

## **Notice**

21 June 2023

## **WEM Procedures and Guidelines**

Invitation for public submissions

The Economic Regulation Authority is seeking feedback on draft WEM Procedures and Guidelines:

- Monitoring Protocol WEM Procedure (updated) EEPC\_2023\_01
- Portfolio determination WEM Procedure (new) EEPC 2023 02
- ERA triggering the SESSM WEM Procedure (new) EEPC\_2023\_03
- Offer construction guideline (new)
- Trading conduct guideline (new)

The Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) is being reformed through the Government's <u>Energy Transformation Strategy</u>. The <u>revised WEM Rules</u> include new responsibilities for the ERA and rule participants from new market commencement on 1 October 2023.

The ERA has commenced the <u>Procedure Change Processes</u> to update its existing Monitoring Protocol and develop two new WEM Procedures for new market commencement.

The updated Monitoring Protocol implements the revised WEM Rules, which provide the ERA with more flexibility on commencing, suspending and closing an investigation. The ERA will apply a risk-based approach to investigating breaches and will have greater powers to issue civil penalties. The ERA will also publish details of investigations and breaches on its website.

The draft Portfolio determination WEM Procedure outlines the obligations of the ERA and market participants to identify material portfolios and material constrained portfolios, and to monitor offers in the real-time market and the short-term energy market.

The draft WEM Procedure on triggering the supplementary essential system service mechanism (SESSM) explains the process the ERA follows when deciding if the SESSM would bring about better market outcomes.

The ERA has drafted the offer construction guideline and trading conduct guideline to assist market participants to understand and implement the general trading obligations, which apply in the new WEM to all real-time market and short-term energy market offers.

In response to stakeholder feedback and updates to the revised WEM Rules, the ERA has made changes to the draft offer construction guideline since the December 2022 consultation. The <u>Draft Report</u> summarises the feedback provided by stakeholders and the changes made to the Guideline. The draft Trading conduct guideline outlines how market participants can avoid conduct prohibited by the general trading obligations and is being published for the first time.

## **Invitation for submissions**

During the 20 business day consultation period on the WEM Procedures and Guidelines, the ERA is interested to receive submissions from stakeholders. Due to the WEM commencement date of 1 October 2023, late submissions will not be accepted.

Any person may make a submission on one or more of the draft WEM Procedures by emailing the <u>Procedure Change Submission form</u> to the ERA.

Submissions on one or both draft Guidelines may be lodged online using the form on our website <a href="https://www.erawa.com.au/consultation">www.erawa.com.au/consultation</a>.

Submissions close 4:00 pm (WST) Tuesday, 18 July 2023.

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