



## **Draft National Electricity Amendment (Providing flexibility in the allocation of interconnector costs) Rule 2024**

The Australian Energy Market Commission makes the following Rule under the National Electricity Law to the extent applied by:

- (a) the *National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996* of South Australia;
- (b) the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997* of the Australian Capital Territory;
- (c) the *Electricity - National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997* of Queensland;
- (d) the *National Electricity (New South Wales) Act 1997* of New South Wales;
- (e) the *Electricity - National Scheme (Tasmania) Act 1999* of Tasmania;
- (f) the *National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005* of Victoria;
- (g) the *National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2015* of the Northern Territory; and
- (h) the *Australian Energy Market Act 2004* of the Commonwealth.

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### **1 Title of Rule**

This Rule is the *Draft National Electricity Amendment (Providing flexibility in the allocation of interconnector costs) Rule 2024*.

### **2 Commencement**

Schedules 1 and 2 of this Rule commence operation on 18 September 2025.

Schedule 3 of this Rule commences operation on 19 September 2024.

### **3 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules**

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 1.

### **4 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules**

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 2.

### **5 Savings and Transitional Amendment to the National Electricity Rules**

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 3.

## **Schedule 1      Amendment to the National Electricity Rules**

(Clause 3)

### **[1] Clause 6A.1.1      Economic regulation of transmission services generally**

Omit clause 6A.1.1(c) and substitute:

- (c) Part D of this Chapter 6A deals with Intending TNSPs;

### **[2] Clause 6A.10.1      Submission of proposal, pricing methodology and information**

In clause 6A.10.1(f)(2), omit "pricing methodology" and substitute "*pricing methodology*".

### **[3] Clause 6A.10.1      Submission of proposal, pricing methodology and information**

After clause 6A.10.1(i), insert:

- (j) If the *Transmission Network Service Provider* has been given an *interconnector cost allocation agreement* in which it is named as the *Transmission Network Service Provider* for the *specified interconnector* under the agreement, the proposed *pricing methodology* must be accompanied by a copy of the relevant *interconnector cost allocation agreement*.

### **[4] Clause 6A.11.1      Preliminary examination and determination of non-compliance with relevant requirements**

Omit clause 6A.11.1(a)(7) and substitute:

- (7) if applicable, the implementation criteria for *interconnector cost allocation agreements* in clause 6A.29.4(b);

### **[5] Clause 6A.14.3      Circumstances in which matters must be approved or rejected**

After clause 6A.14.3(f), insert:

- (f1) The *AER* must not approve a proposed *pricing methodology* for the *Transmission Network Service Provider* for a *specified interconnector* under an *interconnector cost allocation agreement* unless the *AER* is satisfied that the *interconnector cost allocation agreement* satisfies all the implementation criteria in clause 6A.29.4(b).

**[6] Rule 6A.15                    Revocation of revenue determination or amendment of pricing methodology for wrong information or error**

In the heading of rule 6A.15, omit "for wrong information or error".

**[7] Rule 6A.15                    Revocation of revenue determination or amendment of pricing methodology**

In rule 6A.15, before paragraph (a), insert a new clause heading:

**6A.15.1    Where there is wrong information or error**

**[8] Clause 6A.15.1    Where there is wrong information or error**

In clause 6A.15.1(f), omit "rule 6A.15" and substitute "clause 6A.15.1".

**[9] Rule 6A.15                    Revocation of revenue determination or amendment of pricing methodology**

After clause 6A.15.1, insert:

**6A.15.2    Where an interconnector cost allocation agreement is made or amended**

- (a) The *AER* may on the application of a *Transmission Network Service Provider* approve an amendment to an existing *pricing methodology* of the *Transmission Network Service Provider* during a *regulatory control period* if:
  - (1) an *interconnector cost allocation agreement* is made or amended; and
  - (2) the applicant is the *Transmission Network Service Provider* for the *specified interconnector* under the *interconnector cost allocation agreement* or a *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* responsible for allocating an *interconnector transfer amount* under the agreement; and
  - (3) the *AER* receives the application at least 9 months before the start of:
    - (i) for a new *interconnector cost allocation agreement*, the *first implementation year*; or
    - (ii) for an amended *interconnector cost allocation agreement*, the *first implementation year* that the amendment will take effect; and
  - (4) the application is accompanied by a copy of the *interconnector cost allocation agreement* (where applicable, as amended).

