

Addendum to Draft Rule Change Report: Implementation of 30-Minute Balancing Gate Closure (RC_2017_02)

Background

On 4 April 2017, Perth Energy submitted a Rule Change Proposal titled “Implementation of 30-Minute Balancing Gate Closure” (RC_2017_02) to the Rule Change Panel. This Rule Change Proposal seeks to reduce the length of the Balancing Gate Closure (**BGC**) period from two hours to no more than 30 minutes.

The Rule Change Panel published its Draft Rule Change Report for this proposal on 18 May 2020. 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.

The Rule Change Panel’s proposed decision was to accept the Rule Change Proposal in a modified form, summarised as follows:

- move from a 120-minute rolling BGC to a 90-minute rolling BGC;
- move from a 240-minute gate closure for Synergy for the Balancing Market, with a 6-hour bidding block, to a 150-minute rolling gate closure for Synergy for the Balancing Market;
- move from a 300-minute LFAS Gate Closure, with a 6-hour bidding block, to a 210-minute LFAS Gate Closure, with a 4-hour bidding block; and
- move from a 600-minute LFAS Gate Closure for Synergy, with a 6-hour bidding block, to a 210-minute LFAS Gate Closure, with a 4-hour bidding block.

Whilst AEMO had previously indicated that a change to a 90-minute BGC was achievable with low implementation cost and risk, at the time of publication of the Draft Rule Change Report, AEMO had not confirmed this or provided 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 since provided this information to the Rule Change Panel on 12 June 2020, as set out below.

AEMO’s Cost and Practicality Estimates

AEMO has indicated that the changes to implement the Amending Rules in the Draft Rule Change Report for RC_2017_02: Implementation of 30-Minute Balancing Gate Closure have negligible cost implications and can be implemented as part of AEMO’s business as usual enhancements.

AEMO has requested a commencement date of not earlier than 1 December 2020.

Second Period Submissions Regarding the Proposed Amending Rules

The Rule Change Panel acknowledges that this addendum is not contained in the Draft Rule Change Report for RC_2017_02 and has no formal standing. However, the Rule Change Panel invites stakeholders to consider the information contained in this addendum when preparing their submissions on the Draft Rule Change Report.

As previously notified, the second submission period was extended by one week and now closes at **5:00 PM on Tuesday 23 June 2020**.

Timeline

The projected timeline for processing this proposal is:

