

NOTICE OF DECISION - WHOLESALE MARKET MAINTENANCE PLANNING PROCEDURES (VICTORIA)

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NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE NATIONAL GAS RULES (NGR)

This notice is to advise Participants of AEMO's decision to make amendments to the:

- Wholesale Market Maintenance Planning Procedures (Victoria).

This notice advises Gas Market Registered Participants that consultation under the ordinary Procedure change consultative process prescribed under Rule 135EE of the NGR concluded on 16 March 2021 for the consultation to:

- Restructure the document to better align with the National Gas Rules.
- Reflect that the Procedures are now applicable to DWGM facility operators.
- Reflect that AEMO will coordinate all maintenance to minimise threats to system security (as opposed to ensuring that system security is not threatened).
- Clarify the process for planning approval and management of Planned Maintenance, Unplanned Maintenance and Emergency Work.
- Clarify the decision-making process for the assessment of threats to system security.
- Removal of AEMO Gas Control Room phone number and email from the publicly published document, to minimise improper use.

Prior to commencing the ordinary consultation process, this proposal was issued to the Gas Wholesale Consultative Forum (GWCF) in accordance with the [Approved Process under Rule 135EC of the NGR](#).

As required under Rule 135EE of the NGR, Gas Market Registered Participants and other interested parties were invited to submit comments to AEMO on the Impact and Implementation Report (IIR). No submissions were received in respect of the IIR.

Having considered the proposal, AEMO has decided to amend the Wholesale Market Maintenance Planning Procedures in line with the changes-marked procedures published with the IIR. The effective date for these amendments is 22 April 2021.

An updated version of the Procedures will be published on AEMO's website prior to the effective date.

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