



ECGS Projected assessment of system adequacy (GRC0080)

17 April 2026

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

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

The ECGS Projected Assessment of System Adequacy (PASA) is one of four rule change requests – the stage 2 reliability and supply adequacy (RSA) reforms – that was submitted by the Chair of the Energy Senior Officials Group and the Victorian Minister for Energy and Resources. The other three rule change requests are: ECGS Notice of closure for gas infrastructure, ECGS enhancing reliability and supply adequacy arrangements (ERSAA) and ECGS supplier of last resort (SoLR) mechanism.

Key milestones for this rule change request are:

- On 10 April 2025, the Commission published a consultation paper and formally initiated the rule change request under a standard rule change request timeline.
- On 17 July 2025, the Commission published the draft determination.
- On 2 October 2025, the Commission extended the publication date of the final determination from 9 October 2025 to 18 December 2025 to address complex issues raised in stakeholder submissions.
- On 27 November 2025, the Commission further extended the time for making the final determination to 25 June 2026. This would align with the ERSAA and SoLR final determinations.

Reasons 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 were of sufficient complexity that the Commission required additional time to consider, consult and address the issues.
- Further, the benefits and costs of the PASA need to be considered with ERSAA and SoLR interdependencies. For example, the supply-demand assessment set up by the PASA would inform the risk and threat signalling function in the ERSAA rule change, which would have a flow on impact on determining when to use the SoLR mechanism. These interdependencies increase the complexity of the PASA 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. 303 of the NGL.

Expected time for making a final rule determination

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