

Sydney

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Dear John

Code Change – Review of Operating Incidents

In NEMMCO's review of the power system incident on 13 August 2004 it was noted with concern that there is no time obligation on involved participants to provide information to NEMMCO. The full incident report is available from NEMMCO's website at: <http://www.nemmco.com.au/marketandsystemevents/232-0020.htm>

The incident report for the 13 August 2004 event recommended that the code provisions relating to incident investigation should be reviewed so that where a participant is required to provide information to NEMMCO for the purposes of an investigation under clause 4.8.15, the Code Participant should be required to report to NEMMCO within a reasonable time, say 20 business days.

I would be pleased if you could progress the attached proposed code change which addresses the above recommendation.

Yours sincerely

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4.8.15 Review of operating incidents

- (a) Except where NEMMCO is required to carry out a review under clause 3.14.3(c) in respect of an event or circumstance, NEMMCO must conduct reviews of significant operating incidents or deviations from normal operating conditions in order to assess the adequacy of the provision and response of facilities or services, and the appropriateness of actions taken to restore or maintain power system security.
 - (b) For all cases where NEMMCO has been responsible for the disconnection of a Code Participant under the circumstances described in clause 4.8.15(a), a report of the review carried out in accordance with this clause 4.8.15 must be provided by NEMMCO to the Code Participant and NECA advising of the circumstances requiring that action. Where the report relates to operating incidents which were of significance to the operation of the power system, the report of the review carried out in accordance with this clause 4.8.15 must be made available to Code Participants and the public.
 - (c) A Code Participant must co-operate in any such review conducted by NEMMCO (including making available relevant records and information).
 - (d) A Code Participant must provide to NEMMCO such information relating to the performance of its equipment during and after particular power system incidents or operating condition deviations as NEMMCO reasonably requires for the purposes of analysing or reporting on those power system incidents or operating condition deviations.
- (d1) A Code Participant must respond to a request by NEMMCO for information under clause 4.8.15(d) within 20 business days, or within such time as agreed with NEMMCO, taking into account the circumstances of the particular power system incident or operating condition deviations.

- (e) NEMMCO must provide to a Code Participant such information or reports relating to the performance of that Code Participant's equipment during power system incidents or operating condition deviations as that Code Participant reasonably requests and in relation to which NEMMCO is required to conduct a review under this clause 4.8.15.