



National Gas Amendment (Improvements to Natural Gas Bulletin Board) Rule 2017 No. 3

under the National Gas Law to the extent applied by:

- (a) the National Gas (South Australia) Act 2008 of South Australia;
- (b) the National Gas (ACT) Act 2008 of the Australian Capital Territory;
- (c) the National Gas (New South Wales) Act 2008 of New South Wales;
- (d) the National Gas (Queensland) Act 2008 of Queensland;
- (e) the National Gas (Tasmania) Act 2008 of Tasmania;
- (f) the National Gas (Victoria) Act 2008 of Victoria; and
- (g) the National Gas (Northern Territory) Act 2008 of Northern Territory;
- (h) the Australian Energy Market Act 2004 of the Commonwealth.

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

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Chairman
Australian Energy Market Commission

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1 Title of Rule

This Rule is the *National Gas Amendment (Improvements to Natural Gas Bulletin Board) Rule 2017 No. 3*.

2 Commencement

Schedule 3 commences operation on 3 October 2017.

Schedule 2 commences operation on 15 May 2018.

Schedule 1 commences operation on 30 September 2018.

3 Amendment of the National Gas Rules

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

4 Amendment of the National Gas Rules

The National Gas Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 2.

5 Savings and Transitional Amendments to the National Gas Rules

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

Schedule 1 Amendment to the National Gas Rules

(Clause 3)

[1] Part 18 Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board

Omit Part 18 in its entirety and substitute:

Part 18 Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board

Division 1 Interpretation and application

141 Interpretation

(1) In this Part:

BB facility means a BB production facility, a BB pipeline or a BB storage facility.

BB information standard is defined in rule 164.

BB participant means a person that is registered by AEMO under this Part.

BB pipeline means a BB transmission pipeline that meets the applicable reporting threshold.

BB production facility means a production facility that meets the applicable reporting threshold.

BB reporting entity means a facility operator registered under this Part as the BB reporting entity for one or more BB facilities.

BB shipper means a person who is, or has a right to be, provided with a service by means of a BB facility including a person who:

- (a) is a party to a contract with a facility operator for a BB facility under which the facility operator provides or intends to provide a service to that person by means of a BB facility;
- (b) has a right under an access determination to be provided with a pipeline service by means of a BB pipeline; or
- (c) a facility operator for a BB facility or any associate of a facility operator for a BB facility who uses or intends to use a service provided by means of the BB facility.

BB storage facility means a gas storage facility that meets the applicable reporting threshold.

BB storage provider means a facility operator for a BB storage facility.

BB terms of use means the terms and conditions on which BB users are granted access to the Bulletin Board and which are set out in the BB Procedures.

BB transmission pipeline means:

- (a) a pipeline that is a transmission pipeline; or
- (b) a pipeline that would be likely to be classified in accordance with the pipeline classification criterion as a transmission pipeline.

Note:

A gathering line is part of a gathering system and as such is excluded from the definition of BB transmission pipeline by reason of paragraph (f) of the definition of “pipeline” in section 2 of the *NGL*. A gathering line that collects coal seam methane will be similarly excluded.

BB user means:

- (a) a BB participant; and
- (b) any other person who accesses information on the Bulletin Board.

Bulletin Board means the Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board.

commissioned means:

- (a) for a BB facility that is not a pipeline, the date when the BB facility is first used on a commercial basis (whether for the benefit of a facility operator of the BB facility or for someone else); and
- (b) for a pipeline, the date the pipeline is commissioned as defined in the *NGL*.

daily capacity means:

- (a) for a production facility, the quantity of natural gas that can be injected into one or more pipelines from the facility on a gas day for the facility;
- (b) for a pipeline, for each direction in which natural gas can be transported on the pipeline, the quantity of natural gas that can be transported through the pipeline on a gas day for the pipeline in that direction;
- (c) for a gas storage facility, each of:
 - (i) the quantity of natural gas that can be withdrawn from the gas storage facility for injection into another facility on a gas day for the gas storage facility;

- (ii) the quantity of natural gas that the gas storage facility can receive and process into storage on a gas day for the facility; and
- (iii) the quantity of natural gas that the gas storage facility can hold in storage on a gas day for the facility.

daily flow data means, for a BB pipeline:

- (a) the quantity of natural gas that is metered as having been, or estimated in good faith by the pipeline operator to have been, injected at each receipt point on the pipeline on a gas day; and
- (b) the quantity of natural gas that is metered as having been, or estimated in good faith by the pipeline operator to have been, withdrawn at each delivery point on the pipeline on the gas day.

daily production data means:

- (a) for a BB production facility, the quantity of natural gas that is metered as having been, or estimated in good faith by the facility operator to have been, injected into one or more pipelines from the production facility on a gas day;
- (b) for a BB storage facility:
 - (i) the quantity of natural gas that is metered as having been, or estimated in good faith by the BB storage provider to have been, withdrawn from the facility on a gas day; and
 - (ii) the quantity of natural gas that is metered as having been, or estimated in good faith by the BB storage provider to have been, injected into the facility on the gas day.

delivery point means a *delivery or receipt point* when it is used for withdrawal (that is, delivery) of natural gas from a pipeline.

detailed facility information has the meaning in rule 169(4).

distribution system means a system of distribution pipelines and associated equipment that supplies natural gas withdrawn from one or more BB pipelines to multiple end users, but excludes a transmission pipeline.

facility operator means for:

- (a) a BB production facility: each producer, user or non-scheme pipeline user who owns, operates or controls the BB production facility;
- (b) a BB transmission pipeline: each service provider or gas market operator for the BB transmission pipeline;

- (c) a BB storage facility: each storage provider for the BB storage facility.

facility operator group is defined in rule 152.

gas day means in respect of a BB facility, the 24 hour period for which nominations are provided, commencing at the time advised by the facility operator under rule 170.

gas storage facility means a facility for storing natural gas for injection into a pipeline.

gate station means a delivery point that serves a distribution system.