- (b) The *AER* must promptly notify the applicant if it considers that:
  - (1) the proposed amended *pricing methodology* does not comply with the requirements for a *pricing methodology* under this Chapter 6A; or
  - (2) the *interconnector cost allocation agreement* does not satisfy the implementation criteria in clause 6A.29.4(b).
- (c) The *AER* must publish an application under paragraph (a) and the new or amended *interconnector cost allocation agreement* the subject of the application.
- (d) The *AER* must not approve an amendment to a *pricing methodology* under paragraph (a) unless:
  - (1) the *AER* is satisfied that the *interconnector cost allocation agreement* satisfies all the implementation criteria in clause 6A.29.4(b); and
  - (2) the amended *pricing methodology*:
    - (i) continues to comply with the requirements for a *pricing methodology* under this Chapter 6A; and
    - (ii) only varies from the existing *pricing methodology* to the extent necessary, having regard to the provisions in Part J relating to *interconnector cost allocation agreements*.
- (e) Before it approves an amendment to a *pricing methodology* under this clause, the *AER* must consult with the other *Transmission Network Service Providers* responsible for implementing the *interconnector cost allocation agreement* and may, in its discretion, consult with such other persons as it considers appropriate.

**[10] Clause 6A.22.1 Aggregate annual revenue requirement (AARR)**

Omit clause 6A.22.1(3) and substitute:

- (3) [Deleted];

**[11] Clause 6A.22.1 Aggregate annual revenue requirement (AARR)**

After clause 6A.22.1(3), insert:

- (4) where applicable, in accordance with clause 6A.29.4(g).

**[12] Clause 6A.22.2 Annual service revenue requirement (ASRR)**

Omit clause 6A.22.2 and substitute:

- (a) For the purposes of this Part J, but subject to paragraph (b), the *annual service revenue requirement (ASRR)* for a *Transmission Network Service Provider* is the portion of the *AARR* for *prescribed transmission services* provided by a *Transmission Network Service Provider* that is allocated to each category of *prescribed transmission services* for that *Transmission Network Service Provider* and that is calculated by multiplying the *AARR* by the *attributable cost share* for that category of services in accordance with the principles in clause 6A.23.2.
- (b) For a *Transmission Network Service Provider* that is the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* for a *region*:
  - (1) the *ASRR* is the portion of the total amount to be allocated by the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* in accordance with clause 6A.29.2(a) (where applicable, after making adjustments in accordance with clause 6A.22.1) that is allocated to each category of *prescribed transmission services* in the *region* by multiplying the total amount to be allocated by the *attributable cost share* for that category of services in accordance with the principles in clause 6A.23.2; and
  - (2) references to the *AARR* in clause 6A.23.2 are taken to be references to the total amount to be allocated.

**[13] Clause 6A.23.2 Principles for the allocation of the aggregate annual revenue requirement**

Omit the introductory paragraph of clause 6A.23.2 and substitute "The *AARR* is to be allocated in accordance with the following principles:"

**[14] Clause 6A.23.2 Principles for the allocation of the aggregate annual revenue requirement**

In clause 6A.23.2(a), omit "for a *Transmission Network Service Provider*".

**[15] Clause 6A.23.3 Principles for the allocation of the annual service revenue requirement**

In the introductory paragraph of clause 6A.23.3, omit "of a *Transmission Network Service Provider*".

**[16] Clause 6A.23.3 Principles for the allocation of the annual service revenue requirement**

In clause 6A.23.3, omit "*annual service revenue requirement*" wherever appearing and substitute "*ASRR*".

