

Notice to Participants of an update to the Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board Procedures to version 7.0

This Notice advises all Registered Participants (Participants) and other interested stakeholders that consultation for changes to the Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board (BB) Procedures under the ordinary procedure change consultative process, prescribed in rule 135EE of the National Gas Rules (NGR), concluded on 15 July 2016.

Taking into account the assessment provided in the Impact and Implementation Report (IIR), AEMO hereby gives notice of an update to the Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board Procedures to version 7.0, effective from 6 October 2016.

A copy of version 7.0 of the BB Procedures, effective from that date, is published with this Notice.

The BB Procedures changes from version 6.0 to version 7.0 are to:

- Comply with the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)'s National Gas Amendment (Enhanced Information for Gas Transmission Pipeline Capacity Trading) Rule 2015.
- Align the BB Procedures with the NGR.
- Provide detailed information to participants on the submission of data for the BB reports in order to comply with the NGR and the BB Procedures.

AEMO received feedback from one participant in response to the IIR consultation. A summary is shown in Attachment A of this Notice.

Following the IIR consultation, AEMO identified the need for and has made additional changes to the draft procedures proposed in the IIR. These are detailed in Attachment B of this Notice.

AEMO considers that this Procedure change meets the requirements of the national gas objective because it promotes information transparency provided through the BB, and assists gas market participants in making decisions and managing risk.

As required by Rule 135EE(5), AEMO also publishes this notice to inform Participants that version 7.0 of the BB Procedures will be effective from 6 October 2016.

Notice Date: 12 August 2016

Attachment A: Summary of stakeholder comments on the IIR consultation for proposed changes to the BB Procedures

AEMO did not identify any changes on the BB Procedures in response to submissions received. The following table provides a summary of AEMO's responses to the submission received on the IIR consultation for proposed changes to the BB Procedures.

Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	AEMO Response
AGL Energy Ltd	Information on the daily reporting of actual storage levels that is required of gas storage facilities may be commercially sensitive, especially in the case of storage facilities that are wholly owned and utilised by one entity.	Noted. Under the AEMC's rule change all BB participants are to provide this information as part of the Enhanced Information for Gas Transmission Pipeline Capacity Trading in order to improve information transparency provided through AEMO's East-Coast Gas Bulletin Board that will be effective on 6 October 2016. Stakeholder concerns on this issue therefore need to be raised with the AEMC.
	The proposed changes may not result in greater transparency and efficiency in the gas market as information that is published on the BB is still not easily accessible. For example, it is difficult to quickly find information about pipeline outages as they are published in separate PDF documents, which also makes it difficult to create tools to search for this information.	Noted. All BB reports can be accessed in the "Reports" section of the BB website. A "Guide to Gas Bulletin Board Website" is published in the "Documents" section of the BB and aims to help users to understand and navigate the BB website including details of the reports published on the BB Website. Also the "Guide to National Gas Bulletin Board Reports" is included in the BB documentation. This guide is organised by report name and describes the specifications of each report. Information about Medium Term Capacity Outlook (MTCO) will be standardised from 6 October 2016. This information will be organised in a single table including tools to sort the information by plant name, outlook type, outlook daily capacity, range

		of dates for outage/maintenance and last updated date, which will assist with the search of specific documents.
	AGL considers that the changes to the reporting requirements would be more beneficial to the market if the information was published in a standardised way—similar to the Projected Assessment of System Adequacy (PASA) in the wholesale electricity market, and for it to be presented in a manner that enables participants to use it i.e. to create alert systems.	Noted. AEMO would be happy to discuss in further detail suggested improvements to the way information is published on the BB.
	AGL supports the introduction of a reporting standard that is based on the ‘good gas industry practice’ standard that applies in the STTM, which would include for example an obligation for parties to undertake reasonable endeavours to honour information that it posts on the Bulletin Board. However, AGL notes that these measures must be balanced against the costs of introducing them.	Noted. The National Gas Law advises that a person must not knowingly provide false or misleading information, both for the STTM and the BB. The ‘good gas industry practice’ information standard for the STTM is set at the Rules level, and is supported by a civil penalty provision. If a similar requirement is proposed for the BB, stakeholders may wish to raise this with the AEMC.

Attachment B: Summary of changes between IIR draft BB Procedures and final determination

Blue represents additions ~~Red~~ and strikeout represents deletions – Marked up changes.