LCA flag for:

- (a) a BB pipeline for a gas day means a green, amber or red flag indicating the actual or expected capability of the BB pipeline to meet the aggregated nominations for withdrawals from the BB pipeline for that gas day based on the pipeline's linepack and capacity
- (b) [intentionally left blank].

Note:

The meaning of a green, amber or red flag is specified in the BB Procedures.

lateral gathering pipeline means a pipeline:

- (a) operated as part of an upstream producing operation; and
- (b) used principally to transport natural gas for injection into a BB facility operated as part of the upstream producing operation where that BB facility is not itself a lateral gathering pipeline.

material change means:

- (a) in respect of nameplate rating information for a BB facility, the information is no longer accurate due to changes in the capacity of the BB facility that are likely to impact the BB facility for more than one year;
- (b) [intentionally left blank];
- (c) in respect of a short term capacity outlook for a BB facility, a change to the short term capacity outlook that exceeds the greater of 10% of the nameplate rating of the BB facility and 30 TJ; and
- (d) in respect of information about nominated or forecast use of a service provided by means of a BB facility, a change to the nomination or forecast that exceeds the greater of 10% of the nameplate rating of the BB facility and 30 TJ.

medium term capacity outlook for a BB facility means information about matters expected to affect the daily capacity of the BB facility, for an outlook period of 12 months beyond the current short term capacity outlook provided by the relevant facility operator including the information required under rule 181.

nameplate rating has the meaning given in rule 141(2).

nomination means the natural gas quantities notified by a BB shipper to the relevant facility operator to specify the BB shipper's intended use of a service provided by means of a BB facility for a period of time.

NT application date means the date falling 90 days after the date on which the first NT interconnector is commissioned.

NT interconnector means a transmission pipeline capable of transporting natural gas between a location in the Northern Territory and a location in Queensland, New South Wales or South Australia and that is not a remote pipeline.

Part 18 replacement date means the date on which the rule by which this definition was inserted in the National Gas Rules came into effect.

pipeline operator means a facility operator for a BB pipeline.

primary pipeline capacity means firm capacity on a BB pipeline that is sold by a pipeline operator to a BB shipper, giving the buyer the right to transport an agreed quantity of natural gas on that pipeline for an agreed period.

production facility means a facility at which natural gas is produced so that it is in a form suitable for injection into one or more BB pipelines.

production facility operator means a facility operator for a BB production facility.

receipt point means a *delivery or receipt point* when it is used for injection (i.e. receipt) of natural gas into a pipeline.

registered BB shipper means a BB shipper registered with AEMO under Subdivision 3.5 of Division 3.

remote BB facility means a BB facility that is or is connected to a remote pipeline.

remote pipeline means a transmission pipeline that:

- (a) is not an STTM facility or part of a declared transmission system;
- (b) is not a pipeline on which natural gas sold through the gas trading exchange may be physically delivered or received or through which such natural gas may be transported; and

- (c) is not connected directly or indirectly to a pipeline satisfying paragraph (a) or (b) of this definition.

reporting threshold means:

- (a) in relation to a production facility: that the nameplate rating of the production facility is, or (in the case of a proposed production facility) will be, equal to or more than 10 TJ of natural gas per day;
- (b) in relation to a pipeline: that the nameplate rating of the pipeline is, or (in the case of a proposed pipeline) will be, equal to or more than 10 TJ of natural gas per day;
- (c) in relation to a gas storage facility: that the production nameplate rating of the gas storage facility is, (or in the case of a proposed gas storage facility) will be, equal to or more than 10 TJ of natural gas per day.

responsible facility operator is defined in rule 152.

secondary capacity trading platform means a computer system-supported electronic trading platform that assists buyers and sellers to trade secondary pipeline capacity; but does not include a gas trading exchange that is operated by AEMO, or by another person that AEMO has appointed in accordance with rule 535.

secondary pipeline capacity means capacity on a BB pipeline that is available for sale by a person other than a facility operator of the BB pipeline, giving the buyer the right to transport an agreed quantity of natural gas on that pipeline for an agreed period.

secondary trade data for a BB pipeline means information related to the sale of secondary pipeline capacity derived from a secondary capacity trading platform and collated in accordance with any requirements specified in the BB Procedures.

short term capacity outlook means:

- (a) for a BB facility, on any gas day, the facility operator's good faith estimate of the daily capacity of the BB facility for each of gas days D+1 to D+7;
- (b) [intentionally left blank].

STTM facility is defined in Part 20.

TJ means terajoule.

uncontracted primary pipeline capacity means primary pipeline capacity that a pipeline operator has available for sale or that it will have available for sale.

uncontracted storage capacity means in respect of a BB storage facility the combination of:

- (a) the capacity in the BB storage facility;
- (b) the capacity for injection of gas into the BB storage facility; and
- (c) the capacity for withdrawal of gas from the BB storage facility

that a BB storage provider has available for sale or that it will have available for sale.

(2) In this Part the term **nameplate rating**:

(a) when used in the context of:

- (i) a production facility; or
- (ii) a transmission pipeline,

means the maximum daily capacity of the facility under normal operating conditions;

(b) when used in the context of a gas storage facility means each of:

- (i) the maximum quantity of natural gas that can be withdrawn from the gas storage facility for injection into another facility on a gas day under normal operating conditions (the **production nameplate rating**);
- (ii) the maximum quantity of natural gas that the gas storage facility can receive and process into storage on a gas day under normal operating conditions (the **refill nameplate rating**); and
- (iii) the maximum quantity of natural gas that the gas storage facility can hold in storage under normal operating conditions (the **storage nameplate rating**);

(c) when used in the context of a gate station means the maximum quantity of natural gas that can be transported through that gate station on a gas day under normal operating conditions.

(3) In this Part a reference to a quantity of natural gas is to an energy quantity (expressed in whole TJ), rather than a volumetric or other quantity.

(4) In this Part, in relation to a BB reporting entity, a reference to “its” BB facility is a reference to each BB facility for which it is registered as the BB reporting entity.

(5) In this Part, a reference to:

- (a) gas day D is a reference to whichever gas day is designated by the relevant rule;
- (b) gas day D-n is a reference to the gas day occurring n gas days before gas day D; and
- (c) gas day D+n is a reference to the gas day occurring n gas days after gas day D.

