



Notice

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Proposed Amendments to Western Power's Technical Rules Submitted November 2015

DRAFT DECISION

On 6 November 2015, Western Power submitted proposed amendments to the Technical Rules for the South West Interconnected Network to the Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**).

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- removing out-of-date references to Australian Safety Standard AS 4777 (2005);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.

The ERA's Draft Decision is that some elements of the proposed revisions do not comply with chapter 12 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (the Code), and the Code objective. In summary, the Draft Decision:

- Does not approve Western Power's proposal to amend the limit for Direct Current (DC) injection from zero to 0.5 per cent of the connection point rating (per phase);
- Approves Western Power's proposal to remove out-of-date references to Australian Safety Standard AS 4777 (2005);
- Does not approve Western Power's proposed amendment to the definition of "connection point";
- Approves Western Power's proposed amendment to the definition of "connection asset";
- Approves the addition of the term "point of common coupling" to the Technical Rules glossary, but does not approve Western Power's proposed definition;
- Approves the typographical corrections proposed by Western Power with the exception of the proposed change to the wording of clause A12.2 from "National Professional Engineers' Register Standing" to "National Professional Engineers Register (NPER) or equivalent standing".

The ERA's Draft Decision is available on the [ERA website](#).

Interested parties are invited to make submissions on the ERA's Draft Decision by **4.00 pm (WST) on Tuesday, 7 June 2016**.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of the Assistant Director, Electricity and should be made via the [portal](#) on the ERA website.

The ERA will hold a [workshop](#) for interested parties on 10 May 2016.

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