



Publication of gas planning documents

Publication of the final rule determination and final rule

On 13 March 2014, the AEMC published a rule to change publication arrangements for AEMO's Gas Statement of Opportunities (GSOO) and the gas Victorian Annual Planning Report (VAPR). Both documents will now be published on 31 March. The GSOO will continue to be published annually and the VAPR will now be published once every two years.

Final rule determination

The AEMC decided to make a rule that:

- changes the publication date of the GSOO from 31 December to 31 March and the gas VAPR from 30 November to 31 March of a given year. The AEMC considered that this would enhance the quality of information contained in these documents by allowing information from the most recent winter period to be considered; and
- reduces the publication frequency of the gas VAPR from an annual to a biennial publication cycle. The AEMC considered that this would be consistent with the level of use of the gas VAPR and would enhance AEMO's administrative efficiency.

The rule change request was assessed under an expedited rule making process as a non-controversial rule. The rule is to commence on 1 April 2014.

Background

GSOO

The GSOO provides information on the supply and demand side of the gas markets in Australia with the exception of the Northern Territory and Western Australia. The GSOO includes information about natural gas reserves, capacity and constraints on gas production, storage facilities and transmission networks and projected demand for natural gas. AEMO publishes the GSOO annually by 31 December each year.

Gas VAPR

The gas VAPR provides information about the Victorian Declared Wholesale Gas Market (DWGM) and, more specifically, on Victoria's Declared Transmission System. Over at least a 5 year outlook, the gas VAPR (and supplementary documents) includes information about both the supply and demand side of the DWGM. AEMO is required to do an annual planning review by 30 November each year.

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