



Energy Adequacy Assessment Projection reporting timeframes

Stakeholder submissions invited on new rule change request.

The Australian Energy Market Commission has commenced consultation on a rule change request from the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO). The rule change proposal seeks to reduce the frequency of Energy Adequacy Assessment Projection (EAAP) reporting while maintaining the ability to issue an EAAP when it is necessary.

The rule change request

The EAAP is an information mechanism that provides the market with a two-year outlook on the effect of energy constraints in the National Electricity Market (NEM). Energy constraints refer to fuel shortages or constraints that limit the ability to use a generator, such as access to water for cooling or for hydro generation.

The NER require AEMO to prepare and publish an EAAP every three months using, among other inputs, information supplied by scheduled generators via the Generator Energy Limitation Framework (GELF).

The EAAP complements the operation of AEMO's weekly Medium Term Projected Assessment of System Adequacy (MT PASA). The MT PASA only considers generators' capacity constraints, while the EAAP also considers the generators' energy constraints.

AEMO considers that the EAAP is still valuable as a centralised assessment of energy constraints that could impact energy availability. However reporting too frequently creates administrative burden and costs for AEMO and generators, which could potentially exceed the value of the information produced. Reporting too infrequently potentially increases the risk of not identifying energy constraints in a timely basis.

The rule change request proposes that:

- AEMO publish the EAAP annually instead of quarterly;
- scheduled generators update GELF parameters annually instead of quarterly; and
- AEMO define through the EAAP Guidelines trigger events for when AEMO must undertake additional EAAP reporting and the timing for when additional EAAPs must be published and additional GELF must be submitted.

Expedited rule making process

The AEMC will assess this rule change request as a non-controversial rule under an expedited rule making process, subject to any written objections by 7 April 2016. The time for making the final determination on this rule change has been extended by two weeks. If no written objections to the expedited process are received, the AEMC will publish a final rule determination and any final rule by 19 May 2016.

Submissions

A consultation paper has been prepared to facilitate stakeholder comment on the issues raised by the rule change request. Submissions on the rule change request are to be lodged by **21 April 2016**.

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