



National Electricity Amendment (Small changes to Integrating Price-Responsive Resources rule) Rule 2026 No. 5

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; and
- (g) the *Australian Energy Market Act 2004* of the Commonwealth.

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1 Title of Rule

This Rule is the *National Electricity Amendment (Small changes to Integrating Price-Responsive Resources rule) Rule 2026 No. 5*.

2 Commencement

Schedule 1 of this Rule commences operation on 21 May 2026.

Schedule 2 of this Rule commences operation on 23 May 2027, immediately after the commencement of Schedules 1 and 4 of the *National Electricity Amendment (Integrating price-responsive resources into the NEM) Rule 2024 No. 24*.

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.

Schedule 1 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 3)

[1] Clause 3.10B.3 Cost recovery for expenses administering the VSR incentive mechanism and participation payments

In clause 3.10B.3(c), at the start of the text, after "Within", omit "40" and substitute "20".

[2] Clause 3.10B.3 Cost recovery for expenses administering the VSR incentive mechanism and participation payments

In clause 3.10B.3(c), after "the completion of each", omit "*financial year*" and substitute "calendar month".

[3] Clause 3.10B.3 Cost recovery for expenses administering the VSR incentive mechanism and participation payments

In clause 3.10B.3(c)(1), after "participation payments paid in that", omit "*financial year*" and substitute "calendar month".

[4] Clause 3.10B.3 Cost recovery for expenses administering the VSR incentive mechanism and participation payments

Omit clause 3.10B.3(c)(2) and substitute:

- (2) (if applicable) the amount of external funding *AEMO* used to make participation payments in that calendar month.

[5] Clause 3.10B.3 Cost recovery for expenses administering the VSR incentive mechanism and participation payments

In clause 3.10B.3(e), at the start of the text, after "Within", omit "40 *business days* after the completion of a relevant *financial year*" and substitute "20 *business days* of the end of each relevant calendar month".

[6] Clause 3.10B.3 Cost recovery for expenses administering the VSR incentive mechanism and participation payments

In clause 3.10B.3(e), after "formula in respect of that", omit "*financial year*" and substitute "calendar month".

[7] Clause 3.10B.3 Cost recovery for expenses administering the VSR incentive mechanism and participation payments

In clause 3.10B.3(e), in the unnumbered paragraph starting with "CRP = the dollar amount payable", at the end of the text, omit "*financial year*" and substitute "calendar month".

[8] Clause 3.10B.3 Cost recovery for expenses administering the VSR incentive mechanism and participation payments

In clause 3.10B.3(e), in the unnumbered paragraph starting with "E = the sum, in MWh,", at the end of the text, omit "*financial year*" and substitute "calendar month".

[9] Clause 3.10B.3 Cost recovery for expenses administering the VSR incentive mechanism and participation payments

In clause 3.10B.3(e), in the unnumbered paragraph starting with "Net Incentive Costs = the amount", at the end of the text, omit "Where Net Incentive Costs is a negative number, it is deemed to be zero."

[10] Chapter 10 Glossary

In the definition of "minimum ramp rate requirement", omit the text and substitute:

- (a) In relation to a *generating unit, bidirectional unit, voluntarily scheduled resource* or *scheduled load*, for each of *generation* and *consumption* (as applicable), means the lower of:
 - (1) 3 MW/minute; or
 - (2) 3% of the maximum *generation* or *consumption* (as applicable) provided in accordance with clause 3.13.3(b), expressed as MW/minute and rounded down to the nearest whole number except where the result would be zero, in which case the *minimum ramp rate requirement* is 1 MW/minute.
- (b) In relation to a *scheduled network service*, means 3 MW/minute.

[11] Clause 11.180.2 Amendments to guidelines and other instruments

Omit clause 11.180.2(b) and substitute:

- (b) *AEMO* must review and, where it considers it necessary or desirable, amend and publish the following procedures, guidelines and other documents to take into account the Amending Rule:
 - (1) by 1 June 2026:

- (i) the *market suspension compensation methodology*;
 - (ii) the Demand Side Participation Information Portal and associated demand side participation information guidelines;
 - (iii) the *DER Register* and associated *DER register information guidelines*;
 - (iv) the *power system operating procedure* for dispatch published by *AEMO* and made in accordance with rule 4.10; and
 - (v) any other procedure, guideline or document published by *AEMO* that it considers relevant, subject to paragraph (2); and
- (2) by the dispatch rules commencement date, the frequency contribution factors procedure made in accordance with clause 3.15.6AA.

