

Notice to Participants of AEMO's decision on making the Wholesale Market Gas Scheduling Procedures version 2.0

AEMO hereby gives notice that it has decided to amend the Wholesale Market Gas Scheduling Procedures, effective from 4 May 2014.

This notice advises all Registered Participants (Participants) and other interested stakeholders that consultation for changes to the Wholesale Market Gas Scheduling Procedures under the procedure change consultative process prescribed in rule 135EE of the National Gas Rules (NGR), concluded on 10 March 2015.

The proposed changes to Wholesale Market Gas Scheduling Procedures version 1.2 and participant feedback from the consultation process are available on the AEMO website at -

http://www.aemo.com.au/Consultations/Gas-Consultations/General/IIR-15_002-Update-to-Gas-Scheduling-Procedures

The changes set out in "Final Draft Wholesale Market Gas Scheduling Procedures (Victoria) v2.0" will be implemented. The final draft includes the changes set out in the draft that was published for consultation with additional amendments based on participant feedback described in Attachment A below.

AEMO considers that this change meets the requirements of the National Gas Objective for efficient operation and use of, natural gas services for the long term benefit of consumers of natural gas by updating the Procedures to more accurately reflect current operating practices and to improve the Procedures' overall clarity; thereby improving transparency of AEMO's operations. These changes were also necessary to ensure that AEMO's operations were consistent with the requirements of the National Gas Rules.

As required by Rule 135EE(5), AEMO also publishes this notice to inform Participants that version 2.0 of the Wholesale Market Gas Scheduling Procedures will be effective from 4 May 2015.

Notice Date: 8 April 2015

Attachment A: Summary of stakeholder comments on the proposed changes to the Wholesale Market Gas Scheduling Procedures

Organisation	Summary of comment	AEMO's Response
APA Group	Suggested changes to Chapter 3.8 to allow for easier understanding of the Procedures	The suggested changes have been implemented.
APA Group	Cross-referencing error due to changes in Chapter 3.8A identified.	The suggested changes have been implemented.
APA Group	Suggested changes to Chapter 3.12 to clarify that the section applies to all schedules within a day.	The suggested changes have not been implemented on the basis that the changes were not related to the original consultation. Implementation of these changes would require a second round of consultation which would unduly delay implementation of the Procedures change.
APA Group	Suggested changes to Chapter 5.1 to mandate that AEMO produce an ad hoc operating schedule or amend the SDPCs under the circumstances set out therein.	The suggested changes have not been implemented on the basis that the changes were not related to the original consultation. Implementation of these changes would require a second round of consultation which would unduly delay implementation of the Procedures change.
APA Group	Suggested changes to Chapter 5.2 clarify the meaning.	AEMO has made changes to the drafting of 5.2 that clarify the role of ancillary payments with respect to ad hoc schedules.
APA Group	Suggested a change to the formatting of Chapter 5.3.4.	The suggested changes have been implemented.
APA Group	Suggested changes to Chapter 5.3.5 to recognise limitations of AEMO's powers to intervene in the market.	The suggested changes have not been implemented on the basis that the changes were not related to the original consultation. Implementation of these changes would require a second round of consultation which would unduly delay implementation of the Procedures change.