

Advance notice on jurisdictional derogation to support summer reliability in SA

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On 15 January 2025, the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) decided to make a temporary rule change, which will come into effect from 23 January 2025, to help secure South Australia's power supply for this summer.

Once made, the rule change will provide the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) with the option to consider using two additional power stations – Snuggery and Port Lincoln – as emergency backup power sources if needed.

This follows an urgent rule change request for a jurisdictional derogation submitted by Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Energy and Mining in South Australia (the Minister) late last year.

While our detailed determination will be published on 23 January, we are advising the market of our decision now for planning purposes. This reflects our commitment to transparency while working within our statutory requirements.

Technical note: This change will be made through a jurisdictional derogation from clauses 3.20.3 (g) and (h) of the National Electricity Rules for the ENGIE units for interim reliability reserves (IRR).

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