



## **National Electricity Amendment (Minor Changes) Rule 2017 No. 3**

under the National Electricity Law to the extent applied by:

- (a) the National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996 of South Australia;
- (b) the Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997 of the Australian Capital Territory;
- (c) the Electricity - National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997 of Queensland;
- (d) the Electricity - National Scheme (Tasmania) Act 1999 of Tasmania;
- (e) the National Electricity (New South Wales) Act 1997 of New South Wales;
- (f) the National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005 of Victoria;
- (g) the National Electricity (Northern Territory)(National Uniform Legislation) Act 2015; and
- (h) the Australian Energy Market Act 2004 of the Commonwealth.

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

John Pierce  
Chairman  
Australian Energy Market Commission

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### **1 Title of Rule**

This Rule is the *National Electricity Amendment (Minor Changes) Rule 2017 No.3*.

### **2 Commencement**

This Rule commences operation on 2 May 2017.

### **3 Amendment of the National Electricity Rules**

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

### **4 Amendment of the National Electricity Rules**

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 2.

### **5 Savings and Transitional Amendments to the National Electricity Rules**

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 3.

## **Schedule 1          Amendment to the National Electricity Rules**

(Clause 3)

### **[1] Clause 3.6.5          Settlements residue due to network losses and constraints**

In clause 3.6.5(a)(4D), omit "regulated *interconnectors*" and substitute "*regulated interconnectors*".

### **[2] Clause 3.8.19          Dispatch inflexibilities**

In clauses 3.8.19(e)(1) and (4) omit "loading" and substitute "*loading level*" wherever so appearing.

### **[3] Clause 3.8.20          Pre-dispatch schedule**

In clause 3.8.20 (j)(2), omit "loading" and substitute "*loading level*".

### **[4] Clause 3.11.5          Tender process for network support and control ancillary services**

In clause 3.11.5(k), omit "paragraph (i)" and substitute "paragraph (j)".

### **[5] Clause 3.13.5          Ancillary services contracting by AEMO**

Omit clause 3.13.5(c) and substitute:

- (c) Information *published* under paragraph (b) must include a breakdown of the actual costs and quantities relating to each *facility* contracted under *ancillary services agreements*.

### **[6] Clause 3.16.2          Dispute resolution panel to determine compensation**

In clause 3.16.2(h)(1) and (2) omit "loading level" and substitute "*loading level*" wherever so appearing.

### **[7] Clause 5.1.3          Principles**

In clause 5.1.3(d), omit "facility" and substitute "*facility*".

### **[8] Clause 5.2.1          Obligations of Registered Participants**

In clause 5.2.1(a)(2), omit "Rules" and substitute "*Rules*".

### **[9] Clause 5.3.6          Offer to Connect**

In clause 5.3.6(a)(2), omit "5.3A.9(b)(2)" and substitute "5.3A.9(b)".

**[10] Clause 5.3A.1 Application of rule 5.3A**

In clause 5.3A.1(c)(2), omit "*enquiry*" and substitute "enquiry".

**[11] Rule 5.5 Access arrangements relating to Distribution Networks**

In rule 5.5(g), omit "negotiated *use of system charges*" and substitute "*negotiated use of system charges*".

**[12] Rule 5.5 Access arrangements relating to Distribution Networks**

In rule 5.5(h), omit "(*avoided charges for the locational component of prescribed TUOS services*)".

**[13] Clause 5.7.7 Inter-network power system tests**

In clause 5.7.7(t), omit "*inter-regional test*" and substitute "*inter-regional test*".

**[14] Clause 5.9.4 Direction to disconnect**

In clause 5.9.4(c), omit "this clause 5.9.4" and substitute "clause 5.9.3".

**[15] Clause 5.10.2 Definitions**

In clause 5.10.2 omit "In this Part B and schedules 5.8 and 5.9" and substitute "In this Part B and schedules 5.8, 5.9 and 5.4A".

**[16] Clause 5.10.2 Definitions**

In the definition of "**sub-transmission**" omit "power system" and substitute "*power system*".

**[17] Clause 5.12.2 Transmission Annual Planning Report**

In clause 5.12.2(a), omit "an" and substitute "a".

