

**FROM:** Wholesale Energy Market Dispute Resolution Adviser (**WEMDRA**)



Dates covered:

**January - March 2025**

**WEMDRA contract – extension period**

1 Disputes and Scheduling errors

## Section 1 - Matters Executive Summary

Period	Matters Notified	Stage 1	Stage 2 Disputes and DRP
October – December 2024	Nil		Gas matter r704 confirmed and request for WEMDRA to organise an extension
January – March 2025	Nil		No change in Gas matter r704

## Section 2 - Explanation of stages + Matters in Progress

### 2.1 Explanation of stages

**Matters Notified:** Details of these matters are held Confidential between the WEMDRA and the parties. This can be a matter notified to WEMDRA for compensation, or triage and discussion before initiating another stage. Additionally, it can be a matter discussed for guidance, or exploration about a potential claim. The latter category appears on the list at the discretion of WEMDRA.

**Stage 1:** Stage 1 encourages the exploration and joint resolution of the disputes by direct commercial negotiation, or assistance through a facilitated, or non-binding expert process. In Stage 1, a DMS notice has been served by one party to another under Chapter 8 of the National Electricity Rules, or part 15C of the National Gas Rules.

**Stage 2:** Stage 2 is geared towards a binding decision by a panel of one or more experts. In Stage 2, a dispute has not been resolved in Stage 1 and is escalated to a dispute panel of between 1-3 people selected by WEMDRA in consultation with the parties or where the rules provide that the matter go



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directly to a DRP for determination or awarding of compensation. Stage 2 can also be an adviser led process.

## 2.2 Matters in Progress

- A gas matter under r704 has been referred to a DRP. A further extension of time has been sought. This matter relates to the same error as a previous gas matter under r704 which was withdrawn and finalised in Q3 2024.

## Section 3 - Administration for the Quarter

### Completed:

- Meeting with AER regarding matters to be considered before the end of financial year.
- Review of DRP matters which were accidentally deleted from the AER website when the site was upgraded. Consent for republication has been sought from all relevant participants and the task will be completed in the next quarter.
- The AER and WEMDRA have released an information sharing policy to support the resolution of disputes where there may be uncertainty about jurisdiction. The policy sets out how the AER and WEMDRA will exchange information to determine the appropriate dispute resolution pathway. See: <https://www.aer.gov.au/news/articles/communications/aer-and-wemdra-release-information-sharing-policy>

Please reach out with any questions.

Best



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