



Sarah Lau
Australian Energy Market Commission
Level 5, 201 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000

By online lodgement

18 January 2013

Dear Sarah,

Re: Rule change “Changes to normal voltage” (AEMC reference ERC0148)

GDF Suez Australian Energy (GDF Suez) appreciates the work carried out by the AEMC in assessing our application for a Rule change on this matter.

GDF Suez agrees with the Commission’s view that a rule should be made requiring notification to registered participants of a potential change in the normal voltage level. As noted by the Commission in the draft Rule determination, a potential change to the normal voltage level could have impacts on participants beyond those directly connected at the relevant connection point.

GDF Suez supports the more preferable rule developed by the Commission, where AEMO would have an obligation to notify registered participants of a request to change normal voltage after receiving a request from a network service provider. This provides a mechanism for participants to raise issues with AEMO before any change is made to the normal voltage level.

Although the proposed rule does not oblige AEMO to respond to any issues raised by participants, GDF Suez expects that good industry practice would require AEMO to respond appropriately to any legitimate issues raised by participants to proposed change to normal voltage.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on 03 9617 8331.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Deague'.

Chris Deague
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