



Rescheduling the generator compliance programs review

The Commission has published a final rule that requires the Reliability Panel to commence the next review of the template for generator compliance programs by 19 December 2025

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC or Commission) has made a final rule that requires the Reliability Panel (Panel) to commence the next review of the template for generator compliance programs (template) by 19 December 2025. This represents a 12-month delay in its timing.¹

The template supports the secure and reliable operation of the National Electricity Market (NEM). It provides registered participants with guidance in the development and design of programs to demonstrate ongoing compliance with their registered technical performance standards. The NER's access standards, from which registered performance standards are derived, are critical inputs into a review of the template.

The final rule is made in response to a rule change request submitted by the Panel. The request sought to address inefficiencies in the upcoming review due to the need to consider potential changes to technical access standards from two rule changes by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).²

In making the final rule, the AEMC considers that changing the arrangements and requiring the Panel to conduct the next template review by 19 December 2025 would result in a more efficient process. Postponing the review by 12 months will allow the AEMC to progress one or both of AEMO's proposed access standard rule changes, thereby providing the Panel with sufficient information to progress the review efficiently. The final rule is expected to benefit all stakeholders, enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the template review, and promote the security of the NEM.

How the final rule will operate

The rule will commence on 5 December 2024 and only apply to the upcoming template review. All future reviews will be undertaken according to the five-yearly review cycle or at the request of the AEMC, as specified in clause 8.8.3(ba) of the NER.

Our final rule contributes to achieving the NEO

The final rule contributes to achieving the NEO by:

- **Promoting security within the NEM** – The final rule will ensure the updated template is fit for purpose and so effectively supports registered participant compliance through guidance for the design of compliance programs.
- **Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the template review** – The final rule will avoid any additional costs and complexities for market participants and bodies required to participate in and conduct the review.
- **Ensuring good regulatory practice** – The final rule ensures good regulatory practice by preventing redundant consultation periods and promotes simplicity and transparency by ensuring the review commences with the more certainty on the access standards.

¹ The last review of the template was completed on 19 December 2019. Existing arrangements specified in clause 8.8.3(ba) of the NER require the review to occur every five years. See <https://www.aemc.gov.au/market-reviews-advice/generator-compliance-template-review-2019>.

² See [Improving NEM access standards – Package 1](#); [Improving NEM access standards – Package 2](#).

The rule change request was expedited

The rule change request was expedited on the basis that it is non-controversial and unlikely to have a significant impact on the NEM.³ No objections to the expedited process were received.

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³ Section 87 of the NEL.