**[17] Clause 6A.23.3A Annual system strength revenue and system strength revenue for a System Strength Service Provider**

In clause 6A.23.3A(b), omit "*annual service revenue requirement*" and substitute "*ASRR*".

**[18] Clause 6A.23.4 Principles for the recovery of the Annual Service Revenue Requirement as prices**

In the introductory paragraph of clause 6A.23.4, omit "*annual service revenue requirement*" and substitute "*ASRR*".

**[19] Clause 6A.24.1 Pricing methodologies generally**

In clause 6A.24.1, omit "*annual service revenue requirement*" wherever appearing and substitute "*ASRR*".

**[20] Clause 6A.24.1 Pricing methodologies generally**

In clause 6A.24.1, omit "*aggregate annual revenue requirement*" wherever appearing and substitute "*AARR*".

**[21] Clause 6A.24.1 Pricing methodologies generally**

Omit clause 6A.24.1(b1)(1) and substitute:

- (1) the allocations and related adjustments for that *region* as provided for in clause 6A.29.2(a);

**[22] Clause 6A.24.1 Pricing methodologies generally**

After clause 6A.24.1(b1), insert:

- (b2) In addition to complying with any other requirements under this Chapter 6A, a *pricing methodology* must provide for giving effect to the transfer of applicable *interconnector transfer amounts* in accordance with this Chapter if it is the *pricing methodology* of:
  - (1) a *Transmission Network Service Provider* that is the *Transmission Network Service Provider* for a *specified interconnector* under an *interconnector cost allocation agreement*; or
  - (2) a *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* responsible for allocation of *interconnector transfer amounts*.

**[23] Clause 6A.24.2 Publication of pricing methodology and transmission network prices**

Omit clause 6A.24.2(b) and substitute:

- (b) if that *Transmission Network Service Provider* is also a *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider*, details of:
  - (1) all *modified load export charges* to apply for the following *financial year* in accordance with the *pricing methodology guidelines* by 15 February each year; and
  - (2) all *interconnector transfer amounts* to be allocated by the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* for the following *financial year* by 15 March each year;

**[24] Clause 6A.24.2 Publication of pricing methodology and transmission network prices**

In clause 6A.24.2(c), at the end of the paragraph, omit "and".

**[25] Clause 6A.24.2 Publication of pricing methodology and transmission network prices**

In clause 6A.24.2(d), omit "." and substitute "; and".

**[26] Clause 6A.24.2 Publication of pricing methodology and transmission network prices**

After clause 6A.24.2(d), insert:

- (e) for the *Transmission Network Service Provider* for a *specified interconnector* under an *interconnector cost allocation agreement*:
  - (1) the current *interconnector cost allocation agreement*; and
  - (2) at the same time it publishes its prices under paragraph (c), the total of the *interconnector transfer amounts* to be allocated by a *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* for the following *financial year* in respect of that *specified interconnector*.

**[27] Clause 6A.24.3 Basis for setting prices pending approval of pricing methodology**

Omit clause 6A.24.3(a)(1) and substitute:

- (1) a *Transmission Network Service Provider* has:
  - (i) submitted or resubmitted a proposed *pricing methodology* to the *AER* under clause 6A.10.1, 6A.11.2 or 6A.12.3; or
  - (ii) applied for an amendment to its *pricing methodology* under clause 6A.15.2(a);



**[28] Clause 6A.24.3 Basis for setting prices pending approval of pricing methodology**

In clause 6A.24.3(a)(2), after "rule 6A.13", insert "or clause 6A.15.2 (as applicable)".

**[29] Clause 6A.24.3 Basis for setting prices pending approval of pricing methodology**

In clause 6A.24.3(b), after "clause 6A.24.1(d)," omit "a" and substitute "where this clause applies, the".

