



National Electricity Amendment (Timely Information to NEMMCO after Operating Incidents) Rule 2006 No. 3

under the National Electricity Law as applied by:

- (a) the National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996; and
- (b) the Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997 of the Australian Capital Territory; and
- (c) the National Electricity (New South Wales) Act 1997 of New South Wales; and
- (d) the Electricity - National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997 of Queensland; and
- (e) the Electricity - National Scheme (Tasmania) Act 1999 of Tasmania; and
- (f) the National Electricity (Victoria) Act 1997 of Victoria; and
- (g) the Australian Energy Market Act 2004 of the Commonwealth.

The Australian Energy Market Commission makes the following Rule under the National Electricity Law.

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Australian Energy Market Commission

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1. Title of Rule

This Rule is the *National Electricity Amendment (Timely Information to NEMMCO after Operating Incidents) Rule 2006 No.3*.

2. Commencement

This Rule commences operation on the day the notice of the making of the Rule is published in the South Australian Government Gazette.

3. Amendment of the National Electricity Rules

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment of National Electricity Rules

(Clause 3)

[1] Clause 4.8.15 Review of operating incidents

Omit clause 4.8.15 and substitute:

4.8.15 Review of operating incidents

(a) For the purposes of this clause 4.8.15:

Reviewable operating incident means:

(1) an incident comprising:

- (i) a *non-credible contingency event* or *multiple contingency events* on the *transmission system*; or
- (ii) a *black system* condition; or
- (iii) an event where the *frequency* of the *power system* is outside limits specified in the *power system security and reliability standards*; or
- (iv) an event where the *power system* is not in a *secure operating state* for more than 30 minutes; or
- (v) an event where *NEMMCO* issues a *clause 4.8.9 instruction for load shedding*,

being an incident identified, in accordance with guidelines determined by the *Reliability Panel* under clause 8.8, to be of significance to the operation of the *power system* or a significant deviation from normal operating conditions; or

- (2) an incident where *NEMMCO* has been responsible for the *disconnection of facilities* of a *Registered Participant* under the circumstances described in clause 5.9.5; or
- (3) any other operating incident identified, in accordance with guidelines determined by the *Reliability Panel* under clause 8.8, to be of significance to the operation of the *power system* or a significant deviation from normal operating conditions;

but does not include an incident in respect of which *NEMMCO* is required to conduct a review under clause 3.14.3(c).

- (b) *NEMMCO* must conduct a review of every reviewable operating incident 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*.
- (c) *NEMMCO* must prepare a report on the review of a reviewable operating incident, and where that report relates to an incident

described in clause 4.8.15(a)(1) or (3), *NEMMCO* must make the report available to *Registered Participants* and to the public.

- (d) Where *NEMMCO* has been responsible for the *disconnection* of *facilities* of a *Registered Participant* under the circumstances described in clause 5.9.5, *NEMMCO* must provide a report on that review to the *Registered Participant*, the *AEMC* and the *AER* advising of the circumstances requiring that action.
- (e) A *Registered Participant* must co-operate in any review conducted by *NEMMCO* including making available relevant records and information.
- (f) *NEMMCO* may request a *Registered Participant* to provide such information relating to the performance of equipment of that *Registered Participant* during and after reviewable operating incidents, as *NEMMCO* reasonably requires for the purposes of analysing or reporting on the incident.
- (g) A *Registered Participant* must provide the information requested by *NEMMCO* under clause 4.8.15(f) within 20 *business days* unless *NEMMCO* agrees to a longer period, taking into account:
 - (1) the particular circumstances of the reviewable operating incident; and
 - (2) any request made under clause 4.8.15(h).
- (h) *NEMMCO* must as soon as practicable, provide to a *Registered Participant* such information relating to the performance of equipment of the *Registered Participant* during and after a reviewable operating incident as the *Registered Participant* reasonably requests and in relation to which *NEMMCO* is required to conduct a review under this clause 4.8.15.
- (i) At any time when no guidelines are in force under clause 8.8, *NEMMCO* may conduct a review of any incident referred to in clause 4.8.15(a)(1) that *NEMMCO* considers to be of significance to the operation of the *power system* or a significant deviation from normal operating conditions, and this clause 4.8.15 applies to and in respect of the review as if the incident were a reviewable operating incident.

[2] Clause 5.7.1 Right of entry and inspection

In clause 5.7.1(d) omit the word “investigating” and substitute “reviewing”.

[3] Clause 8.8.1 Purpose of the Reliability Panel

At the end of clause 8.8.1(a)(7)(ii) omit the word “and”.

[4] Clause 8.8.1

At the end of clause 8.8.1(a)(8) insert:

; and

- (9) determine guidelines identifying or providing for the identification of operating incidents and other incidents that are of significance for the purposes of the definition of “Reviewable operating incident” in clause 4.8.15.

[5] Clause 8.8.3 Reliability review process

At the end of clause 8.8.3(a)(2) omit the word “and”.

[6] Clause 8.8.3 Reliability review process

At the end of clause 8.8.3(a)(3) omit “,” and insert:

; and

- (4) the guidelines referred to in clause 8.8.1(a)(9),

[7] Clause 8.8.3(b)

Omit the words “and the policies and guidelines referred to in clause 8.8.1(a)(4)” and substitute the words “, the policies and guidelines referred to in clause 8.8.1(a)(4) and the guidelines referred to in clause 8.8.1(a)(9)”.
