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This consolidated version of the Rules reflects the initial Rules made by the SA Minister under section 90 of the National Electricity Law (NEL) as amended by:

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Application of the National Energy Customer Framework related Rule
On 27 June 2012, the South Australian Minister made Rules relating to the implementation of the National Energy Customer Framework (NECF), including amendments to the National Electricity Rules under section 90D of the NEL in relation to small customer connections (Chapter 5A), Retail Markets including billing and credit support (Chapter 6B) and related provisions (NECF related rule).

The NECF related Rule commenced operation as a law of Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Commonwealth on 1 July 2012; South Australia on 1 February 2013, New South Wales on 1 July 2013 and Queensland on 1 July 2015.

On 1 July 2016, Victoria adopted the provisions of the NECF related rule that relate to small customer connections (Chapter 5A and related provisions). Victoria has not adopted the Retail Market provisions in Chapter 6B of the Rules.

The NECF related Rule does not apply in Western Australia or the Northern Territory until the National Energy Retail Law set out in the Schedule to the National Energy Retail Law (South Australia) Act 2011 is implemented as a law in that jurisdiction (clause 24, Part 11, Schedule 3 NEL).

The NECF related Rule can be found on the Australian Energy Market Commission's website under the 'National Electricity Rules', 'Rules made by the SA Ministers' tabs.

Provisions in force
All provisions displayed in this consolidated version of the Rules have commenced. As at the date of this consolidation the Australian Energy Market Commission has made the following Rules under Part 7 Division 3 of the NEL that have not yet commenced:
Schedule 1 of the National Electricity Amendment (Introduction of metering coordinator planned interruptions) Rule 2020 No. 7 will commence operation on 21 July 2020.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Improving transparency and extending duration of MT PASA) Rule 2020 No. 1 will commence operation on 20 August 2020.

Schedule 1 of the National Electricity Amendment (System restart services, standards and testing) Rule 2020 No. 6 will commence operation on 2 November 2020.

Schedules 1 to 6 of the National Electricity Amendment (Five Minute Settlement) Rule 2017 No. 15 will commence operation on 1 July 2021.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Participant compensation following market suspension) Rule 2018 No. 13 will commence operation on 1 July 2021, immediately after commencement of the National Electricity Amendment (Five minute settlement) Rule 2017 No. 15.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Intervention compensation and settlement processes) Rule 2019 No. 5 will commence operation on 1 July 2021, immediately after the commencement of Schedule 6 of the National Electricity Amendment (Five Minute Settlement) Rule 2017 No. 15.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Five minute settlement and global settlement implementation amendments) Rule 2019 No. 7 will commence operation on 1 July 2021, immediately after the commencement of Schedules 1 to 6 of the National Electricity Amendment (Five Minute Settlement) Rule 2017 No. 15.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Application of the regional reference node test to the Reliability and Emergency Reserve Trader) Rule 2019 No. 11 will commence operation on 1 July 2021 immediately after the commencement of Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Intervention compensation and settlement processes) Rule 2019 No 5.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Application of compensation in relation to AEMO interventions) Rule 2019 No. 13 will commence operation on 1 July 2021 immediately after the commencement of Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Application of the regional reference node test to the Reliability and Emergency Reserve Trader) Rule 2019 No. 11.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Transmission loss factors) Rule 2020 No. 2 will commence operation on 1 July 2021, immediately after commencement of Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Five minute settlement and global settlement implementation amendments) Rule 2019 No. 7.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Introduction of metering coordinator planned interruptions) Rule 2020 No. 7 will commence operation on 1 July 2021.

Schedules 1 to 4 of the National Electricity Amendment (Global settlement and market reconciliation) Rule 2018 No. 14 will commence operation on 6 February 2022.

Schedules 3 to 5 of the National Electricity Amendment (Five minute settlement and global settlement implementation amendments) Rule 2019 No. 7 will commence operation on 6 February 2022, immediately after the commencement of Schedules 1 to 4 of the National Electricity Amendment (Global settlement and market reconciliation) Rule 2018 No. 14.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Minor changes) Rule 2020 No. 3 will commence operation on 6 February 2022, immediately after the commencement of Schedules
3 to 5 of the National Electricity Amendment (Five minute settlement and global settlement implementation amendments) Rule 2019 No. 7.

Schedule 2 of the National Electricity Amendment (Mandatory primary frequency response) Rule 2020 No. 5 will commence operation on 4 June 2023.
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