142 This Part does not apply in Western Australia

This Part does not apply in Western Australia until the day fixed in an order under section 20A of the National Gas Access (Western Australia) Law within the meaning of the *National Gas Access (WA) Act 2009* of Western Australia.

143 Application to BB facilities located in the Northern Territory

- (1) Until the NT application date, this Part does not apply to:
 - (a) a BB facility in the Northern Territory commissioned on or before the NT application date;
 - (b) [intentionally left blank]
 - (c) [intentionally left blank].
- (2) Until the NT application date, this Part does not apply to:
 - (a) a person in the capacity of facility operator of a BB facility mentioned in subrule (1);
 - (b) [intentionally left blank].
- (3) On and from the NT application date, this Part applies to BB facilities mentioned in subrule (1) and the facility operators mentioned in subrule (2) in the capacity mentioned in that subrule as if each reference in Division 3 to the Part 18 replacement date were a reference to the NT application date.

144 Application to remote BB facilities

- (1) This Part does not apply in respect of:
 - (a) a remote BB facility, for so long as the BB facility is a remote BB facility; or
 - (b) a person in the capacity of facility operator of a remote BB facility, for so long as the BB facility is a remote BB facility.

- (2) This Part applies to a former remote BB facility and a person in the capacity of facility operator of a former remote BB facility as if each reference in Division 3 to the Part 18 replacement date were a reference to the date on which the former remote BB facility ceased to be a remote BB facility.

Division 2 Bulletin Board

145 Purpose of the Bulletin Board

The purpose of the Bulletin Board is to make information available to BB users to facilitate:

- (a) trade in natural gas and natural gas services; and
- (b) informed and efficient decisions in relation to the provision and use of natural gas and natural gas services.

146 Maintaining the Bulletin Board

AEMO must maintain the Bulletin Board in accordance with the *NGL*, the Rules and the BB Procedures.

147 AEMO to maintain BB Register

- (1) AEMO must establish and maintain a register, in the form specified in the BB Procedures, that includes particulars of each:
 - (a) facility operator for each BB facility; and
 - (b) BB facility and its BB reporting entity.
- (2) AEMO must publish the register on the Bulletin Board.
- (3) AEMO must publish a notice on the Bulletin Board of any of the following changes to the register as soon as practicable after it becomes aware of the change:
 - (a) a facility operator is included in the register or removed from the register;
 - (b) a BB facility is included in the register or removed from the register;
 - (c) a change to the identity of the BB reporting entity for a BB facility.
- (4) AEMO must publish a notice on the Bulletin Board of the NT application date as soon as practicable after it becomes aware of the date.

148 Information on compliance

AEMO must, in accordance with any memorandum of understanding established between AEMO and the AER, notify the AER of any breaches, or possible breaches, of this Part that AEMO becomes aware of.

149 Biennial reports

- (1) AEMO must, in consultation with BB users, the AER and the AEMC, prepare a report about the Bulletin Board at least every two years containing the information referred to in subrule (2).
- (2) Reports under subrule (1) must include:
 - (a) a summary of AEMO's program of work to maintain the Bulletin Board over the review period and on a forward looking basis;
 - (b) performance and usage statistics;
 - (c) any recommendations for change; and
 - (d) other information that AEMO considers relevant.
- (3) AEMO must publish each report under subrule (1) on its website.

Division 3 Register and registration

Subdivision 3.1 Registration of facility operators and BB facilities

150 Registration obligations of facility operators

- (1) A facility operator who is not already registered under this Part as a facility operator must apply to AEMO to register under this Part in that capacity.
- (2) An application under subrule (1) must be made no later than:
 - (a) in the case of a person who is a facility operator on the Part 18 replacement date: 20 business days after the Part 18 replacement date; and
 - (b) otherwise, 20 business days after the person first becomes a facility operator.

151 Obligation to register BB facilities

- (1) The facility operator for a BB facility must apply to AEMO to:

- (a) register the BB facility under this Part, if the BB facility is not already registered under this Part; and
 - (b) be registered under this Part as the BB reporting entity for the BB facility, subject to subrule (3).
- (2) An application under subrule (1) must be made no later than:
- (a) in the case of a BB facility commissioned on or before the Part 18 replacement date: 20 business days after the Part 18 replacement date; and
 - (b) otherwise, 20 business days before the date the BB facility is commissioned.

152 Registration by members of facility operator groups

- (1) If there is more than one facility operator for a BB facility, each facility operator for the BB facility is taken to be a member of a **facility operator group** for that BB facility (the **relevant BB facility**).
- (2) The members of a facility operator group may appoint one of the members in writing to be the **responsible facility operator** for the relevant BB facility for the purposes of this Part.
- (3) A responsible facility operator may apply on behalf of another member of its facility operator group to register that other member under this Part in the capacity of facility operator if the responsible facility operator has the written permission of that member of the facility operator group to do so.

Note:

All members of a facility operator group must apply to register under this Part in the capacity of facility operator. This subrule (3) allows the responsible facility operator to submit an application for a facility operator who is not otherwise registered.

- (4) The responsible facility operator of a facility operator group may apply on behalf of itself and all other members of the facility operator group to:
 - (a) register the relevant BB facility under this Part; and
 - (b) register the responsible facility operator under this Part as the BB reporting entity for the relevant BB facility.
- (5) An application for registration under this Part made by a facility operator in the capacity of responsible facility operator of a facility operator group must contain the information about the facility operator group specified in the BB Procedures.
- (6) If a responsible facility operator has registered as the BB reporting entity for the relevant BB facility, so long as that registration remains in effect:

- (a) each other member of the facility operator group is exempt from the requirement to register the relevant BB facility and to register as the BB reporting entity for the relevant BB facility;
- (b) the responsible facility operator is the BB reporting entity for the relevant BB facility;
- (c) the responsible facility operator must update the information about the facility operator group provided under subrule (5) if there is any change;
- (d) AEMO may fulfil any of AEMO's obligations under this Part to the members of the facility operator group by performing those obligations in relation to the responsible facility operator; and
- (e) each member of the facility operator group must procure and where necessary must facilitate, the compliance of the responsible facility operator with its obligations under this Part.