Schedule 2 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 4)

[1] Clause 3.8.2B Voluntarily scheduled resource participation in central dispatch

After clause 3.8.2B(c), insert:

Note

See clause 3.10A.2(a1) in relation to *ancillary service units*.

[2] Clause 3.8.23 Failure to conform to dispatch instructions, excluding wholesale demand response units and voluntarily scheduled resources

In the heading, after "to conform to dispatch instructions", omit ",",

[3] Clause 3.8.23 Failure to conform to dispatch instructions, excluding wholesale demand response units and voluntarily scheduled resources

In the heading, at the end of the text, omit "and voluntarily scheduled resources".

[4] Clause 3.8.23 Failure to conform to dispatch instructions excluding wholesale demand response units

Omit clause 3.8.23(a) and substitute:

- (a) If a *scheduled generating unit, scheduled bidirectional unit, scheduled network service, scheduled load or voluntarily scheduled resource* (other than an *inactive voluntarily scheduled resource*) fails to respond to a *dispatch instruction* within a tolerable time and accuracy (as determined in *AEMO's* reasonable opinion), then that *scheduled resource*:

- (1) is to be declared and identified as non-conforming; and
- (2) cannot be used as the basis for setting *spot prices*.

[5] Clause 3.8.23 Failure to conform to dispatch instructions excluding wholesale demand response units

After clause 3.8.23(a), insert:

Note

Inactive voluntarily scheduled resources are required to submit *dispatch bids* in accordance with clause 3.8.6 but are not required to follow *dispatch instructions*. *Hibernated voluntarily scheduled resources* do not participate in *central dispatch* at all. See clause 3.10A.2.

[6] Clause 3.8.23 Failure to conform to dispatch instructions excluding wholesale demand response units

In clause 3.8.23(c)(3), after "a *Scheduled Generator, Semi-Scheduled Generator*", omit "or" and substitute ",".

[7] Clause 3.8.23 Failure to conform to dispatch instructions excluding wholesale demand response units

In clause 3.8.23(c)(3), after "*Scheduled Integrated Resource Provider*", insert "or *Voluntarily Scheduled Resource Provider*".

[8] Clause 3.8.23 Failure to conform to dispatch instructions excluding wholesale demand response units

In clause 3.8.23(c)(3), after "the requests set out", insert "in".

[9] Clause 3.8.23 Failure to conform to dispatch instructions excluding wholesale demand response units

In clause 3.8.23(c)(3), after "satisfied that the *generating unit*", omit " or *scheduled bidirectional unit* will respond to future *dispatch instructions* as required, *AEMO* must direct the *generating unit* or *scheduled bidirectional unit*" and substitute ", *scheduled bidirectional unit* or *voluntarily scheduled resource* will respond to future *dispatch instructions* as required, *AEMO* must direct the relevant unit or resource".

[10] Clause 3.8.23B Failure of voluntarily scheduled resources to conform to dispatch instructions

Omit clause 3.8.23B, including the heading.

[11] Clause 3.10A.2 Deactivation and temporary hibernation of voluntarily scheduled resources

After clause 3.10A.2(a), insert:

(a1) If:

- (1) a *qualifying resource* forming part of a *voluntarily scheduled resource* is classified as an *ancillary service unit*; and
- (2) the *voluntarily scheduled resource* becomes an *inactive voluntarily scheduled resource* or a *hibernated voluntarily scheduled resource* in accordance with this clause,

the *ancillary service unit* may continue providing *market ancillary services* and remains subject to the relevant provisions of the *Rules* in doing so.

[12] Clause 3.10A.2 Deactivation and temporary hibernation of voluntarily scheduled resources

In clause 3.10A.2(f), after "application of the following clauses", omit ", except in relation to any *market ancillary services* to be provided by any *qualifying resource* forming part of the *voluntarily scheduled resource*".

[13] Clause 3.10A.2 Deactivation and temporary hibernation of voluntarily scheduled resources

In clause 3.10A.2(f)(2), after "to dispatch instructions including", omit "clause 3.8.23B" and substitute "clause 3.8.23".

[END OF RULE AS MADE]
