



Notice

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2020 review of two market rules intended to incentivise the availability of generators

Release of draft report

The Economic Regulation Authority invites public submissions to its review of the Market Rules intended to improve the availability of generators in the Wholesale Electricity Market. The ERA has released a [draft report](#) as part of its review.

Two separate reviews are required by clauses 4.11.1E and 4.26.1D of the Market Rules. As both reviews address the same underlying issue of generator availability, the ERA is conducting both reviews together. The ERA is required to assess the:

- Mechanism that gives AEMO the ability to assign a lesser reserve capacity amount to a generator, called the reserve capacity reduction clause.
- Limit on thermal generators' planned outages that are exempt from capacity refunds, the Refund Exempt Planned Outage clause.

The ERA's view at this stage is that both clauses should be retained unchanged with a reduction in the associated outage thresholds to allow AEMO to assess all generators and their outage rates when considering the reserve capacity reduction clause. The risk of further changes to either clause is high, due to the interdependencies between elements of the reserve capacity mechanism.

The ERA is seeking stakeholders' views on the issues raised in the draft report, including the practical implications on operations.

The ERA has also published a [consultant's report](#) it commissioned that provides comparisons of generators within the Wholesale Electricity Market and to other markets.

Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the draft report.

Submissions close 4:00 pm (WST) Friday, 13 November 2020.

Submissions should be lodged online using the form on our website www.erawa.com.au/consultation.

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