Subdivision 3.2 [Intentionally left blank]

153 [Intentionally left blank.]

154 [Intentionally left blank.]

155 [Intentionally left blank.]

Subdivision 3.3 Change of operator and early registration

156 Change of operator

- (1) If the identity of the facility operator for a BB facility registered under this Part changes:
 - (a) the outgoing facility operator must notify AEMO of the change; and
 - (b) the new facility operator must apply to register under this Part as the BB reporting entity for the BB facility.
- (2) [Intentionally left blank.]
- (3) If the identity of the responsible facility operator for a BB facility changes:
 - (a) the outgoing responsible facility operator must notify AEMO of the change; and

- (b) the new responsible facility operator must apply to register under this Part as the new BB reporting entity for the BB facility.
- (4) A notice under subrule (1) or (3) must be given no later than 5 business days after the change takes effect.
- (5) An application for registration referred to in subrule (1) or (3) must be made no later than 5 business days after the change takes effect.

Note:

The registered BB reporting entity remains responsible for the provision of information under this Part until the new registration takes effect.

- (6) Subrule (1) does not apply to a change in the identity of a facility operator in its capacity as a member of a facility operator group for a BB facility registered under this Part.

157 Change to facility operator group

- (1) If there is a change to the identity of the members of the facility operator group for a BB facility registered under this Part, the responsible facility operator must notify AEMO of the change.
- (2) [Intentionally left blank.]
- (3) A notice under subrule (1) must be given no later than 5 business days after the change takes effect.

158 Early registration application

- (1) An application to register under this Part may be made:
 - (a) by a person who intends to become a facility operator;
 - (b) in respect of a proposed BB facility; or
 - (c) by a person intending to register as the BB reporting entity for a BB facility.
- (2) If an application provided for in subrule (1) is made in accordance with the requirements of this Part, the registration the subject of the application will take effect from the time determined by AEMO in accordance with the BB Procedures.

Subdivision 3.4 Application process

159 Applications for registration

- (1) An application for registration under this Part must:
 - (a) be in the form specified by AEMO on the Bulletin Board; and
 - (b) contain the information specified by AEMO on the Bulletin Board.
- (2) AEMO may notify an applicant for registration within 5 business days if AEMO considers the application is incomplete or requires clarification.
- (3) If a notice is given under subrule (2) the applicant must, within 5 business days of the notice, provide to AEMO the information required to complete or clarify the application.

160 AEMO to register applicants and their facilities

- (1) AEMO must register an applicant under this Part as facility operator if the applicant has applied for registration in that capacity in accordance with rule 159.
- (2) AEMO must register a BB facility the subject of an application under this Part if an application for registration of the BB facility has been made in accordance with rule 159.
- (3) AEMO must register an applicant under this Part as the BB reporting entity for a BB facility if the applicant has applied for registration in that capacity in accordance with rule 159.
- (4) Where an application for registration is made by an intending operator or intending BB reporting entity or in respect of a proposed BB facility pursuant to rule 158, AEMO may defer the time at which registration takes effect to the time determined by AEMO in accordance with the BB Procedures.

161 Revocation of registration

- (1) A BB participant must apply to AEMO to revoke its registration under this Part if the BB participant is no longer required by this Part to be registered.
- (2) A BB participant must apply to AEMO to revoke the registration under this Part of its BB facility if the BB facility is no longer required by this Part to be registered.
- (3) An application under subrule (1) or (2) must:

- (a) be in the form specified by AEMO on the Bulletin Board; and
 - (b) contain the information specified by AEMO on the Bulletin Board.
- (4) AEMO must revoke the registration the subject of an application under subrule (1) or (2) if AEMO is satisfied based on the information in the application that the operator or facility is no longer required by this Part to be registered.
- (5) AEMO must revoke the registration of a facility operator as the BB reporting entity for a BB facility when:
- (a) AEMO has been given a notice under rule 156; and
 - (b) an application has been made to register a new BB reporting entity for the BB facility and the registration has taken effect.

Subdivision 3.5 BB shipper registration and contact details

162 BB shipper registration

- (1) A BB shipper may apply to AEMO to register in that capacity under this Part.
- (2) A registered BB shipper may apply to AEMO to have its registration under this Part revoked.
- (3) An application under subrule (1) or subrule (2) must be in the form and contain the information specified by AEMO on the Bulletin Board.
- (4) AEMO must register a BB shipper or revoke the registration of a registered BB shipper under this Subdivision if the applicant has applied for that registration or revocation in accordance with subrule (3).

163 Provision of contact details

- (1) Each BB participant and each user and non-scheme pipeline user that is a BB shipper must provide AEMO with *contact details* for posting on the Bulletin Board.
- (2) Any other person may provide AEMO with *contact details* for posting on the Bulletin Board.
- (3) *Contact details* provided pursuant to subrule (1) must be provided to AEMO on registration (in the case of a BB participant) and within 20 business days of becoming a BB shipper (in the case of a user or non-scheme pipeline user).

- (4) A person who has provided *contact details* pursuant to subrule (1) or (2) must tell AEMO as soon as reasonably practicable of any changes to those details.
- (5) The BB Procedures may specify the form and content of the *contact details* required or provided pursuant to this rule.

