

NOTICE

Invitation for Public Submissions

Review of the Operation of the Wholesale Electricity Market

The Economic Regulation Authority is required to review the operation of the Wholesale Electricity Market not later than 3 years after the commencement of Part 9 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004 (Act)*. Section 128 of the Act requires the Authority to provide a report based on this review to the State Minister for Energy to be tabled in both Houses of Parliament. The Authority is required to provide this written report to the Minister by 23 December 2007.

The purpose of the review is to assess the extent to which the objectives set out in section 122(2) of the Act have been or are being achieved. These objectives are:

- (a) to promote the economically efficient, safe and reliable production and supply of electricity and electricity related services in the South West interconnected system;
- (b) to encourage competition among generators and retailers in the South West interconnected system, including by facilitating efficient entry of new competitors;
- (c) to avoid discrimination in that market against particular energy options and technologies, including sustainable energy options and technologies such as those that make use of renewable resources or that reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions;
- (d) to minimise the long-term cost of electricity supplied to customers from the South West interconnected system; and
- (e) to encourage the taking of measures to manage the amount of electricity used and when it is used.

In the course of conducting the review, the Authority is to seek public comment on the extent to which the objectives have been or are being achieved.

In addition to its reporting requirements pursuant to section 128 of the Act, the Authority has reporting requirements under the Wholesale Electricity Market Rules (**Market Rules**). Clause 2.16.11 of the Market Rules requires the Authority to provide a report to the Minister for Energy, at least annually, on the effectiveness of the Wholesale Electricity Market. The report is to include an assessment of the effectiveness of the Wholesale Electricity Market in meeting the objectives set out in clause 1.2.1 of the Market Rules.

The Authority has recently undertaken public consultation for the purposes of fulfilling its reporting requirements under the Market Rules. The Authority published a Discussion Paper on its web site on 9 August 2007, inviting submissions from interested parties. Ten submissions were received, which have been published on the Authority's [web site](#).

Public Submissions

In fulfilling its reporting requirements under the Act, the Authority will give full consideration to the public submissions that have already been received in response to the Discussion Paper published on 9 August 2007.

However, the Authority invites any further submissions on the extent to which the objectives set out in section 122(2) of the Act have been or are being achieved. Interested parties are referred to the Discussion Paper published on 9 August 2007, which is also available on the Authority's [web site](#). This Discussion Paper outlines matters on which the Authority invites submissions from interested parties.

Any further submissions should be in electronic and hard copy form and must be received by 23 November 2007.

Written submissions should be mailed to:

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Electronic submissions should be made to: wemreview@era.wa.gov.au

Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's web site.

Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis for the claim.

The receipt and publication of any submission on the Authority's web site shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge, either actual or constructive, of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or in part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority in these circumstances.

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