

Engineers Australia WA Electrical Engineering Branch Comments on the “Proposed Amendments to the Technical Rules by Western Power”

Issue No.	Proposed Amendment to Technical Rules By Western Power	
1	Cause 3.2.1 –DC Injection	The use of RCD for DC current leakage should be considered. Otherwise no comment
2	AS 4777 Date Amendments	Agree therefore no comment
3	Clarification of Definitions	<p>Certification (A12.2) As the National Professional Engineers Register (NPER) no longer exists, all references in the Technical Rules to the NPER should be replaced with the National Engineering Register (NER) which was launched by Engineers Australia in November 2015 as a replacement for the former NPER.</p> <p>Regarding the certification issue, in our opinion the phrase ‘certification by a chartered professional engineer who must be on the National Engineering Register (NER)’ needs to have the “or equivalent” removed as it really defeats the purpose of the statement, since as someone else pointed out, who is to interpret that and how? We believe the time has come to have clarity and the words “or equivalent” are at odds with that. We don’t see a need for specifying the disciplines as persons on the NER are obligated to work within the area for which they are chartered.”</p>
4	<p>2011 Review of Technical Rules Outstanding Matters</p> <p>Submissions are invited from interested parties on whether Western Power’s responses as set out in its submission deal with the matters raised.</p>	The matters raised having been adequately dealt with, can be judged by comments received and Western Power’s response to these submitted comments