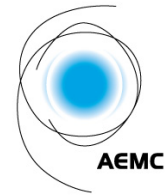


## Enhancing Distribution Network Planning and Reporting (ERC0410)



29 June 2026

### Report on rule not made within 12 months under NEL section 108A

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#### Purpose

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC or Commission) is required under s. 108A of the National Electricity Law (NEL) 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 AEMC initiated a rule change request from Energy Consumers Australia on 26 June 2025 to implement an integrated distribution system planning process to improve the robustness of the distribution network planning.

The AEMC published a directions paper on 16 October 2025. The AEMC then published a draft determination and draft rule on 23 April 2026.

This rule change request has received two extensions under section 107 of the NEL, as outlined below.

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

The AEMC extended the time for making the draft determination and draft rule for the Enhancing distribution network planning and reporting project (ERC0410) twice under section 107 of the NEL – on 26 June 2025 and 19 March 2026.

These extensions were required because the rule change request raised issues of sufficient complexity and difficulty that required additional time to examine, consider, and address them. The additional time enabled us to publish and consult on a directions paper to better understand stakeholders' views on the complex issues. It also allowed us to undertake further targeted consultation on the implementation of the draft rule when preparing the draft determination.

The final determination for the rule change has therefore not been made within 12 months of the publication of the notice under section 95 of the NEL.

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

The final rule determination is expected to be made by **16 July 2026**.