Subdivision 3.6 Exemptions from Division 5

164 Availability and effect of exemptions

- (1) AEMO may grant an exemption from the obligation to provide information under Division 5 in relation to a BB facility where the BB facility is a lateral gathering pipeline and where AEMO is satisfied in its discretion that the information relating to that BB facility is not material having regard to the purpose of the Bulletin Board in rule 145.
- (2) AEMO may grant an exemption from the obligation to provide information under one or more provisions in Division 5 in relation to a BB facility where AEMO is satisfied in its discretion that the information relating to that BB facility will be provided to AEMO by another person under this Part.
- (3) The BB reporting entity for a BB facility the subject of an exemption under subrule (1) is not required to report under Division 5 in relation to the BB facility for so long as the exemption continues.
- (4) The BB reporting entity for a BB facility the subject of an exemption under subrule (2) is not required to report in relation to the BB facility under the provisions in Division 5 to which the exemption applies for so long as the exemption continues.
- (5) The BB reporting entity for a BB facility may apply to AEMO for an exemption under subrule (1) or (2) for the BB facility. The application must be in the form and contain the information specified in the BB Procedures and the applicant must provide to AEMO any further information reasonably requested by AEMO to determine the application.
- (6) AEMO must use reasonable endeavours to determine an application under subrule (5) within 20 business days of all the information requested by AEMO being provided to it.
- (7) An exemption under subrule (1) or (2) must be in writing.
- (8) AEMO may revoke an exemption under subrule (1) or (2) at any time by giving not less than 20 days' notice to the BB reporting entity for the BB facility if AEMO is satisfied in all the circumstances that the exemption should be revoked.

Division 4 Information standard and related obligations

165 Standard for information or data given under this Part or the BB Procedures

- (1) A BB reporting entity required by a provision of this Part or the BB Procedures to give information or data to AEMO must:
 - (a) prepare and submit that information or data; and
 - (b) if applicable, maintain any equipment from which that information or data is derived,

in accordance with the BB information standard.

Note:

Section 223 of the *NGL* requires a person of the kind mentioned in the section who has possession or control of information in relation to natural gas services to give AEMO the information if the person is required to do so under the Rules. Section 223 is classified as a civil penalty provision.

- (2) The **BB information standard** means the practices, methods and acts that would reasonably be expected from an experienced and competent person engaged in the ownership, operation or control of a BB facility in Australia of that type acting with all due skill, diligence, prudence and foresight and in compliance with all applicable legislation (including these rules), authorisations and industry codes of practice.
- (3) Where this Part or the BB Procedures requires a BB reporting entity to update information or data provided to AEMO, the BB reporting entity must:
 - (a) do so each time facts or circumstances arise that require the information or data to be updated; and
 - (b) notify the updated information or data to AEMO as soon as practicable after the person becomes aware of the facts or circumstances that require the information or data to be updated and within any applicable timeframe specified in the BB Procedures.
- (4) A BB reporting entity required by a provision of this Part or the BB Procedures to update information or data provided to AEMO must:
 - (a) prepare and submit that updated information or data; and
 - (b) if applicable, maintain any equipment from which the updated information or data is derived,

in accordance with the BB information standard.

- (5) AEMO is not required to verify the accuracy of information or data provided to AEMO under this Part.

166 Information to be provided in accordance with the BB Procedures

- (1) Where this Part requires a BB reporting entity to provide information to AEMO, the information must be provided by the BB reporting entity by the time specified in the BB Procedures.

Note:

Section 223 of the *NGL* requires the information referred to in the section to be given to AEMO in accordance with the Rules. Section 223 is classified as a civil penalty provision.

- (2) Where this Part requires a BB reporting entity to provide information to AEMO, the information must be provided by the BB reporting entity in the manner and form specified in, and otherwise in accordance with, the BB Procedures.

Note:

Section 223 of the *NGL* requires the information referred to in the section to be given to AEMO in accordance with the Rules. Section 223 is classified as a civil penalty provision.

- (3) The BB Procedures may require information about a gas day referred to in Subdivision 5.4 or Subdivision 5.5 of Division 5 to be provided in advance of that gas day.
- (4) A BB participant that provides comments in the free text facility on the Bulletin Board must comply with any restrictions specified in the BB Procedures relating to the use of the free text facility.

167 Use of default values

- (1) Where provided for in this Part, the BB Procedures may provide for:
 - (a) a BB reporting entity to be exempt from the obligation to provide an item of information under this Part in respect of a BB facility in specified circumstances; and
 - (b) the default value that will be used in place of the relevant item of information.
- (2) The obligations under this Part to update information apply to default values determined under the BB Procedures as if the BB reporting entity had provided the information to AEMO.

Division 5 Information to be provided by BB reporting entities

Subdivision 5.1 Nameplate ratings and detailed facility information

168 Nameplate rating information

- (1) A BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO:
 - (a) the nameplate rating of each of its BB facilities; and
 - (b) information about any planned permanent capacity reduction or expansion due to modification of the BB facility, the nameplate rating that is expected to result and the time the modification is expected to take effect.

- (2) In addition to the information under subrule (1), a BB reporting entity for a BB pipeline must provide to AEMO:
 - (a) the nameplate rating for each gate station owned, controlled or operated by the BB reporting entity and connected to the BB pipeline;
 - (b) for each gate station connected to the BB pipeline which is not owned, controlled or operated by the BB reporting entity:
 - (i) the name of the person who owns, controls or operates the gate station; and
 - (ii) the nameplate rating of the gate station if that nameplate rating has been provided to a facility operator for the BB pipeline by the person who owns, controls or operates the gate station; and
 - (c) information about any planned permanent capacity reduction or expansion due to modification of each such gate station, the nameplate rating that is expected to result and the time the modification is expected to take effect.

- (3) The BB reporting entity must provide the information specified in subrule (1) and (where applicable) subrule (2) to AEMO:
 - (a) on registration of the BB facility; and
 - (b) annually, by the date specified in the BB Procedures.

- (4) A BB reporting entity must update the information provided under subrule (1) for its BB facility if there is a material change.

- (5) A BB reporting entity for a BB pipeline must update the information provided under subrule (2)(a) or (2)(b) for the BB pipeline if that information is no longer accurate.

169 Detailed facility information for all BB facilities

- (1) A BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO the detailed facility information for each of its BB facilities.
- (2) The BB reporting entity must provide the detailed facility information specified in subrule (1) to AEMO on registration.
- (3) A BB reporting entity must update the detailed facility information provided under subrule (1) for its BB facility if the information is no longer accurate.
- (4) In this rule the term **detailed facility information**:
 - (a) when used in the context of a BB transmission pipeline, means:
 - (i) all *receipt or delivery points* on that pipeline and any production facilities, gas storage facilities or transmission pipelines to which those *receipt or delivery points* connect; and
 - (ii) all gate stations on that pipeline;
 - (b) when used in the context of:
 - (i) a production facility; or
 - (ii) a gas storage facility,

means each pipeline to which the BB facility is connected and the *receipt or delivery points* at which the BB facility is connected.

