

**CHAPTER 2A**

## 2A. Regional Structure

### Part A – Region change applications and region determinations by AEMC

#### 2A.1 Introduction to Chapter 2A

##### 2A.1.1 Definitions

Expressions in Chapter 2A are defined in Schedule 2A.1.

##### 2A.1.2 AEMC determination of regions

- (a) For the purpose of conducting the *spot market*, the *market* is to be divided into *regions* determined by the *AEMC* in accordance with the *Rules*.
- (b) A *region* change may only be made by a *region* change application to the *AEMC* in accordance with this Chapter 2A.
- (c) Until the *AEMC* makes a *region* change in accordance with this Chapter 2A, for the purposes of the *Rules*, the *regions* are taken to be the *regions* defined in the *Regions Publication* published under clause 2A.1.3

##### 2A.1.3 Publication of regions by NEMMCO

*NEMMCO* must maintain, review and, by 1 April each year, *publish* a list of all *regions*, *regional reference nodes* and the *region* to which each *market connection point* is assigned as determined or approved by the *AEMC* for alteration, under this Chapter 2A and rule 3.6 (‘the *Regions Publication*’).

#### 2A.2 Region change applications

##### 2A.2.1 A complete region change application

- (a) Subject to and in accordance with this Chapter 2A, a *Registered Participant* or *NEMMCO* (“an **applicant**”) may make a *region* change application to the *AEMC*.
- (b) In order to be accepted by the *AEMC*, a *region* change application must comply with the requirements under this rule 2A.2 (“a **complete application**”).
- (c) In order to be a complete application, a *region* change application must:
  - (1) identify a congestion problem – see clause 2A.2.2;
  - (2) present a preliminary case as to the economic efficiency of a proposed *region* solution – see clause 2A.2.3;
  - (3) propose a *region* solution to the congestion problem that is technically competent – see clause 2A.2.4;

- (4) demonstrate that the proposed *region* solution is appropriate having regard to alternative means for managing the congestion problem – see clause 2A.2.5;
- (5) if the congestion problem has been considered within 5 years of the date of the *region* change application, demonstrate why it should be re-considered – see clause 2A.2.6; and
- (6) propose an implementation period.

## 2A.2.2 Identifying a congestion problem

A *region* change application must demonstrate, with supporting economic analysis:

- (1) that there is a problem with the existing *region* configuration;
- (2) that the problem is attributable to the presence of material and enduring *network* congestion; and
- (3) that the problem has or will detract materially from economic efficiency, where economic efficiency includes (but is not limited to):
  - (i) efficiency in relation to the impact on efficiency of *dispatch*, including in respect of bidding incentives and *dispatch* outcomes;
  - (ii) efficiency in relation to the management of risk and the facilitation of forward contracting through contracts in the financial markets and the *spot market*; and
  - (iii) long term dynamic efficiency – including in relation to making investment decisions,

(“a congestion problem”).

## 2A.2.3 Explanation of economic efficiency of proposed region solution

- (a) A *region* change application must explain how the proposed *region* solution would or would be likely to materially improve economic efficiency.
- (b) For the purposes of paragraph (a), economic efficiency includes (but is not limited to):
  - (1) efficiency in relation to the impact on efficiency of *dispatch*, including in respect of bidding incentives and *dispatch* outcomes;
  - (2) efficiency in relation to the management of risk and the facilitation of forward contracting through contracts in the financial markets and the *spot market*; and
  - (3) long term dynamic efficiency – including in relation to making investment decisions.

## 2A.2.4 Region change application must be technically competent

A *region* change application must:

- (1) demonstrate that the proposed *region* solution identified in the application satisfies the following technical requirements:
  - (i) each *region* must have a single *regional reference node* which is to be deemed to be a notional *busbar* at:
    - (A) a nominated major *transmission substation* located at or close to the largest *load centre* within the *region*; or
    - (B) where a *region* has no major *load centre* or there is some other reasonable cause for not defining a *regional reference node* at a particular major *load centre*, a nominated major *transmission substation* located at or close to the largest *generation centre* within the *region*;
  - (ii) all *transmission connection points* affected by a proposed *region* solution must be identified;
  - (iii) a *transmission connection point* may only be assigned to a single *region*;
  - (iv) the boundary of a *region* must be closed and must enclose at least one significant *load centre* and/or *generation centre*;
  - (v) the physical *transmission elements* that form the *interconnection* with adjacent *regions* must be described, including the points at which the boundary cuts through the *transmission elements*; and
  - (vi) the availability of revenue metering to measure the *energy* flow across each physical *transmission element* that forms the *interconnection* with other *regions*; and
- (2) where the application proposes an implementation period that is more or less than 3 years, specify the proposed implementation period and provide reasons why a different time period should be determined by the *AEMC*,

(“a **technically competent application**”).

## 2A.2.5 Alternative congestion management options

- (a) A *region* change application must demonstrate that the *region* solution proposed in the application is an appropriate and timely course of action in all the circumstances, having regard to alternative means of managing the congestion problem (“the **alternative congestion management options**”).
- (b) The alternative congestion management options include:
  - (1) changes to the geographic distribution of *generation* and *load* over time;

- (2) changes in the configuration of the *transmission network* such as a change which is a consequence of the application of the *last resort planning power* regime; or
- (3) changes in capability of the *transmission network* arising under other arrangements such as *network support agreements* or *network control ancillary services* agreements.

#### 2A.2.6 Previous application relating to congestion problem

Where a *region* change application (“a **subsequent application**”) addresses the same or substantially the same congestion problem as a previous *region* change application accepted by the *AEMC* within the previous 5 year period, the subsequent application must demonstrate, with supporting evidence, why it is appropriate for the *AEMC* to accept a subsequent application having regard to:

- (1) any material changes in circumstances since the previous *region* change application;
- (2) the general desirability of a stable *region* structure for the making of contracting and investment decisions:
  - (i) in the *NEM*; and
  - (ii) in financial markets;
- (3) the adequacy of the previous application; and
- (4) any other relevant consideration in the particular circumstances of the case.

#### 2A.2.7 NEMMCO to provide information to intending applicants

- (a) An intending applicant (other than *NEMMCO*) or an alternative proponent may request information from *NEMMCO* in order to prepare a technically competent application.
- (b) A person making a request to *NEMMCO* under paragraph (b) must include in the request details of the information sufficient for *NEMMCO* to identify the information sought.
- (c) Subject to paragraph (d), *NEMMCO* must on request from an intending applicant or an alternative proponent, as soon as practicable after receiving the request, furnish to the relevant person, such information that is:
  - (1) requested in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b); and
  - (2) in *NEMMCO*'s possession or provided to *NEMMCO* under paragraph (c).
- (d) For the purpose of furnishing information under paragraph (c), *NEMMCO* may direct a *Transmission Network Service Provider* to provide information to *NEMMCO* and the *Transmission Network Service Provider* must provide that information to *NEMMCO* as soon as reasonably practicable.

- (e) Information that *NEMMCO* is required to furnish under paragraph (c) does not include information that *NEMMCO* may be directed to provide under clause 2A.5.2.
- (f) *NEMMCO* must *publish*:
  - (1) requests made to *NEMMCO* under paragraph (a);
  - (2) information furnished by *NEMMCO* in accordance with paragraph (b) excluding information provided in accordance with clause 8.6.2(o); and
  - (3) details of the circumstances where *NEMMCO* has not provided information in accordance with paragraph (d),as soon as practicable.

### **2A.2.8 AEMC may refuse to accept incomplete applications**

If the *AEMC* considers that a *region* change application is not a complete application under this rule 2A.2, the *AEMC*:

- (1) must notify the applicant, including written reasons that set out the respects in which the application is not complete; and
- (2) is not required to further consider the application until it is satisfied that the application is a complete application.

