



PUBLICATION

Application for Exemption from certain requirements of the Technical Rules submitted by Western Power

DETERMINATION

The Economic Regulation Authority has published a determination to approve an exemption for Western Power from compliance with certain requirements of its Technical Rules in relation to the connection of the Nilgen Wind Farm (**Nilgen**). The application was made under section 12.40 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (**Access Code**).

A copy of the [determination](#) is available on the Authority's website.

BACKGROUND

Technical Rules consist of the standards, procedures and planning criteria governing the construction and operation of an electricity network and are required under the Access Code for all covered networks. Western Power's [Technical Rules](#) are available on the Authority's website.

Western Power submitted an application for an exemption from its Technical Rules to the Authority on 6 November 2012:

- exemption from compliance with clause 2.5.2.2 (requirement to base reliability on an N-1 criterion) in relation to the connection of Nilgen, which has a declared sent out capacity of 107.25 MW and allows the connection with a lower N-0 reliability criterion.

In response, the Authority published an [issues paper](#) and invited comments from interested parties. The public consultation period ran from 29 November 2012 to 13 December 2012. Four public submissions were received and have been published on the Authority's [website](#).

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