

CHAPTER 2A



2A. Regional Structure

Part A Region change applications and region determinations by AEMC

2A.1 Introduction to Chapter 2A

2A.1.1 Definitions

Expressions in Chapter 2A are defined in Schedule 2A.1.

2A.1.2 AEMC determination of regions

- (a) For the purpose of conducting the *spot market*, the *market* is to be divided into *regions determined* by the *AEMC* in accordance with the *Rules*.
- (b) A *region change* may only be made by a *region change application* to the *AEMC* in accordance with this Chapter 2A.
- (c) Until the *AEMC* makes a *region change* in accordance with this Chapter 2A, for the purposes of the *Rules*, the *regions* are taken to be the *regions* defined in the *Regions Publication published* under clause 2A.1.3

2A.1.3 Publication of regions by AEMO

AEMO must maintain, review and, by 1 April each year, *publish* a list of all *regions*, *regional reference nodes* and the *region* to which each *market connection point* is assigned as determined or approved by the *AEMC* for alteration, under this Chapter 2A and rule 3.6 (the *Regions Publication*).

2A.2 Region change applications

2A.2.1 A complete region change application

- (a) Subject to and in accordance with this Chapter 2A, a *Registered Participant* or *AEMO* ("an **applicant**") may make a *region change application* to the *AEMC*.
- (b) In order to be accepted by the *AEMC*, a *region change application* must comply with the requirements under this rule 2A.2 ("a **complete application**").
- (c) In order to be a *complete application*, a *region change application* must:
 - (1) identify a *congestion problem* – see clause 2A.2.2;
 - (2) present a preliminary case as to the economic efficiency of a proposed *region solution* – see clause 2A.2.3;
 - (3) propose a *region solution* to the *congestion problem* that is *technically competent* – see clause 2A.2.4;

- (4) demonstrate that the proposed *region* solution is appropriate having regard to alternative means for managing the *congestion problem* – see clause 2A.2.5;
- (5) if the *congestion problem* has been considered within 5 years of the date of the *region change application*, demonstrate why it should be re-considered – see clause 2A.2.6; and
- (6) propose an *implementation period*.

2A.2.2 Identifying a congestion problem

A *region change application* must demonstrate, with supporting economic analysis:

- (1) that there is a problem with the existing *region* configuration;
- (2) that the problem is attributable to the presence of material and enduring *network* congestion; and
- (3) that the problem has or will detract materially from economic efficiency, where economic efficiency includes (but is not limited to):
 - (i) efficiency in relation to the impact on efficiency of *dispatch*, including in respect of bidding incentives and *dispatch* outcomes;
 - (ii) efficiency in relation to the management of risk and the facilitation of forward contracting through contracts in the financial markets and the *spot market*; and
 - (iii) long term dynamic efficiency – including in relation to making investment decisions,

(a **congestion problem**).

2A.2.3 Explanation of economic efficiency of proposed region solution

- (a) A *region change application* must explain how the proposed *region* solution would or would be likely to materially improve economic efficiency.
- (b) For the purposes of paragraph (a), economic efficiency includes (but is not limited to):
 - (1) efficiency in relation to the impact on efficiency of *dispatch*, including in respect of bidding incentives and *dispatch* outcomes;
 - (2) efficiency in relation to the management of risk and the facilitation of forward contracting through contracts in the financial markets and the *spot market*; and
 - (3) long term dynamic efficiency – including in relation to making investment decisions.

2A.2.4 Region change application must be technically competent

A *region change application* must:

- (1) demonstrate that the proposed *region* solution identified in the *application* satisfies the following technical requirements:

- (i) each *region* must have a single *regional reference node* which is to be deemed to be a notional *busbar* at:
 - (A) a nominated major *transmission substation* located at or close to the largest *load centre* within the *region*; or
 - (B) where a *region* has no major *load centre* or there is some other reasonable cause for not defining a *regional reference node* at a particular major *load centre*, a nominated major *transmission substation* located at or close to the largest *generation centre* within the *region*;
 - (ii) all *transmission connection points* affected by a proposed *region* solution must be identified;
 - (iii) a *transmission connection point* may only be assigned to a single *region*;
 - (iv) the boundary of a *region* must be closed and must enclose at least one significant *load centre* and/or *generation centre*;
 - (v) the physical *transmission elements* that form the *interconnection* with adjacent *regions* must be described, including the points at which the boundary cuts through the *transmission elements*; and
 - (vi) the availability of revenue metering to measure the *energy* flow across each physical *transmission element* that forms the *interconnection* with other *regions*; and
- (2) where the *application* proposes an *implementation period* that is more or less than 3 years, specify the proposed *implementation period* and provide reasons why a different time period should be determined by the *AEMC*,
- (a **technically competent application**).

2A.2.5 Alternative congestion management options

- (a) A *region change application* must demonstrate that the *region* solution proposed in the *application* is an appropriate and timely course of action in all the circumstances, having regard to alternative means of managing the *congestion problem* (the **alternative congestion management options**).
- (b) The *alternative congestion management options* include:
 - (1) changes to the geographic distribution of *generation* and *load* over time;
 - (2) changes in the configuration of the *transmission network* such as a change which is a consequence of the *application* of the *last resort planning power* regime; or
 - (3) changes in capability of the *transmission network* arising under other arrangements for the provision of *network support and control ancillary services*.

2A.2.6 Previous application relating to congestion problem

Where a *region change application* ("a **subsequent application**") addresses the same or substantially the same *congestion problem* as a previous *region change*

application accepted by the *AEMC* within the previous 5 year period, the subsequent *application* must demonstrate, with supporting evidence, why it is appropriate for the *AEMC* to accept a subsequent *application* having regard to:

- (1) any material changes in circumstances since the previous *region change application*;
- (2) the general desirability of a stable *region* structure for the making of contracting and investment decisions:
 - (i) in the *NEM*; and
 - (ii) in financial markets;
- (3) the adequacy of the previous *application*; and
- (4) any other relevant consideration in the particular circumstances of the case.

2A.2.7 AEMO to provide information to intending applicants

- (a) An intending *applicant* (other than *AEMO*) or an *alternative proponent* may request information from *AEMO* in order to prepare a *technically competent application*.
- (b) A person making a request to *AEMO* under paragraph (b) must include in the request details of the information sufficient for *AEMO* to identify the information sought.
- (c) Subject to paragraph (d), *AEMO* must on request from an intending *applicant* or an *alternative proponent*, as soon as practicable after receiving the request, furnish to the relevant person, such information that is:
 - (1) requested in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b); and
 - (2) in *AEMO's* possession or provided to *AEMO* under paragraph (c).
- (d) For the purpose of furnishing information under paragraph (c), *AEMO* may direct a *Transmission Network Service Provider* to provide information to *AEMO* and the *Transmission Network Service Provider* must provide that information to *AEMO* as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (e) Information that *AEMO* is required to furnish under paragraph (c) does not include information that *AEMO* may be directed to provide under clause 2A.5.2.
- (f) *AEMO* must *publish*:
 - (1) requests made to *AEMO* under paragraph (a);
 - (2) information (excluding *confidential information*) provided by *AEMO* in accordance with paragraph (b); and
 - (3) details of the circumstances where *AEMO* has not provided information in accordance with paragraph (d),as soon as practicable.

2A.2.8 AEMC may refuse to accept incomplete applications

If the *AEMC* considers that a *region change application* is not a *complete application* under this rule 2A.2, the *AEMC*:

- (1) must notify the *applicant*, including written reasons that set out the respects in which the *application* is not complete; and
- (2) is not required to further consider the *application* until it is satisfied that the *application* is a *complete application*.

2A.3 Acceptance of region change application by AEMC

2A.3.1 Acceptance of a region change application by AEMC

- (a) The *AEMC* must not accept a *region change application* unless it is satisfied that the *application* is a *complete application* in accordance with rule 2A.2.
- (b) Where the *AEMC*:
 - (1) is not satisfied that a *region change application* is a *complete application* in accordance with rule 2A.2; or
 - (2) considers, whether as a result of submissions received in preliminary consultation under clause 2A.3.2 or otherwise, that a *region change application* should not proceed,

it may make a decision not to accept the *region change application*, setting out the reasons for that decision.