## **2A.3 Acceptance of region change application by AEMC**

### **2A.3.1 Acceptance of a region change application by AEMC**

- (a) The *AEMC* must not accept a *region* change application unless it is satisfied that the application is a complete application in accordance with rule 2A.2.
- (b) Where the *AEMC*:
  - (1) is not satisfied that a *region* change application is a complete application in accordance with rule 2A.2; or
  - (2) considers, whether as a result of submissions received in preliminary consultation under clause 2A.3.2 or otherwise, that a *region* change application should not proceed,it may make a decision not to accept the *region* change application, setting out the reasons for that decision.
- (c) The *AEMC* must, without delay, notify the applicant of a decision not to accept a *region* change application, and publish that decision (including the reasons) on the *AEMC*'s website.
- (d) Where the *AEMC* is satisfied that a *region* change application:
  - (1) is a complete application in accordance with rule 2A.2;

- (2) satisfactorily addresses any issues raised by preliminary consultation under clause 2A.3.2; and
- (3) should, in all the circumstances, be the subject of consultation and considered under this Chapter 2A,

the *AEMC* must make a decision to accept a *region* change application and must take action in relation to the application in accordance with this Chapter 2A.

- (e) An applicant may not withdraw a *region* change application after the *AEMC* has accepted that application and has published a first round consultation notice under clause 2A.4.1.

### **2A.3.2 Preliminary consultation prior to acceptance of a region change application**

- (a) After the *AEMC* decides that a *region* change application is a complete application in accordance with rule 2A.2, but prior to making a decision whether or not to accept the application under clause 2A.3.1, the *AEMC* must publish the proposed *region* change application (including all supporting evidence) on its website and invite written submissions from any person within 21 *business days* of the date of that publication.
- (b) The *AEMC* is not required to publish information provided to the *AEMC* under this clause 2A.3.2 that has been obtained by the applicant in accordance with clause 8.6.2(o).
- (c) Where the *AEMC* considers that submissions received under paragraph (a) raise issues that should be addressed in the *region* change application, it may:
  - (1) request the applicant to amend the *region* change application to address those issues; or
  - (2) decide not to accept the *region* change application under clause 2A.3.1.

## **2A.4 First round consultation on region change application**

### **2A.4.1 Notice of first round consultation**

- (a) As soon as practicable after accepting a *region* change application under clause 2A.3.1(d), the *AEMC* must publish on its website notice of the application (“the **first round consultation notice**”).
- (b) Subject to clause 2A.3.2(b), the first round consultation notice must:
  - (1) contain the *region* change application and supporting evidence provided by the applicant;
  - (2) invite written submissions from any person within 75 *business days* of the date of the first round consultation notice (“the **first round consultation period**”);

- (3) specify that a person may put forward an alternative *region* solution in a written submission either:
  - (i) as an informal alternative *region* solution; or
  - (ii) as a formal alternative *region* solution under clause 2A.4.3,  
and (in the case referred to in subparagraph (ii)), the notice must further specify that the person may be required to provide to the *AEMC* supplementary economic analysis to support the formal alternative *region* solution; and
- (4) include a statement to the effect that any interested party may request, in writing within one week after the publication of the notice, the *AEMC* to hold a consultation meeting in accordance with clause 2A.9.2.

#### **2A.4.2 Right to make written submissions during first round consultation period**

Any person may, within the first round consultation period, make a written submission in relation to a *region* change application (“a **first round submission**”).

#### **2A.4.3 Alternative region solution put forward by third parties**

- (a) A person who makes a first round submission may propose an alternative *region* solution to the solution proposed in the *region* change application (“a **proposed alternative region solution**”).
- (b) A *Registered Participant* or *NEMMCO* (“an **alternative proponent**”) who submits a proposed alternative *region* solution under paragraph (a) may request the *AEMC* to treat the solution as a formal alternative *region* solution by expressly requesting the *AEMC* to do so in the first round submission.
- (c) A proposed alternative *region* solution submitted by an alternative proponent under paragraph (b) must:
  - (1) demonstrate that the proposed alternative *region* solution relates to the congestion problem identified in the *region* change application and accepted by the *AEMC* under clause 2A.3.1;
  - (2) meet the requirements of a technically competent application in accordance under clause 2A.2.4; and
  - (3) explain how the proposed alternative *region* solution would or would be likely to materially improve economic efficiency in accordance with the requirements for a *region* change application under clause 2A.2.3,  
 (“a **complete alternative region solution**”).

