

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 extended the timeframe for the second submission period for the Rule Change Proposal titled “Implementation of 30-Minute Balancing Gate Closure” (RC_2017_02) until **5:00 PM** on **Tuesday 23 June 2020**.

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

Reason for the Extension

The Rule Change Panel published its Draft Rule Change Report on 18 May 2020. Whilst AEMO had previously indicated that a change to a 90-minute Balancing Gate Closure (**BGC**) was achievable with low implementation cost and risk, at the time of publication of the Draft Rule Change Report, AEMO was yet to confirm this or to provide cost and time estimates for the changes to Synergy’s gate closure for the Balancing Market or to the LFAS Gate Closures. However, AEMO has committed to providing these cost and time estimates to the Rule Change Panel prior to the due date for second period submissions on 16 June 2020.

Accordingly, the Rule Change Panel intends to issue an addendum to the Draft Rule Change Report to provide Market Participants with AEMO’s cost and practicality estimates for this Rule Change Proposal as soon as possible after receiving this information from AEMO.

Therefore, the Rule Change Panel has extended the timeframe of the second submission period by one week to allow Market Participants to take AEMO’s cost and practicality estimates into account when making their second period submissions. The second submission period now closes on 23 June 2020.

The Rule Change Panel notes that notwithstanding this extension, the Rule Change Panel is committed to publishing its Final Rule Change 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 final decision in the Final Rule Change Report.
- 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:

