

NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

Amendments to System Strength Requirements Methodology, System Strength Impact Assessment Guidelines and Power System Stability Guidelines

Date of Notice: 26 April 2022

This notice informs all Registered Participants and interested parties (Consulted Persons) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on amendments to the System Strength Requirements Methodology and System Strength Impact Assessment Guidelines, as well as consequential changes to the Power System Stability Guidelines. This consultation is being conducted under clauses 5.20.6, 4.6.6 and 4.3.4 of the National Electricity Rules (NER), in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements detailed in rule 8.9.

Matter under consultation

AEMO is consulting on a proposal to amend the current System Strength Requirements Methodology¹ and System Strength Impact Assessment Guidelines² to reflect recent rule changes³ relating to the system strength framework, and make any other necessary improvements to those instruments to facilitate the application of the framework. The Power System Stability Guidelines are likely to require relatively minor changes to recognise the system strength framework.

In accordance with clause 11.143.2 of the NER, AEMO is required to publish the amended System Strength Requirements Methodology and System Strength Impact Assessment Guidelines by 1 December 2022.

The consultation process

The proposed timetable for the consultation process is outlined below. Dates are indicative only and subject to change.

PROCESS STAGE	INDICATIVE DATE
Publication of notice of consultation	26 April 2022
Closing date for submissions in response to the notice of consultation	1 June 2022
Publication of draft report and determination	30 June 2022
Closing date for submissions in response to the draft report	21 July 2022

¹ AEMO, *2018 System Strength Requirements Methodology*, accessible via https://www.aemo.com.au/-/media/Files/Electricity/NEM/Security_and_Reliability/System-Security-Market-Frameworks-Review/2018/System_Strength_Requirements_Methodology_PUBLISHED.pdf

² AEMO, *2018 System Strength Impact Assessment Guidelines*, accessible via https://www.aemo.com.au/-/media/Files/Electricity/NEM/Security_and_Reliability/System-Security-Market-Frameworks-Review/2018/System_Strength_Impact_Assessment_Guidelines_PUBLISHED.pdf

³ AEMC, '2021 Efficient Management of system strength on the power system', accessible via <https://www.aemc.gov.au/rule-changes/efficient-management-system-strength-power-system>

PROCESS STAGE	INDICATIVE DATE
Publication of final report and determination	1 September 2022

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.

Webinar

AEMO will be hosting a webinar on 17 May 2022 at 10am AEST. Please register your interest here <https://forms.office.com/r/3WMaitP2Yf> by 10 May 2022.

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 1 June 2022.

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.