

Schedule 1 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 3)

[1] New Part Derogation granted to Powerlink

In Chapter 8A, after Part 15, insert a new Part:

Part 16 Derogation granted to Powerlink

8A.16 Derogation from clause 6A.23.5(f) and related requirements for Powerlink's current system strength charging period

8A.16.1 Definitions

In this *participant derogation*, rule 8A.16:

approved pricing methodology means Powerlink's *pricing methodology* approved by the AER on 31 January 2023 for the *regulatory control period* from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2027.

effective date means 14 March 2024, being the date of commencement of the *National Electricity Amendment (Resetting Powerlink's System Strength Unit Prices) Rule 2024*.

Powerlink means Queensland Electricity Transmission Corporation Limited (ACN 078 849 233), trading as Powerlink Queensland or any successor to its business.

Powerlink's current system strength charging period means the period commencing 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2028.

revised system strength unit price for a *system strength node* on Powerlink's *transmission network* means a *system strength unit price* determined and published in accordance with clause 8A.16.3(b).

revision period means the period commencing on the effective date and ending on 14 April 2024.

8A.16.2 Expiry of this participant derogation

- (a) Clause 8A.16.3(b) of this *participant derogation* expires at the end of the revision period.
- (b) The other provisions of this *participant derogation* expire at the end of Powerlink's current system strength charging period.
- (c) Despite paragraphs (a) and (b), if Powerlink determines and publishes a revised system strength unit price for a *system strength node* in accordance with clause 8A.16.3(b), it applies for the purposes of determining *system strength charges* in respect of that *system strength*

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node for the remainder of Powerlink's current system strength charging period in accordance with clause 8A.16.3(d).

8A.16.3 Participant derogation

- (a) This *participant derogation* operates to modify or vary the requirement that applies to Powerlink under clause 6A.23.5(f) that the *system strength unit price* of a *System Strength Service Provider* for a *system strength node* must be the same for each *regulatory year* in a *system strength charging period* except to the extent the *pricing methodology guidelines* permit indexation.
- (b) Despite clause 6A.23.5(f), Powerlink may, during the revision period, determine and publish a *system strength unit price* for any of the *system strength nodes* on its *transmission network* that is lower than the *system strength unit price* for that *system strength node* for Powerlink's current system strength charging period published by Powerlink in March 2023 in accordance with clause 6A.24.2(d).
- (c) Where Powerlink determines a revised system strength unit price in accordance with paragraph (b), it must do so in accordance with the *Rules* and the approved pricing methodology.
- (d) If Powerlink determines and publishes a revised system strength unit price for a *system strength node* in accordance with paragraph (b), the revised system strength unit price:
 - (1) will apply for each *regulatory year* in Powerlink's current system strength charging period commencing on or after 1 July 2024;
 - (2) must remain the same for each of those years except to the extent the *pricing methodology guidelines* permit indexation; and
 - (3) must be used for the purpose of calculating *system strength charges* under clause 6A.27.1(a) in respect of the period commencing 1 July 2024 to the end of the current system strength charging period including where the election under clause 5.3.4B(b1) to pay the *system strength charge* was made before the start of that period.

Schedule 2 Savings and Transitional Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 4)

[1] New Rule 11.164 Resetting Powerlink's System Strength Unit Prices

In Chapter 11, Part ZZZZZI, insert a new rule:

11.164 Rule consequential on the making of the National Electricity Amendment (Resetting Powerlink's System Strength Unit Prices) Rule 2024

11.164.1 Definitions

In this rule 11.164:

Amending Rule means the *National Electricity Amendment (Resetting Powerlink's System Strength Unit Prices) Rule 2024*.

effective date means 14 March 2024, being the date of commencement of the Amending Rule.

existing connection enquiry has the meaning given in clause 11.164.2(a)(1).

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Powerlink participant derogation means Part 16 of Chapter 8A as in effect on and from the effective date.

prior application to connect has the meaning given in clause 11.164.3(a)(1).

11.164.2 Existing connection enquiries

(a) This clause applies where, before the effective date, a *Connection Applicant* has, in respect of *plant* that the *Connection Applicant* proposes to *connect*:

(1) made a *connection enquiry* in accordance with clause 5.3.2 or 5.3A.5 to a *Network Service Provider* relating to a part of a *network* for which Powerlink is the *System Strength Service Provider (existing connection enquiry)*; and

(2) not made an *application to connect* to a *Network Service Provider*.

(b) The *Network Service Provider* must as soon as practicable after the effective date notify the *Connection Applicant* that Powerlink may

revise its *system strength unit prices* in accordance with the Powerlink participant derogation.

11.164.3 Where a Connection Applicant elected not to pay the system strength charge

- (a) This clause applies where, in respect of *plant* or proposed *plant* of a *Connection Applicant*:
 - (1) before the effective date, the *Connection Applicant* made an *application to connect* to a *Network Service Provider* relating to a part of a *network* for which Powerlink is the *System Strength Service Provider* (**prior application to connect**), whether or not the *Connection Applicant* has subsequently concluded a *connection agreement* with the relevant *Network Service Provider* in respect of the prior application to connect;
 - (2) the prior application to connect is (or was) not one where, under clause 5.3.4B(a3), the *Network Service Provider* is (or was) not required to calculate the *system strength locational factor*; and
 - (3) in the prior application to connect, the *Connection Applicant* made an election under clause 5.3.4B(b1) that the *system strength charge* will not be payable in relation to the new *connection* or alteration to the *generating system* or other *connected plant* (as applicable).
- (b) Despite anything to the contrary in clause 5.3.4B(b1), the *Connection Applicant* may change its election under that clause by notice to the relevant *Network Service Provider* under this clause within 20 *business days* after the effective date. The new election cannot be revoked.
- (c) The relevant *Network Service Provider* must within 10 *business days* after the effective date, notify the *Connection Applicant* for each prior application to connect of the opportunity to change its election by giving a notice in accordance with paragraph (b).
- (d) If a *Connection Applicant* gives a notice in accordance with paragraph (b) changing its election, the election has effect as if it had been made as part of its prior application to connect except that for clause 5.3.4C(a), the time for notifying the election to the *System Strength Service Provider* is 10 *business days* after the election being made under paragraph (b).
- (e) If a *Connection Applicant* has concluded a *connection agreement* with the relevant *Network Service Provider* in respect of the prior application to connect and gives a notice in accordance with paragraph (b) changing its election, the *Connection Applicant* and the relevant *Network Service Provider* must negotiate in good faith to amend the *connection agreement* to give effect to the new election.