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## For NSW/ACT: Notice to all Registered Participants under the NGR

For NSW/ACT, this Notice is to advise Participants on AEMO's decision to reject amendments to the:

Retail Market Procedures (NSW/ACT)

This Notice advises Gas Market Registered Participants that consultation under the ordinary Procedure Change Consultative Process prescribed under Rule 135EE of the National Gas Rules (NGR) concluded on 16 August 2021 for:

- IN004/20 (BL and TSF factors in NSW/ACT)

Prior to commencing the ordinary consultation process, AEMO published the Proposed Procedure Change (PPC) on the AEMO website as described in rule 135ED of the NGR. The Gas Retail Consultative Forum (GRCF) was invited to examine the PPC. AEMO received submissions from AGL and Red Energy / Lumo Energy. These submissions supported the majority of AEMO's proposed changes and suggested a number of minor editorial changes to the draft Retail Market Procedure (RMP) documents. AEMO incorporated most of these suggested changes into the draft TP documents issued alongside the Impact and Implementation Report (IIR).

As required under Rule 135EE of the NGR, Gas Market Registered Participants and other interested parties were invited to submit comments to AEMO on this IIR. Submissions closed on 16 August 2021. AEMO received submissions from AGL and Red and Lumo Energy. Red and Lumo Energy's submission raised issues of sufficient magnitude or complexity that additional consultation was warranted. As such, on 8 September 2021 AEMO issued a Notice of Time Limit Extension to allow for consideration of Red and Lumo Energy's feedback.

The GRCF considered Red and Lumo Energy's feedback and decided to adopt a new drafting approach to resolve the requirements originally raised by the proponent, Jemena Gas Networks (JGN). Given that the GRCF did not wish to pursue the drafting approach outlined in IN004/20, JGN withdrew the initiative<sup>1</sup>.

Since IN004/20 has been withdrawn by the proponent, AEMO has rejected the changes proposed in the IIR for IN004/20. AEMO has raised a new initiative IN011/21, which will cover the new drafting approach.

Should you require any further information please contact Arjun Pathy on (03) 9609 8983.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See minutes from 21 October 2021 GRCF meeting.