170 Gas day start times for all BB facilities

- (1) A BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO the time at which the gas day starts for each of its BB facilities (e.g. 6am EST).
- (2) If the start time for the gas day for a BB facility provided to AEMO under subrule (1) changes, the BB reporting entity must notify AEMO of the updated information as soon as practicable.

Subdivision 5.2 [Intentionally left blank]

171 [Intentionally left blank.]

Subdivision 5.3 Pipeline and storage capacity bookings

172 Information about BB shippers with primary pipeline capacity

- (1) A BB reporting entity must, for each of its BB pipelines, provide to AEMO a list of BB shippers who have contracted primary pipeline capacity on the BB pipeline.
- (2) A BB reporting entity must update the information provided under subrule (1) for its BB pipeline if the information is no longer accurate.
- (3) Subrule (1) does not apply to a BB reporting entity in its capacity as the BB reporting entity for a declared transmission system.

173 [Intentionally left blank.]

174 Secondary trade data for BB pipelines

- (1) A BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO the secondary trade data for each of its BB pipelines that is:
 - (a) listed on a secondary capacity trading platform that the BB reporting entity or a member of the facility operator group for the relevant BB facility owns, operates or controls; or
 - (b) listed on a secondary capacity trading platform and the BB reporting entity or a member of a facility operator group for the relevant BB facility is provided with the secondary trade data by the person who owns, operates or controls the secondary capacity trading platform.

Note:

Under rule 152(6)(e), each member of a facility operator group must procure and where necessary must facilitate, the compliance of the responsible facility operator with its obligations under this Part.

- (2) The BB reporting entity must provide the information specified in subrule (1) to AEMO each week for the immediately preceding week.

175 12 month outlook of uncontracted primary pipeline capacity

- (1) A BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO, for each of its BB pipelines, an outlook of uncontracted primary pipeline capacity on the BB pipeline for each of the next 12 months.
- (2) The BB reporting entity must provide the information specified in subrule (1) to AEMO each month, by the date determined under the BB Procedures.
- (3) Subrule (1) does not apply to a BB reporting entity in its capacity as the BB reporting entity for a declared transmission system.

176 [Intentionally left blank.]

177 12 month outlook of uncontracted storage capacity

- (1) A BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO, for each of its BB storage facilities, an outlook of uncontracted storage capacity in the BB storage facility for each of the next 12 months.
- (2) The BB reporting entity must provide the information referred to in subrule (1) to AEMO each month, by the date determined under the BB Procedures.

Subdivision 5.4 Short term and medium term capacity outlooks

178 Short term capacity outlooks for BB facilities

- (1) A BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO a short term capacity outlook for each of its BB facilities.
- (2) The BB reporting entity must provide the information specified in subrule (1) to AEMO each gas day, except in circumstances where, in accordance with rule 167, the BB Procedures permit the BB reporting entity to rely on an exemption and the use of default values for a gas day.
- (3) A BB reporting entity must update the information it has provided under subrule (1) for a gas day if there is a material change and must do so as soon as practicable in accordance with rule 165(3).

179 Linepack/capacity adequacy indicator for all BB pipelines

- (1) A BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO the LCA flag for each of its BB pipelines.

- (2) The BB reporting entity must provide the LCA flag in respect of each gas day D for gas days D to D+2, except in circumstances where, in accordance with rule 167, the BB Procedures permit the BB reporting entity to rely on an exemption and the use of default values for a gas day.
- (3) A BB reporting entity must update the current LCA flag for a BB pipeline for a gas day if at any time the LCA flag for the gas day no longer reflects the actual or expected capability of the BB pipeline to meet the aggregated nominations for withdrawals from the BB pipeline on that gas day.

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181 Medium term capacity outlooks for BB facilities

- (1) A BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO a medium term capacity outlook for each of its BB facilities.
- (2) The BB reporting entity must provide the information referred to in subrule (1) to AEMO on each day that the information is provided to BB shippers by a facility operator for the BB facility, except in circumstances where, in accordance with rule 167, the BB Procedures permit the BB reporting entity to rely on an exemption and the use of default values for a gas day.
- (3) A medium term capacity outlook provided to AEMO in accordance with this rule must identify the BB facility to which the outlook relates and must contain the following information:
 - (a) the expected start and end dates of the matters expected to affect the daily capacity of the BB facility;
 - (b) a description of the matters expected to affect the daily capacity of the BB facility; and
 - (c) the expected daily capacity of the BB facility during the period it is affected by the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).

Subdivision 5.5 Nominated and forecast use of storage and pipelines

182 Nominated and forecast use of BB storage facilities

- (1) Subject to subrule (2), a BB reporting entity must, in respect of each of its BB storage facilities, provide to AEMO in respect of each gas day D:
 - (a) the aggregate quantity of natural gas nominated by BB shippers to be injected into the BB storage facility for the gas day;

- (b) the aggregate quantity of natural gas nominated by BB shippers to be withdrawn from the BB storage facility for the gas day;
 - (c) the aggregate quantity of natural gas forecast by BB shippers to be injected into the BB storage facility for gas day D+1 to gas day D+6 if BB shippers using the BB storage facility have provided forecast quantities under contract or applicable market rules; and
 - (d) the aggregate quantity of natural gas forecast by BB shippers to be withdrawn from the BB storage facility for gas day D+1 to gas day D+6 if BB shippers using the BB storage facility have provided forecast quantities under contract or applicable market rules.
- (2) Subrule (1) does not apply to a BB storage facility which is used solely as part of a production facility.
 - (3) A BB reporting entity must update the information it has provided to AEMO under subrule (1) if there is a material change and must do so as soon as practicable in accordance with rule 165(3).

