing or relating to a System Restart Service.

3.10. Clarification

- 3.10.1. AEMO may seek clarification or further information from an applicant with respect to its EOI submission at any time during the evaluation process. AEMO may discontinue evaluation of an EOI submission if it reasonably considers that the applicant has not provided sufficient clarification or further information to enable AEMO to complete its evaluation of the EOI submission.

3.11. Withdrawal of EOI submission

- 3.11.1. An applicant must notify AEMO without undue delay if it wishes to withdraw its EOI submission. AEMO will cease to evaluate an EOI submission after receiving a withdrawal notification.

3.12. Options available to AEMO

- 3.12.1. AEMO (without limiting other options) may do any of the following after evaluating all EOI submissions:
 - (a) decide not to proceed further with the EOI process or any other procurement for the Service; or
 - (b) commence a new EOI process on a similar or different basis to that outlined in this EOI Guideline; or
 - (c) issue an addendum varying the Service (which may include a request for EOI submissions to be updated).

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3.13. No publicity

- 3.13.1. An applicant must not make any public or media announcement about this EOI process or the outcome of this EOI process without AEMO's prior written permission. AEMO (in its sole discretion) may provide or withhold permission.

3.14. Continuing obligations

- 3.14.1. The obligations of an applicant under these EOI Rules survive the termination or expiry of the EOI process.

4. EOI submission process

Applicants must submit proposals in accordance with this EOI Guideline and any instructions issued by AEMO during the EOI process.

4.1. Key Dates

Key dates are provided to give applicants an indication of the anticipated timing for the EOI process. Unless otherwise specified in this EOI Guideline, dates outlined in this section are indicative only and are subject to change.

EOI opens	Wednesday, 9 September 2026
Stakeholder information session (online)	Week commencing 21 September 2026
EOI closes	Monday, 9 November 2026 (5:00pm AWST)

4.2. Submitting an EOI

- 4.2.1. EOI submissions must be submitted via [VendorPanel](#) portal by the closing date (**5:00pm AWST on 9 November 2026**).
- 4.2.2. An applicant is responsible for informing itself of all matters relevant to the preparation and submission of its EOI submission. Without limitation, applicants must review and be familiar with:
- this EOI Guideline; and
 - the Reference Documents.
- 4.2.3. Each EOI submission must consist of:
- a completed EOI Form as set out in **Attachment 2: EOI Form**, including the provision of reasons where an item has not been addressed or a requirement cannot be met;
 - a signed Acknowledgement Notice in **Attachment 3: Acknowledgement Notice**; and
 - any supporting documentation required to demonstrate compliance with relevant requirements specified in this EOI Guideline and the Reference Documents.
- 4.2.4. An EOI submission must be:
- made in good faith;

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- (b) complete, accurate, and sufficiently detailed to enable AEMO to assess the EOI submission.
- 4.2.5. An applicant must clearly identify any assumptions, qualifications or dependencies that may affect the provision of the Service or compliance with the submission requirements.
- 4.2.6. As noted in section 3.10 of this EOI Guideline, AEMO may request clarification or further information or clarification from an applicant to support its assessment of the relevant EOI submission.

4.3. General

4.4. Communication

- 4.4.1. Any general or administrative enquiries can either be directed via [VendorPanel](#), or by contacting the System Restart Service procurement team at wa.srs@aemo.com.au.
- 4.4.2. For specific or technical enquiries AEMO encourages queries to be submitted by close of business 2 October 2026 to wa.srs@aemo.com.au. Subsequently, in the interests of probity AEMO will endeavour to publish a FAQ document with de-identified questions and answers, on AEMO website (link [here](#)) by close of business 14 October 2026.
- 4.4.3. Western Power enquiries must be directed to network.access@westernpower.com.au, unless otherwise advised by Western Power.

5. Attachment List

Attachment 1: EOI SWIS-wide System Restart Service Specification (2026)

Attachment 2: EOI Form

Attachment 3: Acknowledgement Notice