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Review of Western Power's Technical Rules

The Economic Regulation Authority today published its review of Western Power's Technical Rules for the South West Interconnected System as required under section 12.56 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004 (Code)* and is now commencing its formal approval of the proposed amendments under sections 12.50 to 12.54 of the Code.

Technical Rules are the standards, procedures and planning criteria governing the construction and operation of a network. The Code provides the framework for preparing, reviewing and approving the Technical Rules and outlines the process the Authority must follow in undertaking a review of Western Power's Technical Rules.

The Authority has published a [review report](#) setting out the proposed amendments to the current Technical Rules. The review took into consideration a [submission](#) received from an interested party, the Technical Rules Committee's Final Report, advice from the Authority's technical advisers, Geoff Brown & Associates Ltd and McGill Engineering Services, and subsequent discussions with Western Power and others.

Western Power has requested the Authority, under sections 12.50 to 12.54 of the Code, approve the proposed amendments. Section 12.54 of the Code requires the Authority to consult the public in accordance with Appendix 7 of the Code when it considers proposed amendments to be substantial. The Authority is seeking public comment on the proposed amendments to Western Power's Technical Rules shown in the [revised Technical Rules](#) document published with this notice.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions in print and electronic form by **4:00 pm (WST) on Monday, 12 September 2011**.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of Assistant Director Electricity:

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Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as being in the public domain and placed on the Authority's website. 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. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of sections 14.12 to 14.15 of the Access Code.

The publication of a submission on the Authority's website 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 part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority.

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