- (c) The *AEMC* must, without delay, notify the *applicant* of a decision not to accept a *region change application*, and publish that decision (including the reasons) on the *AEMC's* website.
- (d) Where the *AEMC* is satisfied that a *region change application*:
 - (1) is a *complete application* in accordance with rule 2A.2;
 - (2) satisfactorily addresses any issues raised by preliminary consultation under clause 2A.3.2; and
 - (3) should, in all the circumstances, be the subject of consultation and considered under this Chapter 2A,

the *AEMC* must make a decision to accept a *region change application* and must take action in relation to the *application* in accordance with this Chapter 2A.

- (e) An *applicant* may not withdraw a *region change application* after the *AEMC* has accepted that *application* and has published a *first round consultation notice* under clause 2A.4.1.

2A.3.2 Preliminary consultation prior to acceptance of a region change application

- (a) After the *AEMC* decides that a *region change application* is a *complete application* in accordance with rule 2A.2, but prior to making a decision

whether or not to accept the *application* under clause 2A.3.1, the *AEMC* must publish the proposed *region change application* (including all supporting evidence) on its website and invite written submissions from any person within 21 *business days* of the date of that publication.

- (b) The *AEMC* is not required to publish *confidential information* provided to it under this clause.
- (c) Where the *AEMC* considers that submissions received under paragraph (a) raise issues that should be addressed in the *region change application*, it may:
 - (1) request the *applicant* to amend the *region change application* to address those issues; or
 - (2) decide not to accept the *region change application* under clause 2A.3.1.

2A.4 First round consultation on region change application

2A.4.1 Notice of first round consultation

- (a) As soon as practicable after accepting a *region change application* under clause 2A.3.1(d), the *AEMC* must publish on its website notice of the *application* ("the **first round consultation notice**").
- (b) Subject to clause 2A.3.2(b), the *first round consultation notice* must:
 - (1) contain the *region change application* and supporting evidence provided by the *applicant*;
 - (2) invite written submissions from any person within 75 *business days* of the date of the *first round consultation notice* ("the **first round consultation period**");
 - (3) specify that a person may put forward an alternative *region* solution in a written submission either:
 - (i) as an informal alternative *region* solution; or
 - (ii) as a *formal alternative region solution* under clause 2A.4.3, and (in the case referred to in subparagraph (ii)), the notice must further specify that the person may be required to provide to the *AEMC* supplementary economic analysis to support the *formal alternative region solution*; and
 - (4) include a statement to the effect that any interested party may request, in writing within one week after the publication of the notice, the *AEMC* to hold a consultation meeting in accordance with clause 2A.9.2.

2A.4.2 Right to make written submissions during first round consultation period

Any person may, within the *first round consultation period*, make a written submission in relation to a *region change application* ("a **first round submission**").

2A.4.3 Alternative region solution put forward by third parties

- (a) A person who makes a *first round submission* may propose an alternative *region solution* to the solution proposed in the *region change application* ("a **proposed alternative region solution**").
- (b) A *Registered Participant* or *AEMO* ("an **alternative proponent**") who submits a *proposed alternative region solution* under paragraph (a) may request the *AEMC* to treat the solution as a *formal alternative region solution* by expressly requesting the *AEMC* to do so in the *first round submission*.
- (c) A *proposed alternative region solution* submitted by an *alternative proponent* under paragraph (b) must:
 - (1) demonstrate that the *proposed alternative region solution* relates to the *congestion problem* identified in the *region change application* and accepted by the *AEMC* under clause 2A.3.1;
 - (2) meet the requirements of a *technically competent application* in accordance under clause 2A.2.4; and
 - (3) explain how the *proposed alternative region solution* would or would be likely to materially improve economic efficiency in accordance with the requirements for a *region change application* under clause 2A.2.3, ("a **complete alternative region solution**").

