

AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET COMMISSION

SYSTEM SECURITY AND RELIABILITY ACTION PLAN 2019

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Making sure the power system is stable and there is enough capacity to meet customer demand



WHOLESALE RELIABILITY

Enough capacity to meet demand: having sufficient generation and demand response capacity to supply customer needs

Underway

AEMC/AEMO/AER virtual power plant trial

Trial to inform changes to regulatory frameworks and operational processes so VPPs can play a bigger role in the energy market. In Australia grid-connected VPPs are focussed on coordinating rooftop PV and battery storage.

Mar 2019 Final determination

Early implementation of ISP priority projects rule

Streamlining the regulatory processes for key time-critical projects identified in AEMO's Integrated System Plan.

Mar 2019 Consultation papers

Improving processes related to interventions

Package of rules to improve processes related to AEMO's interventions in the market, for example the way generators are compensated after a direction from AEMO to help maintain system security or reliability.

Apr 2019 Consultation paper

NEM information for project developers rule

Allowing developers of new generation projects to register with AEMO to get access to key technical information such as network modelling data.

Apr 2019 Consultation paper

Transparency of new projects rule

Enhancing publicly available information about new generation projects.

Apr 2019 Consultation paper

Short term forward market rule

Providing an AEMO-operated platform to enable market participants to contract for electricity in the week leading up to dispatch, to help enable more demand response.

Apr 2019 Consultation paper

Generator registration thresholds rule

Reducing the threshold for registration as a generator from 30 MW to 5 MW.

May 2019 Final determination

Enhancement to the RERT rule

Seeks broad changes to the NEM's strategic reserve – the Reliability and emergency reserve trader framework.

Jun 2019 Final report

Reliability Panel annual review of market performance

Review of the performance of the national electricity market in terms of security, reliability and safety over 2017-2018.

Jul 2019 Draft determination

Wholesale demand response rule

Seeks to introduce a new mechanism, register or separate market to enable more wholesale demand response.

Jul 2019 Draft report

Reforms to access arrangements review

Developing draft rule change requests to progress phased reforms to how generators access and use the network.

Oct 2019 Draft report

Reforms to transmission charging review

Developing rule change requests to improve the inter-regional transmission charging regime so that it adequately attributes the cost of interconnectors to those who benefit from them.



SYSTEM SECURITY

A stable power system: the power system operates within defined technical limits, even when a major power system element disconnects from the system

Underway

Frequency control interim arrangements project

Working with AEMO on short-term changes to manage frequency deterioration in the NEM, including making sure generators provide frequency control responses where feasible.

Underway

Frequency control work plan

Working with AEMO and the AER on designing new, coordinated and lowest-cost ways to deliver frequency control services over the medium to longer term.

Mar 2019 Final report

Reliability Panel review of the frequency operating standard

Assessing whether the existing standard is appropriate to maintain a secure power system as the generation mix changes.

Mar 2019 Draft determination

Reliability Panel assessment of protected event request

Request by AEMO to declare the risk to South Australia's power system from destructive winds as a "protected event".

Mar 2019 Consultation paper

Intervention mechanisms and system strength project

Evaluating the effectiveness of the interventions framework in light of the increasing use of directions by AEMO to manage system security, and of related system strength frameworks.

Pending completion of AER review

Review of system black event in South Australia

The AER has completed investigations into pre- and post-event issues. We will consider these in relation to amendments to the regulatory frameworks.