**[30] Clause 6A.24.3 Basis for setting prices pending approval of pricing methodology**

After clause 6A.24.3(b), insert:

- (b1) Where this clause applies and the proposed *pricing methodology* is intended to give effect to an *interconnector cost allocation agreement* in relation to a *specified interconnector* of the *Transmission Network Service Provider*, the *interconnector transfer amount* for the purposes of these *Rules* for the first pricing year (including for the purpose of making any adjustment required under clause 6A.22.1(4)) is taken to be:
  - (1) in the case where subparagraph (b)(1) applies, the amount determined in accordance with the *interconnector cost allocation agreement*; and
  - (2) in the case where subparagraph (b)(2) or (b)(3) applies, the amount determined in accordance with the *interconnector cost allocation agreement* for the *financial year* preceding the first pricing year, which in the case of a new *interconnector cost allocation agreement*, will be zero.

**[31] Clause 6A.24.3 Basis for setting prices pending approval of pricing methodology**

In clause 6A.24.3(c)(1), omit "and" at the end of the paragraph.

**[32] Clause 6A.24.3 Basis for setting prices pending approval of pricing methodology**

In clause 6A.24.3(c)(2), omit "." at the end of the paragraph and substitute "; and".

**[33] Clause 6A.24.3 Basis for setting prices pending approval of pricing methodology**

After clause 6A.24.3(c)(2), insert:

- (3) where applicable, none of the *Co-ordinating Network Service Providers* under the applicable *interconnector cost allocation agreement* are required to adjust, reverse or recompense any amounts to *Transmission Network Users* or their customers in connection with charges for services established pursuant to this clause 6A.24.3.

**[34] Clause 6A.25.2 Contents of pricing methodology guidelines**

Omit clause 6A.25.2(g)(1) and substitute:

- (1) the allocations and related adjustments for that *region* as provided for in clause 6A.29.2(a);

**[35] Clause 6A.29.1 Multiple Transmission Network Service Providers within a region**

Omit the heading of clause 6A.29.1 and substitute:

**6A.29.1 Co-ordinating Network Service Provider for a region**

**[36] Clause 6A.29.1 Co-ordinating Network Service Provider for a region**

Omit clause 6A.29.1 in its entirety, excluding the heading, and substitute:

- (a) If *prescribed transmission services* within a *region* are provided by more than one *Transmission Network Service Provider*, the *Transmission Network Service Providers* within that *region* must appoint a *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* for that *region*.
- (b) If *prescribed transmission services* within a *region* are provided by only one *Transmission Network Service Provider*, that *Transmission Network Service Provider* is the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* for the *region* for the purposes of this Chapter 6A and *NTP function* expenditure under rule 2.11 and must liaise with the *Transmission Network Service Provider* similarly responsible in any other *interconnected regions*.

**[37] New clause 6A.29.1A Provision of AARR values to a Co-ordinating Network Service Provider**

After clause 6A.29.1, insert:

**Clause 6A.29.1A                      Provision of AARR values to a Co-ordinating Network Service Provider**

- (a) Each *Transmission Network Service Provider* must determine the *AARR* for its own *transmission system* assets which are used to provide *prescribed transmission services* within each *region*.
- (b) Each *Transmission Network Service Provider* within a *region* (not being the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* for the *region*) must provide its calculation of its *AARR* for the *region* and other information reasonably requested by the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* for that *region* to enable the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* to properly perform its functions under this Part J.

**[38] Clause 6A.29.2    Single    Transmission Network Service Providers within a region**

Omit the heading of clause 6A.29.2 and substitute:

**Clause 6A.29.2                      Responsibilities of the Co-ordinating Network Service Provider**

**[39] Clause 6A.29.2    Responsibilities of the Co-ordinating Network Service Provider**

Omit clause 6A.29.2 in its entirety, excluding the heading, and substitute:

