



National Electricity Amendment (Retailer reliability obligation exemption for scheduled bi-directional units) Rule 2024 No. 19

The Australian Energy Market Commission makes the following Rule under the National Electricity Law to the extent applied by:

- (a) the *National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996* of South Australia;
- (b) the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997* of the Australian Capital Territory;
- (c) the *Electricity - National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997* of Queensland;
- (d) the *National Electricity (New South Wales) Act 1997* of New South Wales;
- (e) the *Electricity - National Scheme (Tasmania) Act 1999* of Tasmania;
- (f) the *National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005* of Victoria;
- (g) the *National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2015* of the Northern Territory; and
- (h) the *Australian Energy Market Act 2004* of the Commonwealth.

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Chairperson
Australian Energy Market Commission

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1 Title of Rule

This Rule is the *National Electricity Amendment (Retailer reliability obligation exemption for scheduled bi-directional units) Rule 2024 No. 19*.

2 Commencement

Schedules 1, 2 and 4 of this Rule commence operation on 3 December 2024.

Schedule 3 of this Rule commences operation on 1 November 2026, immediately after the commencement of Schedule 3 of the *National Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading) Rule 2024 No. 15*.

3 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 1.

4 Amendment to the National Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading) Rule 2024

The *National Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading) Rule 2024 No. 15* is amended as set out in Schedule 2.

5 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 3.

6 Savings and Transitional Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 4.

Schedule 1 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

[1] Clause 4A.A.1 Definitions

In clause 4A.A.1, insert new definition in alphabetical order:

exempt market connection point has the meaning given in clause 4A.D.1A.

[2] Clause 4A.D.1 Application

In clause 4A.D.1(b), omit ", but does not include a reference to a *connection point* in a *regulated SAPS*".

[3] New clause 4A.D.1A Exempt market connection points

After clause 4A.D.1, insert new clause:

4A.D.1A Exempt market connection points

Each of the following is an **exempt market connection point**:

- (a) a *connection point* for a *generating system* that comprises one or more *market generating units*;
- (b) a *connection point* for an *integrated resource system* that comprises one or more *market generating units* (and may comprise other *plant*) where the only consumption of electricity on the *integrated resource system* side of the *connection point* is by a *non-market bidirectional unit* or is *auxiliary load* of a *bidirectional unit* or *generating unit*;
- (c) a *connection point* for an *integrated resource system* that comprises one or more *bidirectional units* that have been classified as a *scheduled generating unit* under clause 2.2.2(b2) and as a *scheduled load* under clause 2.3.4A(b) (and may comprise other *plant*);
- (d) a *connection point* for an *integrated resource system* that comprises one or more *market bidirectional units* (and may comprise other *plant*) where either:
 - (1) the only consumption of electricity on the *integrated resource system* side of the *connection point* is by a *market bidirectional unit* or is *auxiliary load* of a *bidirectional unit* or *generating unit*; or
 - (2) the aggregate consumption of electricity on the *integrated resource system* side of the *connection point*, including the consumption of any *bidirectional unit* and *auxiliary load* of a *bidirectional unit* or *generating unit*, is less than 10 GWh per annum as determined in accordance with the Contracts and Firmness Guidelines; and
- (e) a *connection point* in a *regulated SAPS*.

Note

In accordance with clause 2.3.4(a), a *connection point* mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) is the *market connection point* of the *Registered Participant* that classified the *production unit*.

[4] Clause 4A.D.2 Liable entities

In clause 4A.D.2(b)(2), omit "(excluding any *market connection point* for a *market generating unit* or *small generating unit*)" and substitute "(excluding any exempt market connection points)".

[5] Clause 4A.D.3 New entrants

In clause 4A.D.3, in the opening paragraph, omit "the person".

[6] Clause 4A.D.3 New entrants

In clause 4A.D.3(a), omit "is a *Market Customer*" and substitute "the person is a *Market Customer*".

