



System restart plan release provisions

Final determination and final rule published

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) has made a rule that provides the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) greater regulatory certainty in disclosing the system restart plan to certain parties for the purposes of preparing for, and participating in, system restoration during a major supply disruption.

Final rule

The final rule amends the National Electricity Rules (NER) to:

- include explicit provisions for AEMO to disclose the system restart plan to:
 - jurisdictional system security coordinators
 - network service providers
 - generators contracted to provide system restart ancillary services
 - any other registered participant whose assistance AEMO considers necessary for the implementation of the system restart plan
- clarify the confidentiality obligations of jurisdictional system security coordinators who receive the system restart plan
- clarify that the system restart plan can comprise one or more separable components, and that AEMO may disclose the whole or any component of the system restart plan to the parties specified above.

The final rule has been made in response to a rule change request submitted by AEMO. It commences on 27 February 2018.

Commission's reasons

The Commission determined that the final rule would promote the efficient operation of electricity services with respect to the security of the supply of electricity and the security of the national electricity system by:

- making sure that only parties who are critical to the system restart process have access to the information they need to prepare for, and participate in, system restoration activities
- providing regulatory certainty to AEMO that it can disclose the system restart plan to these parties
- clarifying the confidentiality obligations that apply to these parties.

The final rule does not contain a provision for AEMO to disclose the system restart plan to the Reliability Panel, as was proposed in the rule change request. The Commission determined that there was not a clear need for the system restart plan to be disclosed to the Reliability Panel because the Reliability Panel is not required to participate in activities during, or in preparation for, a major supply disruption.

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