#### **2A.4.4 Acceptance as a formal alternative region solution by AEMC**

- (a) The *AEMC* is not obliged to treat a proposed alternative *region* solution as a formal alternative *region* solution unless the *AEMC* is satisfied that it is a complete alternative *region* solution.
- (b) Where the *AEMC* is not satisfied that a proposed alternative *region* solution is a complete alternative *region* solution, the *AEMC* must decide not to treat it as a formal alternative *region* solution and must:
  - (1) set out the reasons for that decision;
  - (2) without delay, notify the alternative proponent of the decision;
  - (3) publish the decision (including the reasons) on the *AEMC's* website; and
  - (4) treat the proposed alternative *region* solution as an informal alternative *region* solution.
- (c) Where the *AEMC* is satisfied that a proposed alternative *region* solution is a complete alternative *region* solution, the *AEMC* must:
  - (1) publish the proposed alternative *region* solution as a formal alternative *region* solution on its website as soon as practicable after accepting the solution as a formal alternative *region* solution; and
  - (2) treat the proposed alternative *region* solution as a formal alternative *region* solution.
- (d) An alternative proponent may not withdraw a proposed alternative *region* solution after the *AEMC* has published it as a formal alternative *region* solution under paragraph (c)(1).

#### **2A.5 Provision of supplementary economic analysis**

##### **2A.5.1 AEMC may direct provision of supplementary analysis**

- (a) The *AEMC* may, in respect of a *region* change application accepted under rule 2A.3, direct an applicant to provide to the *AEMC* supplementary economic analysis to support the applicant's proposed *region* solution within a specified time.
- (b) The *AEMC* may, in respect of a formal alternative *region* solution, direct an alternative proponent to provide to the *AEMC* supplementary economic analysis to support the alternative *region* solution within a specified time.
- (c) An applicant or an alternative proponent directed under paragraphs (a) or (b) must provide the supplementary economic analysis to the *AEMC* within the period of time specified by the *AEMC* in the direction.
- (d) A direction under paragraphs (a) or (b) may be given at any time after the start of the first round consultation period.

- (e) Despite paragraphs (a) to (c), the *AEMC* or its *representative* may prepare supplementary economic analysis in respect of a *region* solution, whether proposed in a *region* change application, or in a formal alternative *region* solution or otherwise.

## **2A.5.2 AEMC may direct NEMMCO to provide information**

- (a) Where the *AEMC*:
  - (1) directs an applicant or an alternative proponent to provide supplementary economic analysis under clause 2A.5.1; or
  - (2) decides that it or its *representative* will prepare supplementary economic analysis under clause 2A.5.1(e),

the *AEMC* may request *NEMMCO* to provide information (including *constraint* equations) to the applicant or to the alternative proponent, or directly to the *AEMC* (as the case may be), but only where such information is necessary to facilitate the provision of supplementary economic analysis to those persons or to the *AEMC*.

- (b) Where the *AEMC* requests *NEMMCO* to provide information under paragraph (a), *NEMMCO* must provide the information to the applicant, to the alternative proponent, or directly to the *AEMC* (as the case may be), as soon as practicable in all the circumstances.
- (c) *NEMMCO* may, in respect of a *constraint* on a *network*, direct the *Transmission Network Service Provider* who owns, controls or operates the relevant *network* to provide information to *NEMMCO* for the purpose referred to in paragraph (a) and the *Transmission Network Service Provider* must provide that information to *NEMMCO* as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (d) *NEMMCO* must *publish*:
  - (1) requests made to *NEMMCO* under paragraph (a); and
  - (2) information provided by *NEMMCO* in accordance with paragraph (b) excluding information provided in accordance with clause 8.6.2(o),as soon as practicable.
- (e) The *AEMC* is not required to publish information provided to the *AEMC* under this clause 2A.5.2 that has been obtained by the applicant or alternative proponent in accordance with clause 8.6.2(o).

