# NATIONAL ELECTRICITY LAW SECTION 74

## INFRINGEMENT NOTICE ISSUED TO CS ENERGY LIMITED

To: CS Energy Limited (ACN 078 848 745)
HQ 'North Tower'
Level 2, 540 Wickham Street
FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006

Infringement Notice No.: AER18-2016

- 1. The Australian Energy Regulator (**AER**):
  - a. has reason to believe that
    - i. CS Energy Limited (ACN 078 848 745) (CS Energy), is, and was at all relevant times, a Registered Participant by virtue of being registered by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) as a generator under clause 2.2 of the National Electricity Rules (NER) in respect of the Wivenhoe generating system (W/HOE), comprised of two scheduled generating units (W/HOE#1 and W/HOE#2) located in Queensland.
    - ii. CS Energy has breached clause 4.9.8(a) of the NER, as described in Schedule 1 to this Infringement Notice (the alleged breach); and
  - b. has decided to serve this Infringement Notice on CS Energy under section 74 of the *National Electricity (Queensland) Law* (**NEL**).
- 2. Clause 4.9.8(a) of the NER is a civil penalty provision within the meaning of the NEL.
- 3. The infringement penalty is \$20,000.

#### WHAT CAN CS ENERGY DO IN RESPONSE TO THIS INFRINGEMENT NOTICE?

- 4. CS Energy can choose whether or not to comply with this Infringement Notice. If CS Energy chooses not to comply with this Infringement Notice, the AER may commence proceedings against it in relation to the alleged breach. CS Energy is entitled to disregard this Infringement Notice and to defend any proceedings in respect of the alleged breach.
- 5. If CS Energy chooses to comply with this Infringement Notice, it must pay the infringement penalty by 18 July 2016, being not less than 28 days from the date of service of this Infringement Notice, beginning on the day after the day on which this Infringement Notice is served (the compliance period).
- 6. To ensure payment is made in accordance with this Infringement Notice, payment must be received on or before **18 July 2016**.
- 7. If CS Energy pays the infringement penalty within the compliance period, the AER will not institute proceedings in respect of the alleged breach unless the Infringement Notice is withdrawn before the end of the compliance period in accordance with section 79 of the NEL.

### **HOW DOES CS ENERGY PAY THE INFRINGEMENT PENALTY?**

- 8. CS Energy may pay the \$20,000 infringement penalty in either of two ways:
  - a. by cheque made out to the "ACCC Official Administered Account",\* enclosing a copy of this Infringement Notice, addressed to:

Australian Energy Regulator GPO Box 520 MELBOURNE VIC 3001

You should allow at least 5 business days for payment to be received

or

b. by electronic funds transfer to the following account:\*

Account name: ACCC Official Administered Account

BSB: 032-730 Account: 146550 Description: AER18-2016

You should allow at least 2 business days for payment to be received

- \* The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) handles the receipt of infringement penalty payments for the AER. All payments received are paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- 9. Please allow sufficient time for your payment to be received within the compliance period.
- 10. CS Energy will be issued with a Tax Invoice following payment of the \$20,000 infringement penalty.

DATE OF ISSUE: 15 June 2016

Paula Conboy Chair

Australian Energy Regulator

#### **SCHEDULE 1**

## MATTERS CONSTITUTING AN ALLEGED BREACH OF A CIVIL PENALTY PROVISION: CLAUSE 4.9.8(a) OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICITY RULES

- 1. CS Energy is a Registered Participant being registered with AEMO as a generator under clause 2.2 of the NER within the meaning of the term in the NER in respect of W/HOE, and in particular, in respect of W/HOE#2.
- 2. Clause 4.9.8(a) of the NER provides that a Registered Participant must comply with a dispatch instruction issued to it by AEMO unless to do so would, in the Registered Participant's reasonable opinion, be a hazard to public safety or materially risk damaging equipment.
- 3. On 13 February 2014, for the 1205 dispatch interval, AEMO issued CS Energy with a dispatch instruction in relation to the W/HOE#2 scheduled generating unit. The W/HOE#2 scheduled generating unit generated in excess of the energy level specified in the dispatch instruction for the relevant dispatch interval as follows:

Scheduled generating unit	Dispatch Instruction	Measured Output	Difference
W/HOE#2	0 MW	256.80 MW	256.80 MW

4. Accordingly, the AER alleges that CS Energy breached clause 4.9.8(a) of the NER in respect of W/HOE#2.