2A.4.4 Acceptance as a formal alternative region solution by AEMC

- (a) The *AEMC* is not obliged to treat a *proposed alternative region solution* as a *formal alternative region solution* unless the *AEMC* is satisfied that it is a *complete alternative region solution*.
- (b) Where the *AEMC* is not satisfied that a *proposed alternative region solution* is a *complete alternative region solution*, the *AEMC* must decide not to treat it as a *formal alternative region solution* and must:
 - (1) set out the reasons for that decision;
 - (2) without delay, notify the *alternative proponent* of the decision;
 - (3) publish the decision (including the reasons) on the *AEMC's* website; and
 - (4) treat the *proposed alternative region solution* as an informal alternative *region solution*.
- (c) Where the *AEMC* is satisfied that a *proposed alternative region solution* is a *complete alternative region solution*, the *AEMC* must:
 - (1) publish the *proposed alternative region solution* as a *formal alternative region solution* on its website as soon as practicable after accepting the solution as a *formal alternative region solution*; and
 - (2) treat the *proposed alternative region solution* as a *formal alternative region solution*.

- (d) An *alternative proponent* may not withdraw a *proposed alternative region solution* after the *AEMC* has published it as a *formal alternative region solution* under paragraph (c)(1).

2A.5 Provision of supplementary economic analysis

2A.5.1 AEMC may direct provision of supplementary analysis

- (a) The *AEMC* may, in respect of a *region change application* accepted under rule 2A.3, direct an *applicant* to provide to the *AEMC* supplementary economic analysis to support the *applicant's* proposed *region solution* within a specified time.
- (b) The *AEMC* may, in respect of a *formal alternative region solution*, direct an *alternative proponent* to provide to the *AEMC* supplementary economic analysis to support the alternative *region solution* within a specified time.
- (c) An *applicant* or an *alternative proponent* directed under paragraphs (a) or (b) must provide the supplementary economic analysis to the *AEMC* within the period of time specified by the *AEMC* in the direction.
- (d) A direction under paragraphs (a) or (b) may be given at any time after the start of the *first round consultation period*.
- (e) Despite paragraphs (a) to (c), the *AEMC* or its *representative* may prepare supplementary economic analysis in respect of a *region solution*, whether proposed in a *region change application*, or in a *formal alternative region solution* or otherwise.

2A.5.2 AEMC may direct AEMO to provide information

- (a) Where the *AEMC*:
 - (1) directs an *applicant* or an *alternative proponent* to provide supplementary economic analysis under clause 2A.5.1; or
 - (2) decides that it or its *representative* will prepare supplementary economic analysis under clause 2A.5.1(e),

the *AEMC* may request *AEMO* to provide information (including *constraint equations*) to the *applicant* or to the *alternative proponent*, or directly to the *AEMC* (as the case may be), but only where such information is necessary to facilitate the provision of supplementary economic analysis to those persons or to the *AEMC*.

- (b) Where the *AEMC* requests *AEMO* to provide information under paragraph (a), *AEMO* must provide the information to the *applicant*, to the *alternative proponent*, or directly to the *AEMC* (as the case may be), as soon as practicable in all the circumstances.
- (c) *AEMO* may, in respect of a *constraint* on a *network*, direct the *Transmission Network Service Provider* who owns, controls or operates the relevant *network* to provide information to *AEMO* for the purpose referred to in paragraph (a) and the *Transmission Network Service Provider* must provide that information to *AEMO* as soon as reasonably practicable.

- (d) *AEMO* must *publish*:
 - (1) requests made to *AEMO* under paragraph (a); and
 - (2) information (excluding *confidential information*) provided by *AEMO* in accordance with paragraph (b),as soon as practicable.
- (e) The *AEMC* is not required to publish information provided to the *AEMC* under this clause 2A.5.2 that has been obtained by the *applicant* or *alternative proponent* in accordance with clause 8.6.2(o).