## **2A.6 Region determinations**

### **2A.6.1 AEMC powers to make a region determination**

- (a) In making a *region* determination in respect of a *region* change application, the *AEMC* may:
  - (1) accept or reject the *region* solution proposed in the application;

- (2) accept or reject a formal alternative *region* solution;
  - (3) determine that no *region* change should be made;
  - (4) determine a *region* solution that is different (including materially different) from the *region* solution proposed in the application; or
  - (5) determine a *region* solution that is different (including materially different) from a formal alternative *region* solution.
- (b) In making a decision under paragraph (a), the *AEMC* may, subject to this rule 2A.6, adopt the *region* solution that it considers provides the best available solution to the congestion problem identified in the *region* change application in all the circumstances.

### 2A.6.2 Matters for consideration in making region determination

In making a *region* determination to adopt a *region* solution, the *AEMC* must be satisfied:

- (1) that there is a problem with the existing *region* configuration which is attributable to the presence of material and enduring *network* congestion (“a **congestion problem**”);
- (2) that the *region* solution is technically competent in accordance with the requirements of clause 2A.2.4;
- (3) that:
  - (i) the congestion problem will detract materially from economic efficiency; and
  - (ii) the *region* solution will materially improve economic efficiency, where economic efficiency includes (but is not limited to):
    - (iii) efficiency in relation to the impact on efficiency of *dispatch*, including in respect of bidding incentives and *dispatch* outcomes;
    - (iv) efficiency in relation to the management of risk and the facilitation of forward contracting in the financial markets and the *spot market*; and
    - (v) long term dynamic efficiency – including in relation to making investment decisions;
- (4) that the *region* solution is an appropriate and timely course of action in all the circumstances, having regard to the alternative congestion management options;
- (5) that the *region* solution is consistent with *power system security* and *reliability*; and

- (6) where the proposed implementation is greater than or less than 3 years, that the implementation period is reasonable in all the circumstances of the *region* determination.

## **2A.7 Draft region determination and second round consultation**

### **2A.7.1 Publishing of draft region determination**

- (a) Before making a final *region* determination, but within 60 *business days* of the end of the first round consultation period, the *AEMC* must publish a draft *region* determination in relation to an application.
- (b) A draft *region* determination must contain:
  - (1) the reasons of the *AEMC* as to its decision, with reference to the matters set out in rule 2A.6; and
  - (2) a proposed implementation period.

### **2A.7.2 Second round consultation**

- (a) The *AEMC* must publish a notice on its website of a draft *region* determination on a complete application (“the **second round consultation notice**”).
- (b) A second round consultation notice must:
  - (1) contain the draft *region* determination;
  - (2) invite written submissions from any person within 60 *business days* of the date of the second round consultation notice (“the **second round consultation period**”); and
  - (3) include a statement to the effect that any interested party may request, in writing within one week after the publication of the notice, the *AEMC* to hold a consultation meeting in accordance with clause 2A.9.2.

### **2A.7.3 Right to make written submissions during second round consultation**

Any person, within the second round consultation period, may make a written submission in relation to a draft *region* determination (“**second round submission**”).

## **2A.8 Final region determination**

### **2A.8.1 Final determination for region change**

- (a) The *AEMC* must publish on its website a final *region* determination in relation to a *region* change application within 40 *business days* of the end of the second round consultation period.
- (b) A final *region* determination must contain:
  - (1) the reasons of the *AEMC* as to its decision with reference to the matters set out in rule 2A.6; and

- (2) the implementation period.

## **2A.8.2 Formal publication of region determination**

- (a) If the *AEMC* in a final *region* determination determines to make a *region* change, the *AEMC* must publish a notice of the making of the *region* change in the South Australian Government Gazette and on its website.
- (b) A notice referred to in paragraph (a) must include:
  - (1) the date of publication of the final *region* determination under clause 2A.8.1;
  - (2) the implementation period; and
  - (3) the start date.

