



## Proposed updates to template for generator compliance programs

Reliability Panel invites submissions to draft report

**The Reliability Panel is reviewing the template for generator compliance programs and has published a draft report, including draft recommendations, for stakeholder comment.**

### Purpose of the template for generator compliance programs

The template aims to provide assistance and clarity to registered electricity market participants, particularly generators, to develop performance standards compliance programs, which include monitoring procedures they consider to be consistent with good electricity industry practice. It also helps the Australian Energy Regulator with the enforcement and monitoring of generators' compliance with technical requirements under the National Electricity Rules. Effective compliance with performance standards contributes to the delivery of reliable and secure electricity to Australian consumers in the National Electricity Market.

### Role of the Reliability Panel in this review

The National Electricity Rules require the Reliability 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 Australian Energy Market Commission requests.

The Commission provided the Panel with the standing terms of reference for this review on 15 September 2014. The terms of reference require the Panel to consult with stakeholders and complete this review by 31 July 2015.

### Panel's draft report and recommendations

The Reliability Panel's draft recommendations aim to improve the template's clarity and reflect changes in generation technology, monitoring techniques and plant operational modes. The Panel's draft recommendations for amendments to the template include:

- review the introductory text for ongoing relevance and update, as appropriate;
- a general overview of the compliance framework;
- clarification that some older generators may need to maintain compliance with their testing and monitoring requirements that were established under older versions of the National Electricity Rules or National Electricity Code;
- information on continuous plant monitoring;
- general information on dry stored generators;
- provision in the table in the template for large scale solar generation; and
- provision in the table in the template for testing to be carried out following a 'plant change'.

The Panel considers that its draft recommendations have the potential to contribute to improvements in the efficiency with which compliance obligations are carried out by generators and the Australian Energy Regulator. This, in turn, has the potential to provide confidence to customers that generators are contributing to the delivery of a secure and reliable power system.

Also, in the draft report, the Panel is seeking stakeholder views on the current requirements in the National Electricity Rules concerning the template.

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## Process to date

On 13 November 2014, the Reliability Panel published an issues paper for the review. Four submissions were received from stakeholders. The Panel also facilitated a stakeholder workshop on 18 February 2015, which enabled discussion about issues raised in the issues paper and in submissions. All relevant information for this review, including the Panel's draft report, is available from [www.aemc.gov.au](http://www.aemc.gov.au).

## Consultation

The Panel invites written submissions from stakeholders on its draft report, which includes a draft template incorporating the Panel's draft recommendations, by no later than **Thursday 7 May 2015**.

Stakeholders may request a public meeting on the draft report within five business days of the draft report being published. If such a request is received, stakeholders will be notified of the public meeting at least two weeks in advance of it being held. A tentative date of Wednesday 29 April 2015 has been set aside for the public meeting, if requested.

The Panel will publish its final report for this review on 18 June 2015.

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