



## **ECGS Enhancing reliability and supply adequacy arrangements (GRC0076)**

**26 March 2026**

### **Report on rule not made within 12 months under NGL section 320**

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#### **Purpose**

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC or Commission) is required under section 320 of the National Gas Law (NGL) to publicly report on rules not made within 12 months of the publication of the notice of the commencement of the rule change process.

#### **Background**

On 20 March 2025, the Commission initiated a rule change request submitted by the Chair of the Energy Senior Officials Group and the Victorian Minister for Energy and Resources under a longer than standard timeline. The Commission extended the time for making a draft determination to 29 January 2026 and a final determination to 25 June 2026. On 27 November 2025, the Commission once again extended the time for making a draft determination to 26 February 2026.

This rule change request is one of four rule change requests that together seek to enhance the reliability and supply adequacy arrangements of the ECGS.

The Commission has progressed the request in line with an extended rule change process:

- A consultation paper was published on 20 March 2025 and received 17 submissions.
- A directions paper was published on 28 August 2025 and received 13 submissions.
- A draft determination was published on 26 February 2026 with submissions closing on 9 April 2026.

#### **Reason for the final rule determination not being made within 12 months**

The final rule determination has not been made within 12 months for the following reasons:

- The issues raised in the rule change request are of sufficient complexity and difficulty and the Commission requires additional time to consider, consult on and address the issues. The rule change involves major changes to ECGS reliability and supply arrangements and includes significant technical detail. This required more time for consultation and assessment.
- The rule change involves major changes to the existing ECGS reliability and supply adequacy arrangements which are closely linked to other related rule changes, such as the Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) mechanism and the Projected Assessment of System Adequacy (PASA). These interdependencies increase the complexity and difficulty of the rule change request.

The final rule determination for the rule change has therefore not been made within 12 months of the publication of the notice under s. 301 of the NGL.

#### **Expected time for making a final rule determination**

The final rule determination is expected to be made by **25 June 2026**.