**[18] Clause 5.15.3 Review of costs thresholds**

After clause 5.15.3(a), insert the following note:

**Note**

The cost thresholds are regularly reviewed by the *AER* under paragraph (b). The current thresholds are specified in the latest cost threshold determination available on the *AER*'s website [www.aer.gov.au](http://www.aer.gov.au).

**[19] Clause 5.15.3 Review of costs thresholds**

After clause 5.15.3(d), insert the following note:

**Note**

The cost thresholds are regularly reviewed by the AER under paragraph (b). The current thresholds are specified in the latest cost threshold determination available on the AER's website [www.aer.gov.au](http://www.aer.gov.au).

**[20] Clause 5.17.3 Projects subject to the regulatory investment test for distribution**

In clause 5.17.3(a)(5), omit "; or" and substitute ";".

**[21] Clause 5.20.3 Development strategies for national transmission flow paths**

In clause 5.20.3(c)(2), omit "non-*network* options" and substitute "*non-network options*".

**[22] Clause 5.20A.4 Request for protected event declaration**

In clause 5.20A.4(b)(5), omit "Reliability Panel" and substitute "*Reliability Panel*".

**[23] Clause S5.1a.8 Fault clearance times**

In Schedule S5.1a.8(b), (c) and (d) omit "nominal" and substitute "*nominal*" wherever so appearing.

**[24] Clause S5.1.2.2 Network service within a region**

In Schedule S5.1.2.2, omit "carried out on each *network* element" and substitute "carried out on each *network element*".

**[25] Clause S5.1.2.3 Network service between regions**

In Schedule S5.1.2.3, omit "within *transmission networks* within a region" and substitute "within *transmission networks* within a *region*".

**[26] Clause S5.1.4 Magnitude of power frequency voltage**

In Schedule S5.1.4(c), omit "normal voltage" and substitute "*normal voltage*".

**[27] Clause S5.1.4 Magnitude of power frequency voltage**

In Schedule S5.1.4, omit "endeavors" and substitute "endeavours".

**[28] Clause S5.1.4 Magnitude of power frequency voltage**

In Schedule S5.1.4, omit "(and how these target ranges may be required to vary with *loading*)."

and substitute "(and how these target ranges may be required to vary with *loading level*)."

**[29] Clause S5.1.9 Protection systems and fault clearance times**

In Schedule S5.1.9, omit “nominal *voltage*” and substitute “*nominal voltage*” wherever so appearing.

**[30] Clause S5.1.9 Protection systems and fault clearance times**

In Schedule S5.1.9(b), omit “access standards” and substitute “*access standards*”.

**[31] Clause S5.1.10.1a Emergency frequency control schemes**

In the heading of S5.1.10.1a, omit “Clause”.

**[32] Clause S5.1.10.1a Emergency frequency control schemes**

In clause S5.1.10.1a(e), omit “connection agreement” and substitute “*connection agreement*”.

**[33] Clause S5.1.10.1a Emergency frequency control schemes**

In clause S5.1.10.1a(f), omit “application to connect” and substitute “*application to connect*”.

**[34] Clause S5.3.5 Power factor requirements**

In Schedule S5.3.5, omit “critical *loading* period” and substitute “critical loading period”.

**[35] Schedule S5.3a.14 Protection of market network services from power system disturbances**

In Schedule S5.3a.14(c)(2), omit “current rating” and substitute “*current rating*”.

**[36] Schedule 5.4A Preliminary Response**

In schedule 5.4A, insert the following note below the heading:

**Note**

The local definitions in clause 5.10.2 apply to this schedule.

**[37] Schedule 5.5.3 Network and plant technical data of equipment at or near connection point**

In Schedule S5.5.3, omit “Nominal *voltage*” and substitute “*Nominal voltage*”.

**[38] Clause 5A.A.1 Definitions**

In the definition of "basic connection service" omit "*micro-embedded generator*" and substitute "*micro embedded generator*".

**[39] Clause 5A.A.1 Definitions**

In the definition of "micro EG connection" omit "Australian Standard" and substitute "*Australian Standard*".

