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Generator notice of closure exemption application

Initiation notice

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) has issued this notice to communicate that it has received an application for exemption from the generator notice of closure obligations under section 2.10.1 of the National Electricity Rules (NER).

Application details

On 30 April 2021, the AER received an application from AGL Macquarie Pty Limited (AGL) seeking exemption from the generator notice of closure obligations under section 2.10.1 of the NER. The application was for the following generating units:

Generating unit (region)	Registered capacity	Applied-for closure date	Current closure date
Liddell power station unit 3 - LD03 (NSW)	500 MW	1 April 2022	1 April 2023

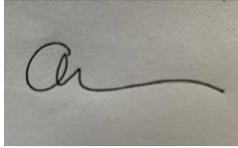
In its application, AGL identified the following reasons why it is seeking exemption:

- Following recent engineering assessments of Liddell power station units 3 and 4, AGL now considers unit 4 to be a more reliable generating unit, as compared to unit 3. As a result AGL is seeking to bring unit 3's closure date forward.
- Contingent on exemption being granted, AGL will subsequently delay the closure date of Liddell power station unit 4 to 1 April 2023. This is unit 3's current closure date.
- The intent of the application is to improve the reliability of the Liddell power station in its final year of operation from April 2022 to April 2023 by switching the closure dates of units 3 and 4.

Indicative timeline

The AER will now commence consideration of AGL Energy's application for exemption. In accordance with our exemption guideline, we will deliver our decision by 26 July 2021. We do not intend to publish a draft decision at this time.

30 April 2021



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