



Removing the requirement to publish the transmission information guidelines

The Commission has made a final rule to remove the Transmission Information Guidelines from the National Electricity Rules, commencing 27 March 2025.

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC or Commission) has made a final rule to remove rule 6A.17 from the National Electricity Rules (NER). This removes the obligations on the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to publish transmission information guidelines (Information Guidelines) and on electricity transmission network service providers (TNSPs) to report against the Information Guidelines, as set out in that rule.

The final rule is made in response to a rule change request from the AER. The request proposed that the Information Guidelines should be removed from the NER, because the AER's Annual Information Orders (the Orders) provide for a more efficient and streamlined process for the collection of required information from TNSPs. The AER considered that the change would create benefits by reducing cost and complexity and promoting simplicity and transparency in regulatory practice.

The final rule reduces duplication that otherwise would have occurred if the Information Guidelines and Orders operated concurrently.

It also removes any inefficiencies that would have occurred under such duplicate reporting requirements, as the final rule removes the requirements under the Information Guidelines.

How the final rule will operate

The final rule will commence on 27 March 2025. It will apply to all participants in the National Electricity Market (NEM) and market bodies. It means that:

- TNSPs will not need to provide information to the AER under the Information Guidelines.
- The AER will not need to maintain the Information Guidelines in addition to the Orders, as the Information Guidelines will no longer be in force.

Our final rule contributes to achieving the NEO

The final rule contributes to achieving the NEO by:

- **Enabling efficiency:** The final rule reduces cost and complexity for TNSPs and the AER and facilitates compliance with the NER.
- **Achieving principles of good regulatory practice:** The final rule has simplified information reporting for TNSPs and has reduced complexity for the AER because it has reduced the duplication of information.

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.¹

The Commission received two objections. The Commission decided that the reasons given in both objections were misconceived or lacking in substance, being the relevant legal test.² The Commission made a decision to that effect.³ Accordingly, the Commission continued with the expedited rule change process.

¹ Section 87 of the National Electricity Law.

² Section 96(4)(b) of the National Electricity Law.

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