**[40] Clause 5A.A.2 Application of this Chapter**

In clause 5A.A.2(b), (c), (d) and (e), omit "non-registered embedded generator" and substitute "*non-registered embedded generator*".

**[41] Clause 5A.B.1 Basic connection services**

In clause 5A.B.1, omit "non-registered *embedded generator*" and substitute "*non-registered embedded generator*".

**[42] Clause 5A.D.1 Publication of information**

In clauses 5A.D.1(a)(7), omit "non-registered embedded generator" and substitute "*non-registered embedded generator*".

**[43] Clause 5A.E Connection charges**

In clauses 5A.E.1(b) and 5A.E.3(c)(4), omit "non-registered *embedded generator*" and substitute "*non-registered embedded generator*".

**[44] Clause 5A.A.3 Small Generation Aggregator deemed to be agent of a retail customer**

In clause 5A.A.3, omit "retail customer" and substitute "*retail customer*" wherever occurring.

**[45] Clause 5A.A.3 Small Generation Aggregator deemed to be agent of a retail customer**

In clause 5A.A.3, omit "retail customer's" and substitute "*retail customer's*".

**[46] Clause 5A.B.1 Obligation to have model standing offer to provide basic connection services**

In clause 5A.B.1(b)(2), omit "micro-embedded *generators*" and substitute "*micro embedded generators*".

**[47] Clause 5A.B.3 Approval of terms and conditions of model standing offer to provide basic connection services**

In clause 5A.B.3(a)(1)(ii), omit "micro-embedded *generators*" and substitute "*micro embedded generators*".

**[48] Clause 5A.B.3 Approval of terms and conditions of model standing offer to provide basic connection services**

In clause 5A.B.3(a)(2), omit "*distribution determination*" and substitute "distribution determination".

**[49] Clause 5A.B.5 Approval of model standing offer to provide standard connection services**

In clause 5A.B.5(a)(2), omit "*distribution determination*" and substitute "distribution determination".

**[50] Clause 5A.B.6 Amendment etc of model standing offer**

In clause 5A.B.6(g), omit "*distribution determination*" and substitute "distribution determination" wherever occurring.

**[51] Clause 5A.E.4 Payment of connection charges**

In clause 5A.E.4(a)(1), omit "the *customer*" and substitute "the *retail customer*".

**[52] Clause 5A.G.1 Relevant disputes**

In clause 5A.G.1(a)(1) and (2), omit "*customer*" and substitute "customer".

**[53] Clause 5A.G.2 Determination of dispute**

In clause 5A.G.2(b)(2), omit "*customer*" and substitute "customer".

**[54] Schedule 5A.1 Minimum content requirements for connection contract**

In schedule 5A.1 - Part A(a)(10), omit "the *customer*" and substitute "*retail customer*".

**[55] Schedule 5A.1 Minimum content requirements for connection contract**

In schedule 5A.1 - Part A(b)(6), omit "the *customer*" and substitute "the *retail customer*".

**[56] Clause 6.1.2 Structure of this Chapter**

In clause 6.1.2(b)(13), omit "transmission and distribution" and substitute "*transmission and distribution*".



**[57] Clause 6.5.7 Forecast capital expenditure**

In clause 6.5.7(e)(10), omit "and" where last occurring.

**[58] Clause 6.5.7 Forecast capital expenditure**

In clause 6.5.7(e)(11), omit ":" and substitute "; and".

**[59] Clause 6.6.1 Cost pass through**

In clause 6.6.1(c)(6)(iii)(B), omit "rules" and substitute "rules".

**[60] Clause 6.6.1 Cost pass through**

In clause 6.6.1(k6), omit heading 'retailer insolvency event' and substitute 'Retailer insolvency event'.

**[61] Clause 6.6.4 Small-scale incentive scheme**

In clause 6.6.4(d)(1), omit "*regulatory period*" and substitute "*regulatory control period*".

**[62] Clause 6.7.1 Principles relating to access to negotiated distribution services**

In clause 6.7.1(8), omit "any access charges:" and substitute "any *access charges*:"

**[63] Clause 6.7.2 Determination of terms and conditions of access for negotiated distribution services**

In clauses 6.7.2(b)(3) and (4), omit "*use of system services charges*" and substitute "*use of system services charges*".

