

24 August 2018

Notice to all Registered Participants under the National Gas Rules (NGR).

This notice is to advise Participants on AEMO's decision to approve amendments to the:

- Retail Market Procedures (RMP) Queensland (Qld) and Victoria (Vic).

This notice advises Gas Market Registered Participants that consultation under the expedited Procedure change consultative process prescribed under Rule 135EF of the **NGR** concluded on 17 August 2018 for:

- **IN003/18 (Amend the definition of FRC Hub Operational Terms and Conditions to correctly reflect the category of the participant that is required to use the FRC Hub).**

As required under Rule 135EF of the NGR, Gas Market Registered Participants and other interested parties were invited to submit comments to AEMO on the Impact and Implementation Report (IIR).

Having considered each proposal, AEMO has approved the proposed amendments attached to this notice and has set the effective date for the changes to be **28 September 2018**.

Updated versions of the RMPs pertaining to the changes described in Attachments A will be published on the AEMO website prior to the effective date.

Should you require any further information please contact Danny McGowan on (03) 9609 8447.

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed changes: Retail Market Procedures – Vic and Qld

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RMP (VIC)

Clause 1.1.1 Definitions

FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions means the terms and conditions under which AEMO, each ~~Market Participant~~ Retailer and *Distributor* seek connection to and are obliged to operate under when connecting to and issuing or receiving transactions on the *FRC HUB*.

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- (a) In accordance with the certification process (Gas FRC Business to Business Connectivity Testing and System Certification) maintained and *published* by AEMO, AEMO and each *Retailer* and *Distributor* must be certified by AEMO prior to using the *FRC HUB* for transactions specified in the *Gas Interface Protocol*.
- (b) AEMO must maintain and *publish FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions* for the *FRC HUB*.
- (c) AEMO, prior to implementing changes to the *published FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions* for the *FRC HUB*, must:
 - (i) provide ~~Market—Participants~~Retailers and *Distributors* with the proposed change to the *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions*;
 - (ii) allow a reasonable time to receive Retailer ~~Market Participant~~ and *Distributor* responses to the proposed *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions*.
- (d) AEMO and each Retailer~~Market Participant~~ and *Distributor* must comply with the *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions*, as amended and *published* by AEMO from time to time.
- (e) A breach, by a *Retailer* or *Distributor* of the *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions*, is taken to be a breach of these *Procedures* for the purposes of section 91MB of the Law.

Clause 1.1.1 Definitions

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The terms and conditions under which AEMO, each ~~User~~ *Retailer* and *Distributor* seek connection to and are obliged to operate under when connecting to and issuing or receiving transactions on the FRC HUB.

1.3.4 FRC HUB

- (a) In accordance with the certification process (Gas FRC Business to Business connectivity Testing and System Certification) maintained and published by AEMO, AEMO and each ~~Retailer User~~ and *Distributor* must be certified by AEMO prior to using the FRC HUB for transactions specified in the Gas Interface Protocol.
- (b) AEMO must maintain and publish, *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions* for the FRC HUB.
- (c) AEMO, prior to implementing changes to the published *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions* for the FRC HUB, must:
 - (i) provide ~~Retailers Users~~ and *Distributors* with the proposed change to the *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions*; and
 - (ii) allow a reasonable time to receive ~~Retailer User~~ and *Distributor* responses to the proposed change to the *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions*.
- (d) AEMO and each ~~Retailer User~~ and *Distributor* must comply with the *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions*, as published by AEMO on its website from time to time.
- (e) A breach, by a ~~Retailer User~~ or *Distributor* of the *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions*, is taken to be a breach of these *Procedures* for the purposes of section 91MB of the Law.
- (f) Where a ~~Retailer User~~ or *Distributor* uses the FRC HUB in breach of the *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions*, then as soon as AEMO becomes aware of such breaches AEMO:
 - (i) must notify ~~the User~~ *the Retailer* or *Distributor* of the breach; and
 - (ii) may take any action in relation to the breach, including issuing a direction to the ~~Retailer User~~ or *Distributor* under section 91MB(4)(b) of the Law to rectify the breach or to take specified measures to ensure future compliance (or both).
- (g) Where a ~~Retailer User~~ or *Distributor* continues to use the FRC HUB in breach of the *FRC HUB Operational Terms and Conditions* after a notice of a breach under 1.3.4(f)(i) has been provided to the ~~Retailer User~~ or *Distributor*, and continued significant breaches of the same nature are evident, then AEMO may treat the continued breach as a material breach of these *Procedures* and refer the matter to the AER in accordance with section 91MB(4)(c) of the Law.