- (a) The *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* for a *region* is responsible for:
  - (1) in accordance with rule 6A.23, the allocation of *AARR* to services and related adjustments with respect to:
    - (i) the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider*;
    - (ii) all other *Transmission Network Service Providers* providing *prescribed transmission services* within the relevant *region*;
    - (iii) any allocation of the *AARR* as agreed between *Transmission Network Service Providers* as provided for in clause 6A.29.3; and
    - (iv) any *interconnector transfer amount* that the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* is responsible for allocating as provided for in clause 6A.29.4;
  - (2) the calculation of *modified load export charges* and any adjustments to the charges in accordance with the *Rules* payable by *Co-ordinating Network Service Providers* in *interconnected regions*; and

- (3) the allocation of *modified load export charges* and any adjustments to the charges in accordance with the *Rules* payable or receivable to or from *Co-ordinating Network Service Providers* in *interconnected regions* to each *Transmission Network Service Provider* within its *region*.
- (b) The *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* is responsible for making the allocation and other adjustments referred to in paragraph (a), in accordance with its *pricing methodology*, in relation to *Transmission Network Users'* and *Transmission Network Service Providers' transmission network connection points* located within the *region* and any other *Transmission Network Service Provider* within the *region* is not required to address the matters specified in clause 6A.24.1(b)(1) when preparing its *pricing methodology*.
- (c) The *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* must provide sufficient information to any other *Transmission Network Service Provider* within the *region* to enable that provider:
  - (1) to understand the basis for the allocation and related adjustments referred to in paragraph (a); and
  - (2) to prepare its *pricing methodology* and replicate the pricing allocation.

#### **[40] Clause 6A.29.3 Allocation over several regions**

Omit clause 6A.29.3(a) and substitute:

- (a) The *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* responsible for the allocation of the *AARR* within a *region* may agree with one or more other *Co-ordinating Network Service Providers* for *interconnected regions* to undertake the allocations of *AARR* and related adjustments as one process over all of those *regions*.

#### **[41] New clause 6A.29.4 Allocation in accordance with an interconnector cost allocation agreement**

After clause 6A.29.3, insert:

##### **6A.29.4 Allocation in accordance with an interconnector cost allocation agreement**

###### **Defined terms and implementation criteria**

- (a) In this clause:

**relevant Minister**, for a *region*, means the *Minister* of a *participating jurisdiction* (other than the Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory) that is wholly or partly within the boundaries of that *region*.

**qualifying interconnector** means an *interconnector* that satisfies at least one of the following criteria:

- (1) as at 12 September 2024, the *network services* provided by means of the *interconnector* were *market network services*;
  - (2) as at 12 September 2024, construction of the *interconnector* had not commenced; or
  - (3) after 12 September 2024, construction commenced on a project to materially upgrade the rated *power transfer capability* of the *interconnector* and that material upgrade was the subject of an *actionable ISP project*.
- (b) The following requirements are the implementation criteria that must be satisfied by an *interconnector cost allocation agreement*:
- (1) the agreement must be expressed to be made for the purposes of this clause 6A.29.4;
  - (2) the agreement must identify the *interconnector* that it relates to (the ***specified interconnector***);
  - (3) the *specified interconnector* must be a qualifying interconnector;
  - (4) the services provided by means of the *specified interconnector* must not, at any time after the start of the first *implementation year*, be *market network services*;
  - (5) the parties to the agreement must comprise all of the following *Ministers*, and may include any other *Minister*:
    - (i) each relevant Minister for each *region* that is *interconnected* by the *specified interconnector*; and
    - (ii) the relevant Minister for any other *region* whose *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* will be responsible for allocating an *interconnector transfer amount* calculated under the agreement;
  - (6) the agreement must be binding and executed as a deed and must not be subject to any unfulfilled conditions;
  - (7) the agreement must specify all of the following matters:
    - (i) the *transmission system* assets to which it relates;
    - (ii) the *Transmission Network Service Provider* for the *specified interconnector*;
    - (iii) each *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* responsible for allocation of an *interconnector transfer amount*

calculated under the agreement, as provided for in clause 6A.29.2(a)(1)(iv);

- (iv) each *implementation year* applicable to the agreement;
  - (v) the *interconnector transfer amount* to be allocated by each responsible *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* in each *implementation year*, or the manner in which that amount is to be calculated;
- (8) a certified copy of the agreement must have been provided to the *Transmission Network Service Provider* and each responsible *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider*; and
- (9) where the *region* of a responsible *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* contains the Australian Capital Territory, the agreement must contain a statement confirming that the *Minister* for the Australian Capital Territory has been consulted in relation to the agreement and, where applicable, any amendment to it.

