



Notice

31 March 2016

Amendments to the WA Gas Retail Market Scheme

DECISION

The Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**) has approved amendments to the Western Australian gas retail market scheme (**scheme**), which provides for the operation of the Western Australian gas retail market.

The scheme comprises the Australian Energy Market Operator (**AEMO**), which is the formal entity operating the market, and the Western Australian Retail Market Agreement and the market rules. The Western Australian Retail Market Agreement is the main agreement between gas market participants, binding all members to comply with the market rules, which include the Retail Market Procedures, the Specification Pack and the FRC Hub Operational Terms and Conditions.

The AEMO submitted four scheme change proposals to the ERA on 17 February 2016, including:

- IN001-16W - proposes adding a note to clause 78 of the market procedures to provide clarity to retailers as to when and when not to issue a move-in transfer request in the event of an erroneous transfer;
- IN002-16W - aims to add further clarity to the market procedures regarding the process of sending Special Circumstance notices described in clause 255, which is required when pipeline operators are prevented from injecting gas in accordance with shipper nominations.
- IN034-16W - proposes changes to the Connectivity Testing and Technical Certification document, Specification Pack Usage Guidelines and FRC Hub Participant User guide to provide a new and optional, self-service participant certification process.
- IN040-16W - aims to add further clarity to the FRC Hub Terms and Conditions regarding subscriber response times for service interruption during non-business hours if the next day is a Saturday, Sunday or Public holiday.

The ERA has approved the amendments to the scheme, which will take effect on 31 March 2017. The ERA's decision paper explaining the reasons for the approval are available on the ERA's [website](#).

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