

Rule Change Extension Notice: Implementation of 30-Minute Balancing Gate Closure (RC_2017_02)

This notice of extension is given under clause 2.5.12 of the Market Rules.

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In accordance with clause 2.5.10 of the Market Rules, the Rule Change Panel has further extended the timeframe for the publication of the Draft Rule Change Report for the Rule Change Proposal titled “Implementation of 30-Minute Balancing Gate Closure” (RC_2017_02) until **5:00 PM on Tuesday 31 December 2019**.

Dates for subsequent steps of the rule change process have been adjusted accordingly.

Reason for the Extension

The Rule Change Panel previously delayed its assessment of RC_2017_02 until Monday 1 July 2019 while AEMO provided its assessment of the impact that a 30-minute Balancing Gate Closure would have on AEMO’s systems and the dispatch process, and about the impact of alternative options such as a 60-minute or 90-minute Balancing Gate Closure.

The Rule Change Panel’s preliminary analysis of the Rule Change Proposal and the submissions received during the first submission period also identified several material and complex issues requiring further investigation and analysis.

While AEMO has since provided its assessment of the impact of the differing options for reducing gate closures, there are outstanding issues that require further assessment before a draft decision can be made.

The Rule Change Panel has therefore extended the timeframe for the publication of the Draft Rule Change Report until 31 December 2019 to allow enough time to undertake the necessary investigation and analysis, while managing competing priorities.

However, the Rule Change Panel notes that notwithstanding the extension date, the Rule Change Panel is committed to publishing this report as soon as practicable.

Further details relating to Rule Change Proposal RC_2017_02 are available at https://www.erawa.com.au/rule-change-panel/market-rule-changes/rule-change-rc_2017_02.

Proposed Work Program

- The Rule Change Panel presents its draft decision in the Draft Rule Change Report.
- The second submission period is held.
- The Rule Change Panel presents its final decision in the Final Rule Change Report.

If the Rule Change Panel's decision is to approve the Rule Change Proposal, the Amending Rules will commence at the date set by the Rule Change Panel in the Final Rule Change Report.

Extended Timeline

The projected timeline for processing this proposal, including the extension, is:

