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Time extended for making the final determination on the Simplification of NER definitions

On 5 November 2020, the Commission extended the time for making a final rule determination for the *Simplification of NER definitions* by two weeks.

The final rule will now be made on 26 November 2020.

The Commission has decided to extend the time to make the final rule due to the complexity of drafting the final rule. Although the changes are non-controversial, the length, detail, and complexities in drafting and reviewing the final rule is greater than anticipated.

Background

On 17 September 2020, the AEMC initiated two rule change requests from the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and Dr Kerry Schott AO, Chair of the Energy Security Board, aiming to simplify some defined terms in the National Electricity Rules (NER). The two rule changes were consolidated under the expedited *Simplification of NER definitions* rule change.

Rule change request from AEMO

On 3 July 2020 the AEMC received a rule change request from AEMO 3 July 2020 proposing amendments to particular definitions of the NER that could be amended, consolidated, or otherwise removed with little material impact.

Rule change request from Dr Kerry Schott AO

On 14 August 2020, Dr Kerry Schott AO, submitted a rule change request proposing definitions in the NER which were found to be inconsistent with the NEL, are amended to align with the definition in the NEL.

Consultation

On 17 September 2020, the AEMC published a consultation paper seeking feedback on the proposed changes. Submissions to this rule change process closed 15 October 2020. The Commission received three submissions.

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