



Review of template for generator compliance programs 2015

Reliability Panel starts review and invites submissions

The Reliability Panel has started its three-yearly review of the template for generator compliance programs. The Panel invites stakeholder submissions on the review and matters considered in an Issues Paper published today.

Purpose of the template for generator compliance programs

The template aims to provide assistance and clarity to stakeholders, particularly electricity generators and the Australian Energy Regulator, on what constitutes good electricity industry practice with respect to performance standards compliance. It may also be of assistance to other stakeholders. Effective compliance with performance standards contributes to the delivery of reliable and secure electricity to consumers in the National Electricity Market.

Role of the Reliability Panel in this review

The National Electricity Rules (Rules) require the Panel to determine, modify as necessary, and publish the template. Under the Rules, the Panel must review the template at least every three years, or as the AEMC requests. The standing terms of reference for this review, which have been issued to the Panel by the AEMC, are available on the AEMC's website. The standing terms of reference require the Panel to consult with stakeholders and complete this review by 31 July 2015.

Matters to be considered in this review

In this review, the Panel will investigate whether the template it finalised with stakeholder input in June 2012 remains consistent with any subsequent changes to the Rules, technologies, performance standards and compliance methods. The Panel is particularly interested in understanding stakeholders' experiences in applying the template, what industry behaviours it has encouraged (or discouraged), and whether improvements could be made.

Matters to be considered in this review include: the clarity of information provided in the template; whether the information provided in the template is sufficiently prescriptive, yet flexible such that it can capture any future changes in technology, testing and monitoring methods; the usefulness of the template in terms of supporting ongoing compliance with performance standards and the Rules; and stakeholders' general views and experiences to date.

Consultation

To help stakeholders engage with the Panel in this review, the Panel has published an Issues Paper. Interested stakeholders are invited to make written submissions to the Panel by no later than **18 December 2014**. The Panel may also convene a stakeholder workshop on the key issues raised in submissions received in early 2015.

The Panel expects to publish a Draft Report and Final Report for this review in March and June 2015, respectively.

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