#### **Implementation of an interconnector cost allocation agreement**

- (c) The remaining paragraphs of this clause apply where the approved *pricing methodology* of the *Transmission Network Service Provider* for the *specified interconnector* under an *interconnector cost allocation agreement* provides for giving effect to the *interconnector cost allocation agreement* in accordance with the *Rules*.
- (d) For each *implementation year* of the *interconnector cost allocation agreement*, by 15 February in the prior *financial year*, the *Transmission Network Service Provider* for the *specified interconnector* must:
- (1) determine, in accordance with the *interconnector cost allocation agreement*, the *interconnector transfer amount* that each *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* is responsible for in accordance with clause 6A.29.2(a)(1)(iv); and
  - (2) notify those amounts to each responsible *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider*.
- (e) A *Transmission Network Service Provider* for a *specified interconnector* must promptly provide information reasonably requested by a responsible *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* to enable the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* to properly perform its functions with respect to implementation of an *interconnector cost allocation agreement*.
- (f) For each *implementation year* of an *interconnector cost allocation agreement*, each *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* under the agreement must pay the *interconnector transfer amount* that it was



responsible for to the *Transmission Network Service Provider* for the *specified interconnector* in equal monthly instalments.

**Other adjustments to avoid double counting and other distortions**

- (g) When calculating its *AARR* for a *region* in accordance with clause 6A.29.1A(a), a *Transmission Network Service Provider* for a *specified interconnector* must deduct from its *AARR* for the *region* the total of the *interconnector transfer amounts* for the relevant period notified under paragraph (d) to the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* of any other *region*.
- (h) If in respect of any *financial year* a *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* is required to pay an amount to a *Transmission Network Service Provider* under paragraph (f), it is not also required to pay the same amount to that entity under any other provision of this Chapter 6A.
- (i) For each *implementation year* of an *interconnector cost allocation agreement*, for the purposes of calculating *modified load export charges* payable to or by the *Co-ordinating Network Service Providers* for the *regions* that are *interconnected* by the *specified interconnector*, the optimised replacement cost of the *transmission system* assets specified in the relevant *interconnector cost allocation agreement* must be taken to be zero.

**Amendments to pricing methodologies for new or amended of interconnector cost allocation agreements**

- (j) The *Transmission Network Service Provider* for the *specified interconnector* under an *interconnector cost allocation agreement* must (in addition to complying with clause 6A.10.1(j) for future *regulatory control periods*) apply to the *AER* under clause 6A.15.2(a) for an amendment to its current *pricing methodology* where:
  - (1) the parties provide the *interconnector cost allocation agreement*, or an amendment to the agreement, to the *Transmission Network Service Provider*; and
  - (2) an *implementation year* under the agreement, or affected by the amendment to the agreement, falls in the current *regulatory control period* of the *Transmission Network Service Provider*.
- (k) A *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* responsible for allocation of *interconnector transfer amounts* under an *interconnector cost allocation agreement* must (in addition to complying with clause 6A.10.1(j) for future *regulatory control periods*) apply to the *AER* under clause 6A.15.2(a) for an amendment to its current *pricing methodology* where:

- (1) the parties provide the agreement, or an amendment to the agreement, to the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider*;
- (2) an *implementation year* under the agreement, or affected by the amendment to the agreement, falls in the current *regulatory control period* of the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider*; and
- (3) the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* requires an amendment to its current *pricing methodology* to perform its responsibilities with respect to *interconnector transfer amounts* under the agreement during its current *regulatory control period*.