2A.6 Region determinations

2A.6.1 AEMC powers to make a region determination

- (a) In making a *region determination* in respect of a *region change application*, the *AEMC* may:
 - (1) accept or reject the *region* solution proposed in the *application*;
 - (2) accept or reject a *formal alternative region solution*;
 - (3) determine that no *region* change should be made;
 - (4) determine a *region* solution that is different (including materially different) from the *region* solution proposed in the *application*; or
 - (5) determine a *region* solution that is different (including materially different) from a *formal alternative region solution*.
- (b) In making a decision under paragraph (a), the *AEMC* may, subject to this rule 2A.6, adopt the *region* solution that it considers provides the best available solution to the *congestion problem* identified in the *region change application* in all the circumstances.

2A.6.2 Matters for consideration in making region determination

In making a *region determination* to adopt a *region* solution, the *AEMC* must be satisfied:

- (1) that there is a problem with the existing *region* configuration which is attributable to the presence of material and enduring *network* congestion ("a **congestion problem**");
- (2) that the *region* solution is *technically competent* in accordance with the requirements of clause 2A.2.4;
- (3) that:
 - (i) the *congestion problem* will detract materially from economic efficiency; and
 - (ii) the *region* solution will materially improve economic efficiency, where economic efficiency includes (but is not limited to):

- (iii) efficiency in relation to the impact on efficiency of *dispatch*, including in respect of bidding incentives and *dispatch* outcomes;
 - (iv) efficiency in relation to the management of risk and the facilitation of forward contracting in the financial markets and the *spot market*; and
 - (v) long term dynamic efficiency – including in relation to making investment decisions;
- (4) that the *region* solution is an appropriate and timely course of action in all the circumstances, having regard to the *alternative congestion management options*;
- (5) that the *region* solution is consistent with *power system security* and *reliability*; and
- (6) where the proposed implementation is greater than or less than 3 years, that the *implementation period* is reasonable in all the circumstances of the *region determination*.

2A.7 Draft region determination and second round consultation

2A.7.1 Publishing of draft region determination

- (a) Before making a final *region determination*, but within 60 *business days* of the end of the *first round consultation period*, the *AEMC* must publish a draft *region determination* in relation to an *application*.
- (b) A draft *region determination* must contain:
 - (1) the reasons of the *AEMC* as to its decision, with reference to the matters set out in rule 2A.6; and
 - (2) a proposed *implementation period*.

2A.7.2 Second round consultation

- (a) The *AEMC* must publish a notice on its website of a draft *region determination* on a *complete application* ("the **second round consultation notice**").
- (b) A *second round consultation notice* must:
 - (1) contain the draft *region determination*;
 - (2) invite written submissions from any person within 60 *business days* of the date of the *second round consultation notice* ("the **second round consultation period**"); and
 - (3) include a statement to the effect that any interested party may request, in writing within one week after the publication of the notice, the *AEMC* to hold a consultation meeting in accordance with clause 2A.9.2.

2A.7.3 Right to make written submissions during second round consultation

Any person, within the *second round consultation period*, may make a written submission in relation to a draft *region determination* (**second round submission**).

2A.8 Final region determination

2A.8.1 Final determination for region change

- (a) The *AEMC* must publish on its website a final *region determination* in relation to a *region change application* within 40 *business days* of the end of the *second round consultation period*.
- (b) A final *region determination* must contain:
 - (1) the reasons of the *AEMC* as to its decision with reference to the matters set out in rule 2A.6; and
 - (2) the *implementation period*.

2A.8.2 Formal publication of region determination

- (a) If the *AEMC* in a final *region determination* determines to make a *region change*, the *AEMC* must publish a notice of the making of the *region change* in the South Australian Government Gazette and on its website.
- (b) A notice referred to in paragraph (a) must include:
 - (1) the date of publication of the final *region determination* under clause 2A.8.1;
 - (2) the *implementation period*; and
 - (3) the *start date*.

