



Notice

28 August 2019

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 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 Gas Retail Market Agreement is the main agreement between gas market participants that binds all members to comply with the market rules.

AEMO submitted two proposals for changes to the scheme to the ERA on 28 June 2019:

- IN004/18W - Complete Meter Installation Registration Number (MIRN) listing Version 2, which proposed to implement a complete MIRN listing allowing retailers to immediately cross-check information provided by a customer on their MIRN and associated address.
 - This will speed up the process when customers choose to transfer to another gas retailer. The scheme change includes customer safeguards requiring retailers to obtain a customer's informed consent before accessing their MIRN and address information. Retailers must also ensure that the processes and documents used to obtain customer consent are audited.
- IN004/19W - Minor changes to the Western Australian Gas Retail Market Agreement (Agreement), which proposed to remove the ERA's role in approving new market participants.
 - AEMO already assesses new participants before they join the gas retail market. Requiring the ERA to also make a determination whether to approve a new participant is costly and redundant. Removing the ERA's approval role will reduce market costs.

In accordance with section 11Z0M of the *Energy Coordination Act 1994*, the ERA has approved the scheme amendments in IN004/18W and IN004/19W.

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

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