## **2A.9 Miscellaneous matters for region change process**

### **2A.9.1 AEMC may extend periods of time specified in Chapter 2A**

- (a) Despite anything to the contrary in this Chapter 2A, the *AEMC* may, by notice published on its website, extend a period of time specified in Chapter 2A, if the *AEMC* considers that a *region* change application raises issues of sufficient complexity or difficulty or there is a material change in circumstances such that it is necessary that the relevant period of time specified in Chapter 2A be extended.
- (b) A notice under paragraph (a) must identify the period of time under Chapter 2A to be extended, and specify the new time that is to apply.
- (c) The *AEMC* may only extend a period of time in accordance with this clause 2A.9.1 before the expiry of that time.

### **2A.9.2 Consultation meeting in relation to region change application**

- (a) Any person may request, in writing, within one week of the publication of a first round consultation notice or second round consultation notice (as the case may be), the *AEMC* to hold a consultation meeting in relation to a *region* change application or a draft *region* determination.
- (b) Despite paragraph (a), the *AEMC* may decide not to hold a consultation meeting, and if so, must give the person who made the request its reasons, in writing, for declining to hold a consultation meeting.
- (c) The *AEMC* may on its own initiative hold a consultation meeting.
- (d) If the *AEMC* decides to hold a consultation meeting under this clause 2A.9.2, it must:
  - (1) appoint a date (being not later than the close of the first round consultation period or the second round consultation period (as the case may be), time and place for the meeting; and

- (2) publish on its website a notice advising of:
  - (i) the intention to hold such a meeting; and
  - (ii) the date, time and place for the holding of the meeting.

## **Part B – Implementation of region determination**

### **2A.10 Purpose and application of Part B**

#### **2A.10.1 Purpose of Part B**

The purpose of this Part B of Chapter 2A is to enable the efficient and effective implementation of a *region* determination made by the *AEMC* under Part A of Chapter 2A during an implementation period, and to support a smooth market transition from old *region* boundaries to new *region* boundaries.

#### **2A.10.2 Application of Part B**

Part B of Chapter 2A applies despite any other provision of the *Rules* (including any guideline or procedure made under the *Rules*), and to the extent of any inconsistency prevails during an implementation period for the purpose of the implementation functions described in rule 2A.12.

### **2A.11 Region Change Implementation Procedure**

#### **2A.11.1 Submission of draft Region Change Implementation Procedure**

- (a) If the *AEMC* in a draft *region* determination, determines to make a *region* change, *NEMMCO* must prepare a draft Region Change Implementation Procedure in respect of the *region* solution adopted by the *AEMC* in that draft *region* determination.
- (b) A draft Region Change Implementation Procedure must set out:
  - (1) the proposed implementation period as included in the draft *region* determination under clause 2A.7.1(b);
  - (2) an implementation plan that identifies the key implementation steps to be taken during the implementation period; and
  - (3) the implementation functions referred to in rule 2A.12 that *NEMMCO* proposes to exercise to implement the *region* solution proposed by the draft *region* determination.
- (c) *NEMMCO* must submit the draft Region Change Implementation Procedure to the *AEMC* no later than the close of the second round consultation period.
- (d) *NEMMCO* may in consultation with the *AEMC*, make amendments to the draft Region Change Implementation Procedure submitted under paragraph (c) that are necessary to implement a final *region* determination.

- (e) The *AEMC* must approve a Region Change Implementation Procedure submitted under paragraph (c) and amended in accordance with paragraph (d) (as the case may be), in respect of a final *region* determination that determines to make a *region* change.

### **2A.11.2 Approved Region Change Implementation Procedure**

- (a) *NEMMCO* must, as soon as practicable after the date of the final *region* determination *publish* the approved Region Change Implementation Procedure.
- (b) *NEMMCO* may, during the implementation period, amend the approved Region Change Implementation Procedure as necessary, and must *publish* any such amended procedure, giving reasons why the amendment is necessary.

## **2A.12 NEMMCO region change implementation functions**

### **2A.12.1 General implementation functions**

Subject to other functions *NEMMCO* is required to exercise in accordance with this Chapter 2A, *NEMMCO* may, during the implementation period, make a decision or take action (including the power to refrain from making a decision or taking action) that is necessary for the implementation of a final *region* determination.

### **2A.12.2 Implementation functions referable to published implementation procedure**

The exercise of the *region* change implementation functions by *NEMMCO* referred to in clause 2A.12.1 must be referable to and consistent with, the key implementation steps set out in the current *published* Region Change Implementation Procedure.