**[64] Clause 6.7.5 Preparation of and requirements for negotiating framework for negotiated distribution services**

In clause 6.7.5(d), omit "negotiating framework" and substitute "*negotiating framework*".

**[65] Clause 6.18.3 Tariff classes**

In clause 6.18.3(b), omit "customer" and substitute '*retail customer*'.

**[66] Clause 6.18.3 Tariff classes**

In clause 6.18.3(c), omit "but a customer" and substitute "but a *retail customer*".

**[67] Clause 6.18.7A Recovery of jurisdictional scheme amounts**

In clause 6.18.7A(d)(2), omit “clause”.

**[68] Rule 6.21                    Distribution Network Service Provider  
Prudential Requirements**

In rule 6.21, omit "*network assets*" and substitute "*network assets*".

**[69] Clause 6.21.3            Treatment of past prepayments and  
capital contributions**

In clause 6.21.3(b), omit “clause”.

**[70] Rule 6.23                    Separate disclosure of transmission and  
distribution charges**

In rule 6.23(b), omit "*TUOS/DUOS disclosure request*" and substitute "*TUOS/DUOS disclosure request*".

**[71] Rule 6.23                    Separate disclosure of transmission and  
distribution charges**

In rule 6.23(b), (c) and (d), omit "*TUOS/DUOS disclosure statement*" wherever occurring and substitute "*TUOS/DUOS disclosure statement*".

**[72] Schedule S6A.1.2        Information and matters relating to  
operating expenditure**

In Schedule S6A.1.2 (9), omit “non-network alternatives” and substitute “*non-network options*”.

**[73] Clause s7.5.2            Metering register information**

In clause S7.5.2(a)(6), omit “*Non-Registered Second-Tier Customer metering data*” and substitute “*Non-Registered Customer (who is eligible to be registered as a Second-Tier Customer metering data)*”.

**[74] Clause 7.11.2            Metering Data Services**

In clause 7.11.2(a) omit the note at the end of the paragraph.

**[75] Clause 8.6.1              Confidentiality**

In clause 8.6.1(e), omit "clause 6.9.2" and substitute "6.9.2A".

**[76] Clause 8.7.1              Monitoring**

In clause 8.7.1(c), omit "The AER" and substitute "The *AER*".

**[77] Clause 8.7.4 Preparation of network service provider performance report (Section 28V of the NEL)**

In clause 8.7.4(a)(2), omit “*network service users*” and substitute “network service users”.

**[78] Clause 8.7.4 Preparation of network service provider performance report (Section 28V of the NEL)**

In clause 8.7.4(c)(1), omit "30 business days" and substitute "30 *business days*".

**[79] Clause 8.8.4 Determination of protected events**

In clause 8.8.4(d), omit "*non-credible* contingency event" and substitute "*non-credible contingency event*".

**[80] Rule 8.9 Rules Consultation Procedures**

In rule 8.9(b), omit "*interested parties*" and substitute "interested parties".

**[81] Rule 8.10 Consumer advocacy funding obligation**

In rule 8.10(b), omit "*participant fees*" and substitute "*Participant fees*".

**[82] Clause S8.11.1 Risk allocation**

In clause S8.11.1(g), omit "*electricity network services*" and substitute "electricity network services".

**[83] Clause S8.11.1 Risk allocation**

In clause S8.11.1(i), omit "*electricity network services*" and substitute "electricity network services".

**[84] Clause S8.11.1 Risk allocation**

In clause S8.11.1(i), omit "*incumbent*" and substitute "incumbent".

## **Schedule 2          Amendment to the National Electricity Rules**

(Clause 4)

### **[1] Chapter 10          Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*billed but unpaid charges*" omit "means, in respect of " and substitute "For".

### **[2] Chapter 10          Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*commercial arbitrator*", omit "section 58" and substitute "section 2".

### **[3] Chapter 10          Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*communications interface*", omit "*remote acquisition of metering data*" and substitute "*remote acquisition of metering data*".

### **[4] Chapter 10          Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*connection charge guidelines*" omit "clause 5A.D.3" and substitute "clause 5A.E.3".

