



Notice

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Amendments to the Western Australian Gas Retail Market Scheme

Decision

The Economic Regulation Authority has approved amendments to the Western Australian gas retail market 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, the Western Australian Retail Market Agreement and the market rules.

The Western Australian Retail Market Agreement is the main agreement between gas market participants that binds all members to comply with the market rules. The market rules include the Retail Market Procedures, the Specification Pack and the Full Retail Contestability Hub Operational Terms and Conditions.

AEMO submitted four proposals for changes to the scheme to the ERA on 27 November 2018:

- IN002/18W - Minor change to clause 323A, which proposes amending clause 323A of the Retail Market Procedures to:
 - Remove the obligation on the Compliance Panel to meet annually.
 - Obligate the Compliance Panel to meet only if AEMO or a scheme participant, informs the Chair of the Compliance Panel in writing that they wish to bring a matter before the Compliance Panel for discussion.
- IN003/18W - Address attributes, which proposes:
 - Changes to the Retail Market Procedures and the Specification Pack to adopt the rapid change process described in section 2.1.2 of the aseXML Standards Working Group (ASWG) Change Management Process for adding new address attributes to the aseXML schema. The aseXML schema is used in 'business to business' and 'business to market' transactions.
 - Publication of the WA list of prescribed address attributes, which adheres to the standards set by the Landgate, on the AEMO website.
- IN004/18W - Complete Meter Installation Registration Number (MIRN) listing, which proposes to implement a complete MIRN listing in the WA market that is employed in other jurisdictions, requiring:

- Retail Market Procedure changes to include a new clause 74A placing an obligation on:
 - The network operator to generate the list each month.
 - AEMO to provide the list to each registered retailer in that market.
 - The retailer to ensure that they access the list only for confirming a customer's address and MIRN details, and only when they have received the explicit informed consent from the customer.
- Specification pack changes, in particular to the FRC B2B System Interface Definition document, to include a new transaction type 'T299 (Complete MIRN Listing)' in 'Appendix E – Non-Automated Electronic Files' and add a description of the format of the MIRN listing and how it is generated and made available to the retailers.
- IN005/18W - Notification of error by previous user IN005/18W, which proposes changes to amend clause 32 of the procedures so that:
 - The current user is required to follow a formal process in the event a previous user notifies it that there may be a transfer error.
 - Time limits are introduced, along with the requirement to complete the tasks in clause 32 as soon as practicable.

The ERA has approved the amendments in IN002/18W, IN003/18W and IN005/18W, subject to the changes set out in Appendix 1 of the ERA's decision paper.

The amendments in proposals IN002/18W and IN005/18W will be effective from 22 February 2019, and the amendments in proposal IN003/18W will be effective from 29 March 2019.

The ERA considers that the proposed amendments in procedure change proposal IN004/18W do not meet the requirements for approval by the ERA in the *Energy Coordination Act 1994* and require further development to ensure that customer protection mechanisms are in place and that competition is safeguarded.

The reasons for the ERA's decisions are explained in its decision paper, available on the ERA's [website](#).

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