2A.9 Miscellaneous matters for region change process

2A.9.1 AEMC may extend periods of time specified in Chapter 2A

- (a) Despite anything to the contrary in this Chapter 2A, the *AEMC* may, by notice published on its website, extend a period of time specified in Chapter 2A, if the *AEMC* considers that a *region change application* raises issues of sufficient complexity or difficulty or there is a material change in circumstances such that it is necessary that the relevant period of time specified in Chapter 2A be extended.
- (b) A notice under paragraph (a) must identify the period of time under Chapter 2A to be extended, and specify the new time that is to apply.
- (c) The *AEMC* may only extend a period of time in accordance with this clause 2A.9.1 before the expiry of that time.

2A.9.2 Consultation meeting in relation to region change application

- (a) Any person may request, in writing, within one week of the publication of a *first round consultation notice* or *second round consultation notice* (as the

case may be), the *AEMC* to hold a consultation meeting in relation to a *region change application* or a draft *region determination*.

- (b) Despite paragraph (a), the *AEMC* may decide not to hold a consultation meeting, and if so, must give the person who made the request its reasons, in writing, for declining to hold a consultation meeting.
- (c) The *AEMC* may on its own initiative hold a consultation meeting.
- (d) If the *AEMC* decides to hold a consultation meeting under this clause 2A.9.2, it must:
 - (1) appoint a date (being not later than the close of the *first round consultation period* or the *second round consultation period* (as the case may be), time and place for the meeting; and
 - (2) publish on its website a notice advising of:
 - (i) the intention to hold such a meeting; and
 - (ii) the date, time and place for the holding of the meeting.

Part B Implementation of region determination

2A.10 Purpose and application of Part B

2A.10.1 Purpose of Part B

The purpose of this Part B of Chapter 2A is to enable the efficient and effective implementation of a *region determination* made by the *AEMC* under Part A of Chapter 2A during an *implementation period*, and to support a smooth market transition from *old region* boundaries to *new region* boundaries.

2A.10.2 Application of Part B

Part B of Chapter 2A applies despite any other provision of the *Rules* (including any guideline or procedure made under the *Rules*), and to the extent of any inconsistency prevails during an *implementation period* for the purpose of the implementation functions described in rule 2A.12.

2A.11 Region Change Implementation Procedure

2A.11.1 Submission of draft Region Change Implementation Procedure

- (a) If the *AEMC* in a draft *region determination*, determines to make a *region change*, *AEMO* must prepare a draft *Region Change Implementation Procedure* in respect of the *region* solution adopted by the *AEMC* in that draft *region determination*.
- (b) A draft *Region Change Implementation Procedure* must set out:
 - (1) the proposed *implementation period* as included in the draft *region determination* under clause 2A.7.1(b);
 - (2) an implementation plan that identifies the key implementation steps to be taken during the *implementation period*; and

- (3) the implementation functions referred to in rule 2A.12 that *AEMO* proposes to exercise to implement the *region* solution proposed by the draft *region determination*.
- (c) *AEMO* must submit the draft *Region Change Implementation Procedure* to the *AEMC* no later than the close of the *second round consultation period*.
- (d) *AEMO* may in consultation with the *AEMC*, make amendments to the draft *Region Change Implementation Procedure* submitted under paragraph (c) that are necessary to implement a final *region determination*.
- (e) The *AEMC* must approve a *Region Change Implementation Procedure* submitted under paragraph (c) and amended in accordance with paragraph (d) (as the case may be), in respect of a final *region determination* that determines to make a *region* change.

2A.11.2 Approved Region Change Implementation Procedure

- (a) *AEMO* must, as soon as practicable after the date of the final *region determination* publish the approved *Region Change Implementation Procedure*.
- (b) *AEMO* may, during the *implementation period*, amend the approved *Region Change Implementation Procedure* as necessary, and must *publish* any such amended procedure, giving reasons why the amendment is necessary.

2A.12 AEMO region change implementation functions

2A.12.1 General implementation functions

Subject to other functions *AEMO* is required to exercise in accordance with this Chapter 2A, *AEMO* may, during the *implementation period*, make a decision or take action (including the power to refrain from making a decision or taking action) that is necessary for the implementation of a final *region determination*.

