



Notice

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WEM Procedure: Benchmark Reserve Capacity Prices

Invitation for public submissions

The Economic Regulation Authority is seeking feedback on the draft Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) Procedure that outlines the method to determine the Benchmark Reserve Capacity Prices (BRCPs).

The BRCPs reflect the fixed costs incurred in developing and operating a hypothetical capacity provider, which is meant to reflect the most efficient, least cost new entry technology expected to enter the WEM to provide system security and reliability.

In October 2025, the Coordinator of Energy determined that the Benchmark Capacity Provider will be a lithium battery energy storage system with 200 MW injection and 1,200 MWh energy storage connected on a 330 kV on the Clean Energy Link – North. As a result, the ERA must update the WEM Procedure to reflect this change, and do so in time to determine the BRCPs prior to 16 March 2026 for the 2026 Reserve Capacity Cycle.

The ERA has followed the procedure change process under the Electricity System and Market Rules to publish a procedure change proposal and draft WEM Procedure for stakeholder feedback. The procedure change proposal outlines the ERA's reasons for proposed amendments of the WEM Procedure, which includes:

- Updated design specifications to provide 1,200 MWh storage capacity.
- Greater land size of 7.3 hectares to accommodate the larger facility.
- Change in the location to eight identified areas along the transmission line on the Clean Energy Link – North, resulting from the Coordinator's determination.

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The ERA invites interested parties to make submissions on the [procedure change proposal](#).

Submissions close 4:00pm (WST) Thursday, 11 December 2025. Submissions can be lodged online using the form on our [Current Consultation webpage](#).

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