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## Proposed Amendments to Western Power's Technical Rules Submitted March 2016

## **ISSUES PAPER**

On 2 March 2016, Western Power submitted <u>proposed amendments to the Technical Rules</u> for the South West interconnected network to the Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**).

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

- amendments to the treatment of Three Phase to Earth Faults;
- new Rules to set out how quickly a protection relay and associated circuit breaker must clear a fault;
- amendments to the N-1 provisions in order to allow voluntary load shedding and post contingent 'run back' generation tripping for user agreed connections; and
- the addition of the term "Weak infeed fault conditions" to the Technical Rules Glossary.

A summary of Western Power's proposed amendments is set out in the ERA's <u>Issues Paper</u>. The purpose of the Issues Paper is to assist interested parties in making a submission on the proposed amendments. These submissions will assist the ERA in making its determination.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions by **4.00 pm (WST) on Friday, 3 June 2016**. Submissions should be marked to the attention of the Assistant Director, Electricity and should be made via the <u>portal</u> on the ERA website.

The ERA will hold a workshop for interested parties on 10 May, 2016.

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