Section	Changes	Reason
Glossary	Forecast Deliveries and Receipts For a BB storage facility this means: (a) the sum of natural gas forecast by BB shippers to be withdrawn from the BB storage facility and injected into each receipt point on one or more BB pipelines for that gas day; and (b) the sum of natural gas forecast by BB shippers to be withdrawn from each delivery point on one or more BB pipelines and injected into the BB storage facility for that gas day.	Change in order of definitions (a) and (b) for consistency with terminology order.
5.3 – Detailed Facility Information	5.3(a)(ii) The names of each receipt or delivery points Connection Point at which the <i>BB production facility</i> or <i>BB storage facility</i> is connected. 5.3(b)(iii) Where the Connection Point is a <i>receipt or delivery point</i>, any <i>production facility</i>, storage facility and transmission pipeline to which those receipt or delivery points Connection Points connect	This is to ensure consistency with the Term in the Glossary. In the glossary, Connection Point is defined as a receipt or delivery point at which a BB facility is connected, or a gate station.
5.5 - Nameplate Rating of Gate Stations	The <i>nameplate rating</i> for a <i>gate station</i> is defined in rule 141(2) means the maximum quantity of natural gas that can be transported through that gate station on a gas day under normal operating conditions¹. ¹ Nameplate rating refers to the meter design capacity. <i>Gate station</i> is defined in rule 141 (1).	A footnote is added to provide better clarity on what the nameplate rating for gate station refers to.
5.7 – Uncontracted Capacity Outlooks	12 month Uncontracted Capacity Outlook Data for 31 Dec was updated to be 25TJ/day	First table on Illustrative example was incomplete.
5.14 Nominated and Forecast Storage Flows (Declared)	5.14(a): a. For the purposes of rule 169C(1), on each <i>gas day</i> each <i>BB storage provider</i> of a <i>BB storage facility</i> registered against the	Removed references to operational schedule as receipt nominations are not available in the operational schedule.

Transmission System)	Declared Transmission System (VIC) zone must provide the following information as provided for under the Rules, as soon as each schedule is finalised: i. Delivery and Receipt Nominations in TJ/day for each <i>BB storage facility</i> that it operates consistent with the 6am operational schedule for the gas day; and ii. Forecast Deliveries and Receipts in TJ/day for each <i>BB storage facility</i> that it operates for at least the two subsequent <i>gas days</i>. The obligation on the pipeline operator is to ensure that Delivery and Receipt Nominations and Forecast Deliveries and Receipts provided to AEMO reflect the operational schedules. The information must be provided to AEMO by no later than four hours after the start of the gas day for the <i>BB storage facility</i> that it operates. AEMO will publish on the <i>Bulletin Board</i> the Delivery and Receipt Nominations and Forecast Deliveries and Receipts for up to the next 7 <i>gas days</i>, however, a <i>BB storage provider</i> may provide aggregated Delivery and Receipt Nominations and aggregated Forecast Deliveries and Receipts to the <i>Bulletin Board</i> for a longer period if available. The <i>BB storage provider</i> may provide the reason for material changes in aggregated Delivery and Receipt Nominations and aggregated Forecast Deliveries and Receipts on a <i>gas day</i> if this is known by using the ‘free text’ field provided for in the transaction file or the web form. The obligation on the <i>BB storage provider</i> is to ensure that aggregated delivery data provided to AEMO reflects that provided to the <i>BB storage provider</i> by the relevant shippers. b. Reschedules or renominations on current <i>gas day</i> In the event where a reschedule or renomination on the current <i>gas day</i> materially changes aggregated Delivery and Receipt Nominations or aggregated Forecast Deliveries and Receipts for a <i>BB storage facility</i> (i.e. by more than the greater of 30 TJ/day or 10% of the nameplate rating previously scheduled flow at that BB storage facility), the <i>BB storage provider</i> must provide updated aggregated Delivery and Receipt Nominations and aggregated	It is therefore inaccurate to have the information provided consistent with the operational schedule. These changes has been discussed and confirmed with the BB storage provider of a BB storage facility registered against the Declared Transmission System (VIC) zone.
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	Forecast Deliveries and Receipts to AEMO based on the reschedule as soon as practicable after the schedule is finalised. Any such updates will be processed and published by AEMO in the relevant standard report(s) following the next <i>Bulletin Board</i> polling time as published on the <i>Bulletin Board</i>. The <i>BB storage provider</i> may provide the reason for a material change in scheduled flows by using the 'free text' field provided for in the transaction file or the web form. Notwithstanding the above, the <i>BB storage provider</i> may choose for system reasons or otherwise to provide updated scheduled flow information to AEMO after any or every reschedule that occurs on a <i>gas day</i>.	
5.17 – Pipeline Receipt and Delivery Information	5.17(a) For the purpose of rule 174A, each <i>pipeline operator</i> (other than the <i>pipeline operator</i> in its capacity as pipeline operator of a declared transmission system) must provide the actual receipts and deliveries for each receipt or delivery point <i>Connection Point</i> for each <i>gas day</i> of the previous month, such receipts and deliveries being determined by the pipeline operator on the basis of operational metering data	This is to ensure consistency with the Term in the Glossary. In the glossary, Connection Point is defined as a receipt or delivery point at which a BB facility is connected, or a gate station.
7.4 – Gas Day Ranges Published in Reports	<i>Illustrative Example</i> By way of example, in the 3-day <i>short term</i> capacity <i>outlook</i> report illustrated in the table below, the <i>date outlined for each gas day</i> dates in the capacity report <i>will</i> move forward <i>by</i> one day in the first updated reports published after midnight AEST.	Clarification changes.
Schedule 2 – Demand Zones and Production Zones	Delivery to and receipt into <i>Deliveries and receipts for</i> [...]	Delivery to and receipt into demand zone is asking for the same thing. Changed to provide clarification that deliveries and receipts information for a pipeline is required.