



Draft National Electricity Amendment (Economic Regulation of Transmission Services undertaken by Distribution Network Service Providers) Rule 2008

under the National Electricity Law as applied by:

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

The Australian Energy Market Commission makes the following Rule under the National Electricity Law.

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Australian Energy Market Commission

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1. Title of Rule

This Rule is the *Draft National Electricity Amendment (Economic Regulation of Transmission Services undertaken by Distribution Network Service Providers) Rule 2008*.

2. Commencement

Schedule 1 of this Rule commences operation on [*insert date*]

3. Amendment of the National Electricity Rules

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

Schedule 1 Amendment of National Electricity Rules

(Clause 3)

[1] Clause 6.1.2 Structure of this Chapter

In clause 6.1.2(b)(13), omit the "." and insert:

; and

- (14) Part N provides for services provided by, or in connection with, *dual function assets* to be the subject of distribution determinations.

[2] AER's framework and approach paper

After clause 6.8.1(c), insert:

- (ca) The *framework and approach paper* must include the AER's determination under clause 6.25(b) as to whether or not Part J of Chapter 6A is to be applied to determine the pricing of *transmission standard control services* provided by any *dual function assets* owned, controlled or operated by the *Distribution Network Service Provider*.

[3] Constituent decisions

Insert after clause 6.12.1(17):

- (17A) a decision on the approval of the proposed *pricing methodology* for *transmission standard control services* (if rule 6.26 applies);

[4] Chapter 6 Part N

Insert a new Part N into Chapter 6 as follows:

Part N Dual Function Assets

6.24 Introduction to Part N

6.24.1 Application of this Part

This Part applies to *Distribution Network Service Providers* which own, control or operate both a *distribution system* and a *dual function asset*.

6.24.2 Dual Function Assets

Subject to rule 6.26, for the purposes of Chapters 6 and 6A:

- (a) any part of a *network* owned, operated or controlled by a *Distribution Network Service Provider* which operates between 66 kV and 220 kV and which operates in parallel, and provides support, to the higher voltage *transmission network* is deemed to be a *dual function asset*;
- (b) any service that is provided by a *Distribution Network Service Provider* by means of, or in connection with, the *Distribution Network Service Provider's dual*

function assets that, but for this Part, would be a *prescribed transmission service* for the purposes of Chapter 6A is deemed to be a *standard control service*;

- (c) any service that is provided by a *Distribution Network Service Provider* by means of, or in connection with, the *Distribution Network Service Provider's dual function assets* that, but for this Part, would be a *negotiated transmission service* under Chapter 6A is deemed to be a *negotiated distribution service*; and
- (d) references to *prescribed transmission services* do not include a service provided by means of, or in connection with, a *dual function asset*.

6.25 AER determination of applicable pricing regime for Dual Function Assets

- (a) A *Distribution Network Service Provider* which owns, controls or operates *dual function assets* must advise the AER at least 24 months prior to the end of the current *regulatory control period* of the value of that *Distribution Network Service Provider's dual function assets* which provide *standard control services* that would be *prescribed transmission services* were it not for the operation of clause 6.24.2 (referred to as *transmission standard control services*). The value to be advised is the value ascribed to the relevant *dual function assets* in the relevant *Distribution Network Service Provider's* regulatory asset base as at the start of the *regulatory year* which commences 24 months prior to the end of the current *regulatory control period*.
- (b) The AER must review the information provided under paragraph (a) and determine, following consultation with the relevant *Distribution Network Service Provider* and with other interested parties in the course of preparing the *framework and approach paper* for that *Distribution Network Service Provider*, whether the value of that *Distribution Network Service Provider's dual function assets* which provide *transmission standard control services* comprise such a material proportion of that *Distribution Network Service Provider's* regulatory asset base that pricing in respect of those services should be regulated under Part J of Chapter 6A through the application of rule 6.26.
- (c) In making its determination under paragraph (b) the AER must consider:
 - (1) whether regulating the pricing of the *transmission standard control services* provided by a *Distribution Network Service Provider's dual function assets*:
 - (i) under Part I of Chapter 6 as though they were *prescribed distribution services*; rather than
 - (ii) under Part J of Chapter 6A as though they were *prescribed transmission services*,will result in materially different prices for *Distribution Customers* (including those connected directly to the relevant *dual function assets* and those connected to other *distribution networks*);
 - (2) whether the materiality of the different prices is likely to impact on future consumption, production and investment decisions by actual or potential *Network Users*; and
 - (3) any other matter that the AER considers relevant.