2A.12.2 Implementation functions referable to published implementation procedure

The exercise of the *region change implementation functions* by *AEMO* referred to in clause 2A.12.1 must be referable to and consistent with, the key implementation steps set out in the current *published Region Change Implementation Procedure*.

2A.12.3 Amendment of current or subsequent Regions and Loss Factors Publication

- (a) *AEMO* must, as an implementation function, in respect of the current or subsequent *Regions Publication* or *Loss Factors Publication*, amend those publications as necessary for the effective implementation of a final *region determination* that determines to make a *region* change.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to the publications referred to in paragraph (a), nothing prevents *AEMO*:
 - (1) amending those publications to:
 - (i) implement future *region determinations* under the *Rules*; or

- (ii) deal with future physical changes to the *network*; or
- (2) publishing the annual *Regions Publication* and the *Loss Factors Publication* in a single document.

2A.13 Continuity of regions

On and from a *start date*:

- (1) the *unmodified regions* continue and are taken to be *regions* for all purposes under the *Rules*; and
- (2) the *modified regions* continue and are taken to be *regions* for all purposes under the *Rules*.

Schedule 2A.1 Glossary for Chapter 2A

alternative congestion management options

The alternative means of managing the *congestion problem* identified in clause 2A.2.2 as referred to in clause 2A.2.5.

alternative proponent

A *Registered Participant* or *AEMO* who requests the *AEMC* in a *first round submission*, to treat a *proposed alternative region solution* as a *formal alternative region solution* in accordance with clause 2A.4.3(b).

applicant

A *Registered Participant* or *AEMO* who makes a *region change application* to the *AEMC* under rule 2A.2

complete alternative region solution

A *proposed alternative region solution* that satisfies the requirements of clause 2A.4.3(c).

complete application

A *region change application* that meets the requirements of rule 2A.2.

congestion problem

The problem identified in clause 2A.2.2.

first round consultation notice

The notice published by the *AEMC* in accordance with clause 2A.4.1.

first round consultation period

The period of time referred to in clause 2A.4.1(b)(2) that is within 75 *business days* of the date of the *first round consultation notice*.

first round submission

A written submission made within the *first round consultation period* in accordance with clause 2A.4.2.

formal alternative region solution

A *proposed alternative region solution* that the *AEMC* is satisfied is a *complete alternative region solution* under clause 2A.4.4(c).

implementation period

The period commencing on the date of a final *region determination* made in accordance with clause 2A.8.1 and ending on the *start date*.

Loss Factors Publication

The document *published* by *AEMO* from time to time under clauses 3.6.1(f) and 3.6.2(f1) that sets out *marginal loss factors*.

modified regions

The *regions* identified in the current *Regions Publication* modified as a result of a *region determination* taking effect that determines to make a change to existing *regions*.

new regions

The *unmodified regions* and the *modified regions*.

old regions

The *regions* identified in the current *Regions Publication* immediately prior to the *start date*.

proposed alternative region solution

An alternative *region solution* proposed by an *alternative proponent* in a *first round submission* as an alternative to the solution proposed in the *region change application*.

region change application

An *application* for a *region change* made under rule 2A.2.

region change implementation function

A function referred to in rule 2A.12.

region change implementation procedure

A procedure referred to in rule 2A.11 approved by the *AEMC* in a *region determination*, as amended from time to time in accordance with Part B of Chapter 2A.

region determination

A determination made by the *AEMC* under Chapter 2A and includes a draft *region determination* or a final *region determination* as the context requires.

second round consultation notice

The notice published by the *AEMC* in accordance with clause 2A.7.2.

second round consultation period

The period of time referred to in clause 2A.7.2(b)(2) that is within 60 *business days* of the date of the *second round consultation notice*.

second round submission

A written submission made within the *second round consultation period* in accordance with clause 2A.7.3.

start date

The date nominated by the *AEMC* in a final *region determination* on which a change to the existing *regions* comes into effect.

technically competent application

A *region change application* that meets the technical requirements in clause 2A.2.4.

unmodified regions

The *regions* whose boundaries are not affected by a *region determination*.