183 Nominated and forecast delivery information for BB pipelines

- (1) A BB reporting entity must, in respect of each of its BB pipelines (other than a BB pipeline forming part of a declared transmission system), provide to AEMO in respect of each gas day D:
 - (a) the nominations for injections into the BB pipeline for the gas day aggregated at each receipt point;
 - (b) the nominations for withdrawals from the BB pipeline for the gas day aggregated at each delivery point;
 - (c) the forecast injections into the BB pipeline for gas day D+1 to gas day D+6 aggregated at each receipt point if BB shippers on the BB pipeline have provided forecast receipt point nominations under contract or applicable market rules; and
 - (d) the forecast withdrawals from the BB pipeline for gas day D+1 to gas day D+6 aggregated at each delivery point if BB shippers on the BB pipeline have provided forecast delivery point nominations under contract or applicable market rules.
- (2) A BB reporting entity for a BB pipeline forming part of a declared transmission system must provide to AEMO in respect of each gas day D, for each controllable system point on, and connected to, the declared transmission system:
 - (a) the aggregated scheduled injections for the gas day;

- (b) the aggregated scheduled withdrawals for the gas day;
 - (c) the forecast aggregated scheduled injections for gas days D+1 and D+2; and
 - (d) the forecast aggregated scheduled withdrawals for gas days D+1 and D+2.
- (3) In subrule (2) and this subrule (3), a **controllable system point** is a system point at which injections or withdrawals (or both) of controllable quantities may be made and the following terms have the meaning given in Part 19: controllable quantity, scheduled injection, scheduled withdrawal, system point.
- (4) For the avoidance of doubt the information provided under subrule (1) is to be based only on information provided by BB shippers and does not represent the BB reporting entity's forecast.
- (5) For the purposes of this rule, the BB Procedures may specify the default directions which are to be assigned to natural gas flows for each BB pipeline and the manner in which reverse flows of natural gas are to be treated.
- (6) The obligation of a BB reporting entity under subrule (1) or (2) to provide information is taken to be satisfied for a gas day in circumstances where, in accordance with rule 167, the BB Procedures permit the BB reporting entity to rely on an exemption and the use of default values for that gas day.
- (7) A BB reporting entity must update the information it has provided to AEMO under subrule (1) or (2) if there is a material change and must do so as soon as practicable in accordance with rule 165(3).

184 [Intentionally left blank.]

185 Nominated and forecast use of production facilities

- (1) A BB reporting entity must, in respect of each of its BB production facilities, provide to AEMO in respect of each gas day D:
- (a) the aggregate nominations for injections into one or more BB pipelines from the production facility for the gas day; and
 - (b) the aggregate forecasts for nominations for injections into one or more BB pipelines from the production facility for gas day D+1 to gas day D+6, if BB shippers have provided forecast nominations under contract or applicable market rules.

- (2) For the avoidance of doubt the information provided under subrule (1) is only based on information provided by BB shippers and does not represent the BB reporting entity's forecast.
- (3) The obligation of a BB reporting entity under subrule (1) to provide information is taken to be satisfied for a gas day in circumstances where, in accordance with rule 167, the BB Procedures permit the BB reporting entity to rely on an exemption and the use of default values for that gas day.
- (4) A BB reporting entity must update the information it has provided to AEMO under subrule (1) if there is a material change and must do so as soon as practicable in accordance with rule 165(3).

Subdivision 5.6 Actual production and flow data

186 Basis of calculation

The information to be provided to AEMO under this subdivision is to be determined by the BB reporting entity on the basis of operational metering data or as specified in the rule under which the information is required to be provided.

Note:

The information provided to AEMO under this Subdivision is not intended to be of settlements quality.

187 Daily flow data for BB pipelines

- (1) Each gas day D a BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO the daily flow data for each of its BB pipelines (other than BB pipelines forming part of a declared transmission system) for gas day D-1.
- (2) Each gas day a BB reporting entity for a BB pipeline forming part of a declared transmission system must provide to AEMO the actual injections and withdrawals of natural gas at each receipt point, delivery point and transfer point on the declared transmission system on the basis of operational metering and as metered at any relevant connection point to the declared transmission system for gas day D-1.
- (3) In subrule (2), the following terms have the meaning given in Part 19: connection point, actual injection, delivery point, receipt point, system point and transfer point.
- (4) A BB reporting entity must update the information provided under subrule (1) or (2) for its BB pipeline if the information is no longer accurate.

188 Daily production and storage data

- (1) Each gas day D, a BB reporting entity must provide to AEMO:
 - (a) the daily production data for each of its BB production facilities for gas day D-1;
 - (b) the daily production data for each of its BB storage facilities for gas day D-1; and
 - (c) the actual quantity of natural gas held in each of its BB storage facilities at the end of gas day D-1.
- (2) A BB reporting entity must update the information provided under subrule (1) for its BB facility if the information is no longer accurate.

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190 [Intentionally left blank.]

Division 6 Other information

191 BB Participants may indicate spare capacity available for purchase or capacity requirements

- (1) At any time, a BB participant may notify other BB users that it has spare capacity in a BB facility for purchase by providing details of the spare capacity to AEMO in the form required by the BB Procedures.
- (2) At any time, a BB participant may notify other BB users that it wishes to purchase spare capacity in a BB facility by providing details of the capacity it wishes to purchase to AEMO in the form required by the BB Procedures.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, a notice given under subrule (1) or (2) and posted on the Bulletin Board by AEMO is an invitation to treat and not an offer capable of acceptance by another person.

192 BB participants may indicate gas available for purchase or gas requirements

- (1) At any time, a BB participant may notify other BB users that it has natural gas available for purchase by providing details of the natural gas available for purchase to AEMO in the form required by the BB Procedures.
- (2) At any time, a BB participant may notify other BB users that it wishes to purchase natural gas by providing details of the natural gas it wishes to purchase to AEMO in the form required by the BB Procedures.

- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, a notice given under subrule (1) or (2) and posted on the Bulletin Board by AEMO is an invitation to treat and not an offer capable of acceptance by another person.