### **2A.12.3 Amendment of current or subsequent Regions and Loss Factors Publication**

- (a) *NEMMCO* must, as an implementation function, in respect of the current or subsequent *Regions Publication* or Loss Factors Publication, amend those publications as necessary for the effective implementation of a final *region* determination that determines to make a *region* change.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to the publications referred to in paragraph (a), nothing prevents *NEMMCO*:
  - (1) amending those publications to:
    - (i) implement future *region* determinations under the *Rules*; or
    - (ii) deal with future physical changes to the *network*; or
  - (2) publishing the annual *Regions Publication* and the Loss Factors Publication in a single document.

## **2A.13 Continuity of regions**

On and from a start date:

- (1) the unmodified regions continue and are taken to be *regions* for all purposes under the *Rules*; and
- (2) the modified regions continue and are taken to be *regions* for all purposes under the *Rules*.

## **Schedule 2A.1 Glossary for Chapter 2A**

### **alternative congestion management options**

The alternative means of managing the congestion problem identified in clause 2A.2.2 as referred to in clause 2A.2.5.

### **alternative proponent**

A *Registered Participant* or *NEMMCO* who requests the *AEMC* in a first round submission, to treat a proposed alternative *region* solution as a formal alternative *region* solution in accordance with clause 2A.4.3(b).

### **applicant**

A *Registered Participant* or *NEMMCO* who makes a *region* change application to the *AEMC* under rule 2A.2

### **complete alternative region solution**

A proposed alternative *region* solution that satisfies the requirements of clause 2A.4.3(c).

### **complete application**

A *region* change application that meets the requirements of rule 2A.2.

### **congestion problem**

The problem identified in clause 2A.2.2.

### **first round consultation notice**

The notice published by the *AEMC* in accordance with clause 2A.4.1.

### **first round consultation period**

The period of time referred to in clause 2A.4.1(b)(2) that is within 75 *business days* of the date of the first round consultation notice.

### **first round submission**

A written submission made within the first round consultation period in accordance with clause 2A.4.2.

### **formal alternative region solution**

A proposed alternative *region* solution that the *AEMC* is satisfied is a complete alternative *region* solution under clause 2A.4.4(c).

### **implementation period**

The period commencing on the date of a final *region* determination made in accordance with clause 2A.8.1 and ending on the start date.

## **Loss Factors Publication**

The document *published* by *NEMMCO* from time to time under clauses 3.6.1(f) and 3.6.2(f1) that sets out *marginal loss factors*.

## **modified regions**

The *regions* identified in the current *Regions Publication* modified as a result of a *region* determination taking effect that determines to make a change to existing *regions*.

## **new regions**

The unmodified *regions* and the modified *regions*.

## **old regions**

The *regions* identified in the current *Regions Publication* immediately prior to the start date.

## **proposed alternative region solution**

An alternative *region* solution proposed by an alternative proponent in a first round submission as an alternative to the solution proposed in the *region* change application.

## **region change application**

An application for a *region* change made under rule 2A.2.

## **region change implementation function**

A function referred to in rule 2A.12.

## **region change implementation procedure**

A procedure referred to in rule 2A.11 approved by the *AEMC* in a *region* determination, as amended from time to time in accordance with Part B of Chapter 2A.

## **region determination**

A determination made by the *AEMC* under Chapter 2A and includes a draft *region* determination or a final *region* determination as the context requires.

## **second round consultation notice**

The notice published by the *AEMC* in accordance with clause 2A.7.2.

## **second round consultation period**

The period of time referred to in clause 2A.7.2(b)(2) that is within 60 *business days* of the date of the second round consultation notice.

## **second round submission**

A written submission made within the second round consultation period in accordance with clause 2A.7.3.

**start date**

The date nominated by the *AEMC* in a final *region* determination on which a change to the existing *regions* comes into effect.

**technically competent application**

A *region* change application that meets the technical requirements in clause 2A.2.4.

**unmodified regions**

The *regions* whose boundaries are not affected by a *region* determination.