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Proposed Amendments to Western Power's Technical Rules

ISSUES PAPER

The Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**) has today published an <u>Issues Paper</u> on proposed amendments to the Technical Rules submitted by Western Power on 6 November 2015.

Western Power proposed a number of amendments to its Technical Rules in order to accommodate emerging technologies, with particular regard to the facilitation of connecting embedded generation to the distribution network. Western Power's application is made under section 12.50 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*.

The amendments to the Technical Rules proposed by Western Power include:

- amending the limit for Direct Current (DC) injection from zero to 0.5 per cent of the connection point rating (per phase);
- removing out of date references to Australian Safety Standard AS 4777 (2005);
- amending the current definitions of a number of terms relating to connection points; and
- the correction of a number of typographical errors in the current Technical Rules.

In its application for proposed amendments to the Technical Rules, Western Power has also incorporated responses to public submissions made in response to the ERA review of the Technical Rules in 2011.

Invitation to Make Public Submissions

The purpose of the Issues Paper is to assist interested parties in making submissions in relation to the proposed amendments. These submissions will assist the ERA in making its determination.

Interested parties are invited to make a submission on the proposed amendments to the Technical Rules before **4:00 pm (WST) Friday, 11 March 2016**.

Submissions should be made via the portal on the ERA's website.

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