Division 7 Publication of information by AEMO

193 Publication of information by AEMO

Except where provided to the contrary in the Rules, information that AEMO is required to publish on the Bulletin Board under this Division 7, must be published by AEMO on the Bulletin Board in the time and manner specified in the BB Procedures.

194 Publication of information provided to AEMO under Division 5

- (1) Subject to subrule (2), AEMO must publish on the Bulletin Board the information provided to AEMO by BB reporting entities in accordance with the obligations of BB reporting entities under Division 5.
- (2) AEMO must not:
 - (a) publish on the Bulletin Board information about nominations and forecasts provided to AEMO under rule 183, unless the information is published in aggregated form in accordance with this rule; or
 - (b) publish information about actual flows for gas day D provided to AEMO under Subdivision 5.6 of Division 5 before gas day D+1.
- (3) AEMO must publish on the Bulletin Board in respect of each gas day D based on the information about nominations and forecasts provided to AEMO under rule 183:
 - (a) for BB pipelines, nominated injections and withdrawals of natural gas for the gas day aggregated in accordance with the aggregation method referred to in subrule (4); and
 - (b) for BB pipelines, forecast injections and withdrawals of natural gas for gas day D+1 to gas day D+6 aggregated in accordance with the aggregation method referred to in subrule (4).
- (4) AEMO must determine and may amend from time to time an aggregation method to be used by AEMO for subrule (3) which so far as practicable:
 - (a) makes the data provided to AEMO available to BB users only as a representation of the direction and quantity of gas flows in BB pipelines; and
 - (b) does not directly or indirectly disclose a nomination made by a market generating unit as defined in the National Electricity Rules.

- (5) AEMO must publish on the Bulletin Board an overview of the aggregation method used by AEMO for subrule (3).

195 Publication of representation of actual flows

- (1) In addition to AEMO's obligation under rule 194(1), AEMO must also publish on the Bulletin Board in respect of each gas day D, based on the data provided to AEMO under Subdivision 5.6 of Division 5:
 - (a) the daily flow data for each BB pipeline aggregated to provide a representation of the direction and quantity of gas flows in BB pipelines on the gas day; and
 - (b) data about demand for natural gas aggregated to provide a representation of demand in different locations within demand categories determined by AEMO.
- (2) AEMO must determine and may amend from time to time the aggregation methods used by AEMO for subrule (1) and must publish on the Bulletin Board an overview of the aggregation methods.

Division 8 Access to the Bulletin Board

196 BB users bound by terms of use

Each and every time a person accesses the Bulletin Board, that person is deemed to agree to the BB terms of use.

197 BB user requests access to archive information (Section 222 of the NGL)

- (1) A BB user may request AEMO to provide it with any information that was previously but is not, at the time of the request, published on the Bulletin Board.
- (2) If practicable, AEMO must provide the service requested under subrule (1) and, unless it determines otherwise, charge the BB user an information retrieval fee for providing the service.
- (3) For the purposes of subrule (2), AEMO must publish on the Bulletin Board a schedule of information retrieval fees which must be calculated on the basis of recovering only the costs incurred in processing requests.
- (4) AEMO may use the *expedited consultation procedure* or any other consultation procedure it determines is appropriate in all the circumstances (including but not limited to the *standard consultative procedure*) to consult with BB participants with respect to the formulation of the schedule of information retrieval fees.

Note:

See rules 8 & 9

Schedule 2 Amendment to the National Gas Rules

(Clause 4)

[1] Subrule 135CC(1) Components of participant fees

In subrule 135CC(1)(e), omit ".", substitute ";".

[2] Subrule 135CC(1) Components of participant fees

After subrule 135CC(1)(e), insert:

- (f) fees to recover AEMO's costs of operating and maintaining the Bulletin Board in accordance with Part 18.

[3] Subrule 135CC(2) Components of participant fees

Omit note 1, substitute "[Deleted]".

[4] Rule 141 Interpretation

In rule 141(1), omit the definitions "actual BB costs", "default interest rate", "interest rate", and "total estimated BB costs".

[5] Division 9 of Part 18 Cost recovery by AEMO in respect of access to the Bulletin Board (Section 222 of the NGL)

Omit the heading in Division 9 of Part 18, and substitute "[Deleted]".

[6] Rule 188 Calculation of BB operating costs

Omit rule 188, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

[7] Rule 189 Total estimated BB costs

Omit rule 189, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

[8] Rule 190 AEMO to maintain records of costs

Omit rule 190, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

[9] Rule 191 Basis for recovery of BB operating costs

Omit rule 191, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

[10] Rule 192 BB Procedures may specify certain matters with respect to the formulae in rules 189 and 191

Omit rule 192, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

[11] Rule 193 Recovery of BB operating costs

Omit rule 193, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

[12] Rule 194 Payment of invoices

Omit rule 194, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

[13] Rule 195 Disputed invoices

Omit rule 195, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

**[14] Rule 196 Information requirements for cost
recovery**

Omit rule 196, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

**[15] Division 10 of Part 18 Cost recovery by pipeline
operators**

Omit the heading in Division 10 of Part 18, and substitute "[Deleted]".

**[16] Rule 197 Pipeline operator to provide aggregation
and information services costs**

Omit rule 197, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

**[17] Rule 198 Payment of aggregation and information
services costs**

Omit rule 198, and the heading, and substitute "[Deleted]".

Schedule 3 Savings and Transitional Amendments to the National Gas Rules

(Clause 5)

[1] Schedule 1 Transitional Provisions

In Schedule 1, after Part 9, insert:

Part 10 Transitional provisions consequent on the National Gas Amendment (Improvements to Natural Gas Bulletin Board) Rule 2017 No 3

51 Definitions

For the purposes of this Part 10:

Amending Rule means the *National Gas Amendment (Improvements to Natural Gas Bulletin Board) Rule 2017 No 3*.

new Part 18 means Part 18 as amended by the Amending Rule.

new BB Procedures means BB Procedures developed and made for the purposes of new Part 18.

52 New BB Procedures

AEMO must in accordance with Part 15B develop and publish the new BB Procedures by 30 April 2018.

[END OF RULE AS MADE]