#### **[42] Clause 6A.29A.1 Single Transmission Network Service Provider in a Region**

Omit the heading of clause 6A.29A.1 and substitute:

#### **6A.29A.1 [Deleted]**

#### **[43] Clause 6A.29A.1 Deleted**

Omit the content of clause 6A.29A.1.

#### **[44] Clause 6A.29A.2 Modified load export charges**

In clause 6A.29A.2(a)(1), omit "*annual service revenue requirement*" and substitute "*ASRR*".

#### **[45] Clause S6A.4.2 Exclusions, qualifications and modifications**

In clause S6A.4.2(c)(4)(i), omit "*aggregate annual revenue requirement*" and substitute "*AARR*".

#### **[46] Clause S6A.4.2 Exclusions, qualifications and modifications**

In item number 9 of clause S6A.4.2(f), omit "for wrong information or error".

#### **[47] Clause S6A.4.2 Exclusions, qualifications and modifications**

In item number 5 of clause S6A.4.2(k), omit "Multiple Transmission Network Service Providers in a region" and substitute "Co-ordinating Network Service Provider for a region".



**[48] Clause S6A.4.2 Exclusions, qualifications and modifications**

In clause S6A.4.2(o), after "modification", insert "except as provided for in clause 6A.29.4".

## Schedule 2      Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 4)

### [1] Chapter 10      New definitions

In Chapter 10, insert the following new definitions in alphabetical order:

#### *implementation year*

For an *interconnector cost allocation agreement*, a *financial year* for which a *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* is to allocate an *interconnector transfer amount* in respect of the *specified interconnector* to which the agreement relates.

#### *interconnected*

In relation to adjacent *regions*, *connected* by means of an *interconnector*.

#### *interconnector cost allocation agreement*

An agreement between two or more *Ministers* made for the purposes of clause 6A.29.4.

#### *interconnector transfer amount*

An amount specified in, or calculated in accordance with, an *interconnector cost allocation agreement* in respect of an *implementation year* that a *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* is responsible for allocating in accordance with clause 6A.29.2(a)(1)(iv).

#### *specified interconnector*

Has the meaning given in clause 6A.29.4(b)(2).

### [2] Chapter 10      Amended definitions

In Chapter 10, omit and substitute the following definitions:

#### *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider*

A *Network Service Provider*:

- (a) appointed by multiple *Transmission Network Service Providers* to be the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* for a *region* pursuant to clause 6A.29.1(a); or
- (b) taken to be the *Co-ordinating Network Service Provider* for a *region* pursuant to clause 6A.29.1(b).

***regulated interconnector***

An *interconnector* that is:

- (a) referred to in clause 11.8.2 of the *Rules* and is subject to transmission service regulation and pricing arrangements in Chapter 6A; or
- (b) a *specified interconnector*.

## **Schedule 3            Savings and Transitional Amendment to the National Electricity Rules**

(Clause 5)

### **[1] New Rule 11.[xxx] Amendments to AER guidelines for interconnector cost allocation agreements**

In Chapter 11, after rule 11.[xxx], insert:

#### **11.[xxx]        Rules consequential on the making of the National Electricity Amendment (Providing flexibility in the allocation of interconnector costs) Rule 2024**

##### **11.[xxx].1    Definitions**

(a) In this rule 11.[xxx]:

**Amending Rule** means the *National Electricity Amendment (Providing flexibility in the allocation of interconnector costs) Rule 2024*.

##### **11.[xxx].2    Amendments to guidelines**

- (a) By 18 September 2025, the *AER* must review and, where it considers it necessary or desirable, amend and *publish* the following guidelines to take into account the Amending Rule:
  - (1) the *pricing methodology guidelines*;
  - (2) the *information guidelines*.
- (b) In amending the guidelines referred to in paragraph (a), the *AER* must comply with the *transmission consultation procedures*.
- (c) Amendments made in accordance with paragraph (a) must take effect on and from 18 September 2025.