- (d) The *AER's* determination under paragraph (b) must be notified to the relevant *Distribution Network Service Provider* in the *framework and approach paper* applicable to that *Distribution Network Service Provider*.

6.26 Division of Distribution Network Service Provider's revenue

- (a) This rule 6.26 applies if the *AER* has determined under clause 6.25(b) that pricing in respect of *transmission standard control services* provided by a *Distribution Network Service Provider's dual function assets* should be regulated under Part J of Chapter 6A.
- (b) The *AER* must, for the purposes of the distribution determination for the relevant *Distribution Network Service Provider*, divide the revenue calculated under Part C of Chapter 6 into the following two portions:
 - (1) a portion relevant to the *Distribution Network Service Provider's transmission standard control services* provided by its *dual function assets*. This portion is defined as its *transmission standard control service revenue*; and
 - (2) a portion relevant to the other *standard control services* provided by the *Distribution Network Service Provider*. This portion is defined as its *distribution standard control service revenue*,

based on the *Distribution Network Service Provider's* approved *Cost Allocation Method*.

- (c) The relevant *Distribution Network Service Provider* must submit a proposed *pricing methodology* to the *AER* in respect of its *transmission standard control service revenue* as if it were a *Transmission Network Service Provider* as part of its regulatory proposal under chapter 6, and Part E of Chapter 6A applies in respect of that *pricing methodology* (with the necessary changes).
- (d) The *AER* and the relevant *Distribution Network Service Provider* must apply and comply with all aspects of Part J of Chapter 6A instead of, and to the exclusion of, Parts I, J and K of Chapter 6 in respect of the *dual function assets* which provide *transmission standard control services*, subject to the following:
 - (1) for the purposes of Part J of Chapter 6A:
 - (i) the *dual function assets* are relevantly deemed to be *transmission network assets* which provide *prescribed transmission services*;
 - (ii) the *Distribution Network Service Provider* which owns, controls or operates the relevant *dual function assets* is relevantly deemed to be a *Transmission Network Service Provider*;
 - (2) the *maximum allowed revenue* referred to in clause 6A.22.1 is taken to be the *transmission standard control service revenue*;
 - (3) the reference in clause 6A.22.1(1) to clause 6A.3.2 is taken to be a reference to rules 6.6 and 6.13;

- (4) references to "*transmission determination*" are to be read as references to the relevant "*distribution determination*", with the *AER* being required to include in the *distribution determination* a decision to approve a proposed *pricing methodology* in relation to the *transmission standard control services* provided by the relevant *dual function assets*; and
 - (5) if there is no previous method to establish prices under clause 6A.24.3(b)(3), the relevant *Distribution Network Service Provider* must apply the pricing methodology of the largest *Transmission Network Service Provider* operating in the *participating jurisdiction* in which that *Distribution Network Service Provider* operates the relevant *dual function assets*.
- (e) The pricing rules in Part I of Chapter 6 are to be applied to the *Distribution Network Service Provider's distribution standard control service revenue*.

[5] Chapter 6A New Clause 6A1.1(k)

In clause 6A.1.1, insert a new clause 6A.1.1(k) as follows:

- (k) Services provided by *dual function assets* are not subject to regulation under this Chapter 6A except to the extent provided in Part N of Chapter 6.

[6] Chapter 10 New definitions

Insert the following new definitions in alphabetical order:

distribution standard control service revenue

Has the meaning given in clause 6.26(b)(2).

dual function asset

Means any part of a *network* owned, operated or controlled by a *Distribution Network Service Provider* which operates between 66 kV and 220 kV and which operates in parallel, and provides support, to the higher voltage *transmission network* which is deemed by clause 6.24.2(a) to be a *dual function asset* . For the avoidance of doubt:

- (1) a *dual function asset* can only be an asset which forms part of a *network* that is predominantly a *distribution network*; and
- (2) an asset which forms part of a *network* which is predominantly a *transmission network* cannot be characterised as a *dual function asset*,

through the operation of clause 6.24.2(a).

transmission standard control service

Has the meaning given in clause 6.25(a).

transmission standard control service revenue

Has the meaning given in clause 6.26(b)(1).
