



## Publication of gas planning documents

Consultation Paper submissions due on 27 February 2014

**The AEMC is consulting on a rule change proposal relating to the Gas Statement of Opportunities (GSOO) and the gas Victorian Annual Planning Report (VAPR).**

**The AEMC intends to assess this rule change proposal as a non-controversial rule under a 6-week expedited rule change process subject to receiving any objections.**

### Background GSOO

The GSOO provides information on the supply and demand side of the gas markets in Australia with the exception of the Northern Territory and Western Australia. The GSOO includes information about natural gas reserves, capacity and constraints on gas production, storage facilities and transmission networks and projected demand for natural gas.

AEMO publishes the GSOO annually by 31 December each year.

### Gas VAPR

The gas VAPR provides information about the Victorian Declared Wholesale Gas Market (DWGM) and, more specifically, on Victoria's Declared Transmission System. Over at least a 5 year outlook, the gas VAPR (and supplementary documents) includes information about both the supply and demand side of the DWGM.

AEMO is required to do an annual planning review by 30 November each year.

### Rule change proposal

AEMO proposes to:

- change the publication dates of the GSOO and gas VAPR to the 31 March to allow for more time to include the most recent winter data and for stakeholder comment; and
- decrease the frequency of publishing the gas VAPR from an annual to a biennial publication cycle.

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The AEMC is seeking submissions on its Consultation Paper relating to this rule change proposal.

### Process for assessing the rule change proposal

The AEMC will assess this rule change as a non-controversial rule under an expedited rule making process subject to the receipt of written objections.

If written objections are received, then the AEMC may assess the rule change proposal under the standard rule making process.

If the AEMC does not receive any written objections, then the AEMC will, under an expedited rule making process, publish a final rule determination 6 weeks from the publication of this Consultation Paper.

Under an expedited rule making process, the key dates for this rule change proposal are:

- 13 February 2014 – closing date of objections to the AEMC's assessment of the rule change proposal under an expedited rule making process
- 27 February 2014 – closing date of submissions on the rule change proposal; and
- 13 March 2014 – proposed publication date of the final rule determination.

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