### **[5] Chapter 10          Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*connection charge*", omit "(in the context of Chapter 5A)".

### **[6] Chapter 10          Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*connection policy*", omit "(in the context of Chapter 5A)".

### **[7] Chapter 10          Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the note to the definition of "*connection service*", omit "In the context of Chapter 5A," and substitute "In the context of Chapter 5A and Part DA of Chapter 6,".

### **[8] Chapter 10          Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*Disclosee*" omit "or AEMO".

### **[9] Chapter 10          Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*dispute management system* (or "*DMS*")" omit "(or *DMS*)".

### **[10] Chapter 10          Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of “*dispute resolution panel* (or “*DRP*”)” omit “(or “*DRP*”)”.

**[11] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the note to the definition of “*Embedded Generator*”, omit “has been displaced by a definition specifically applicable” and substitute, “has been displaced by the definition “embedded generator” specifically applicable”.

**[12] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of “*energy laws*” omit “NERL” and substitute “*NERL*”.

**[13] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of “*excitation control system*” omit “power system” and substitute “*power system*”.

**[14] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of “*jurisdictional scheme amounts*” omit “Rules” and substitute “*Rules*”.

**[15] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of “*negotiated distribution service*” omit “*negotiated network service*” and substitute “negotiated network service”.

**[16] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of “*nominal voltage*” omit “transformers” and substitute “*transformers*”.

**[17] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of “*real estate developer*” omit “(in the context of Chapter 5A)”.

**[18] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of “*real estate development*” omit “(in the context of Chapter 5A)”.

**[19] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of “*system-wide benefits*” omit “*transmission connection point*” and substitute “*transmission network connection point*”.

**[20] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*tax change event*" omit "are materially increased" and substitute "are *materially* increased".

### **[21] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*terms and conditions of access*" omit "(access to transmission services)" and substitute "(access to *transmission services*)".

### **[22] Chapter 10 Amended Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*trading interval*" omit "EST" and substitute "*EST*".

### **[23] Chapter 10 Substituted Definitions**

In Chapter 10, omit the definition of "*Distribution Reliability Measures*" and substitute:

#### ***Distribution Reliability Measures Guidelines***

Guidelines made by the *AER* under clause 6.28.

### **[25] Chapter 10 Substituted Definitions**

In Chapter 10, in the definition of "*NMI Standing Data*" omit clause (d) and substitute:

- (d) the code (known as a Transmission Node Identity (TNI)) identifying the relevant transmission node which identifies the *transmission loss factor* and/or *transmission use of system charge* for the *connection point*;

### **[26] Chapter 10 Omitted Definitions**

In Chapter 10, omit the definition of "*complainant*".

### **[27] Chapter 10 New Definition**

In chapter 10, add the following definition in alphabetical order:

#### ***non-registered embedded generator***

In the context of clause 6.7A, has the meaning given in chapter 5A.

### **[28] Chapter 10 New Definition**

In chapter 10, add the following definition in alphabetical order:

#### ***network agreement***

has the meaning given in the National Electricity Law.

**Schedule 3 Savings and Transitional Amendments to the National Electricity Rules**

(Clause 5)

**[1] Clause 11.46.1 Definitions**

In Clause 11.46.1, omit the definition “transition date” and substitute:

**transition date** means for each established distributor the date on which the transition period for that established distributor ends.

**[2] Clause 11.55.2 Transitional Chapter 6**

In clause 11.55.2(h), omit “and” where last occurring.

**[3] Clause 11.55.2 Transitional Chapter 6**

In clause 11.55.2(i), omit “.” and substitute “; and”.

**[4] Clause 11.55.2 Transitional Chapter 6**

In clause 11.55.2, renumber the last paragraph as paragraph (j).

**[5] Clause 11.95.2 System initiation template**

In the heading for clause 11.95.2, omit “initiation” and substitute “limitation”.

**[6] Clause 11.97.2 Interim frequency operating standards for protected events**

In clause 11.97.2, omit "cl 8.8.1(a)(2)," and substitute "clause 8.8.1(a)(2),".

[END OF RULE AS MADE]

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