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This consolidated version of the Rules reflects the initial Rules made by the SA Minister under section 294 of the National Gas Law (**NGL**) as amended by:

Rules made by the South Australian Minister under sections 294A to 294E of the NGL;
and

Rules made by the Australian Energy Market Commission under Chapter 9, Part 3 of the NGL.

Application of the National Energy Customer Framework related Rule

On 27 June 2012, the South Australian Minister made Rules relating to the implementation of the National Energy Customer Framework (**NECF**), including amendments to the National Gas Rules under section 294C of the NGL (**NECF related Rule**). The NECF related Rule commenced operation as a law of Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Commonwealth on 1 July 2012; South Australia on 1 February 2013, New South Wales on 1 July 2013 and Queensland on 1 July 2015.

The NECF related Rule does not apply in Victoria, Western Australia or the Northern Territory until the National Energy Retail Law set out in the Schedule to the National Energy Retail Law (South Australia) Act 2011 is implemented as a law in that jurisdiction (clause 88, Part 13, Schedule 3 NGL). The NECF related Rule can be found on the Australian Energy Market Commission's website under the 'National Gas Rules', 'Rules made by the SA Minister' tabs.

Provisions in force

All provisions displayed in this consolidated version of the Rules have commenced.

Schedule 2 of the National Gas Amendment (Improvements to Natural Gas Bulletin Board) Rule 2017 No. 3 commences on 15 May 2018.

Schedule 1 of the National Gas Amendment (Improvements to Natural Gas Bulletin Board) Rule 2017 No. 3 commences on 30 September 2018.

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