[7] Clause 4A.D.3 New entrants

In clause 4A.D.3(b), omit "was not a liable entity" and substitute "the person was not a liable entity".

[8] Clause 4A.D.3 New entrants

In clause 4A.D.3(c), omit "for which it is *financially responsible*" and substitute "for which the person is *financially responsible*".

[9] Clause 4A.D.3 New entrants

In clause 4A.D.3(c), omit "(excluding any *small resource connection points*)" and substitute "(excluding any exempt market connection points)".

[10] Clause 4A.F.1 Application

Omit clause 4A.F.1(c).

[11] Clause 4A.F.3 Share of one-in-two year peak demand forecast

In clause 4A.F.3(b)(1), omit "*market connection point* for a *market generating unit* or *small generating unit*" and substitute "exempt market connection points".

**Schedule 2 Amendment to the National Electricity
Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through
flexible trading) Rule 2024**

**[1] Schedule 3 Amendment to Schedule 3 of the National
Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER
benefits through flexible trading) Rule
2024**

In Schedule 3 of the *National Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading) Rule 2024 No. 15*, omit Item [100] and substitute:

[100] [Deleted]

**[2] Schedule 3 Amendment to Schedule 3 of the National
Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER
benefits through flexible trading) Rule
2024**

In Schedule 3 of the *National Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading) Rule 2024 No. 15*, omit Item [118] and substitute:

[118] [Deleted]

**[3] Schedule 3 Amendment to Schedule 3 of the National
Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER
benefits through flexible trading) Rule
2024**

In Schedule 3 of the *National Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading) Rule 2024 No. 15*, omit Item [119] and substitute:

[119] [Deleted]

**[4] Schedule 3 Amendment to Schedule 3 of the National
Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER
benefits through flexible trading) Rule
2024**

In Schedule 3 of the *National Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading) Rule 2024 No. 15*, omit Item [120] and substitute:

**[120] Clause 4A.F.3 Share of one-in-two year peak demand
forecast**

In clause 4A.F.3(b)(1), omit "each *connection point*" and substitute "each *market connection point*".

[5] Schedule 3 Amendment to Schedule 3 of the National Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading) Rule 2024

In Schedule 3 of the *National Electricity Amendment (Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading) Rule 2024 No. 15*, omit Item [121] and substitute:

[121] Clause 4A.F.3 Share of one-in-two year peak demand forecast

In clause 4A.F.3(b)(1), omit "those *connection points*" and substitute "those *market connection points*".

Schedule 3 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

[1] Clause 4A.D.1A Exempt market connection points

In clause 4A.D.1A, omit all references to “*connection point*” and substitute “*market connection point*”.

[2] Clause 4A.D.1A Exempt market connection points

In clause 4A.D.1A, omit the **Note**.

[3] Clause 4A.D.2 Liable entities

In clause 4A.D.2(b)(2), omit "all *connection points*" and substitute "all *market connection points*".

Schedule 4 Savings and Transitional Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

[1] Chapter 11 Savings and Transitional Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

In Part ZZZZZI, insert:

11.176 Rules consequential on the making of the National Electricity Amendment (Retailer reliability obligation exemption for scheduled bi-directional units) Rule 2024 No.19

11.176.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this rule 11.176:

Amending Rule means the *National Electricity Amendment (Retailer reliability obligation exemption for scheduled bi-directional units) Rule 2024 No.19*.

effective date means 3 December 2024, being the date of commencement of Schedules 1, 2 and 4 of the Amending Rule.

11.176.2 Review of the Contracts and Firmness Guidelines

- (a) By 12 months after the effective date, the *AER* must review and where necessary amend and *publish* the Contracts and Firmness Guidelines made under clause 4A.E.8 to take into account the Amending Rule, in accordance with the *Rules consultation procedures*.
- (b) Amendments to the Contracts and Firmness Guidelines made under paragraph (a) must take effect prior to the date 12 months after the effective date.