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Disclosure of non-compliance by the Economic Regulation Authority with requirements to publish in-force versions of market rules

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) is responsible for determining non-compliance under the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules and the Gas Services Information Rules. The ERA has recently identified a matter where it has been non-compliant.

The non-compliance concerns requirements for the ERA to publish the in-force version of the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules and the Gas Services Information Rules on its website.

Between 26 November 2016 and 24 April 2018 the published versions of the rules on the ERA's website did not contain the exact text of gazetted rule amendments made by the Minister for Energy. As a result, the published rules were not the in-force version of the rules. This is a contravention of rule 151 of the Gas Services Information Rules, regulation 9(1) of the Gas Services Information Regulations 2012 and regulation 8 of the Electricity Industry (Wholesale Electricity Market) Regulations 2004.

The errors were mostly punctuation. On occasions, incorrect text was used as the wording quoted in the gazetted changes was not accurate or the wording to be amended did not exist in the rules.

The errors arose in versions of the rules prepared by a third party and subsequently published by the ERA. The ERA has now implemented processes to ensure gazetted amendments are correctly updated in the rules prior to publishing.

New corrected versions of the rules were published on the ERA website on 24 April. The Rule Change Panel also published a <u>Notice of Corrigenda</u> to explain the reason for the publishing of the updated rules.

The ERA is confident that its revised processes will prevent future non-compliance.

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