

Notice of consultation on Rebidding and Technical Parameters Guideline

1. Background

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is required to follow the Rules Consultation Procedures and is required to consult with all Registered Participants and interested parties when developing or amending aspects of the Guidelines made in relation to clauses 3.8.3A, 3.8.19 and 3.8.22 of the National Electricity Rules (the Rules). These Guidelines are contained within the Rebidding and Technical Parameters Guideline in sections 2.2.3, 3.2.1 5 and 7.

The Rules consultation procedures, set out in rule 8.9 of the Electricity Rules, require the AER to publish a notice on its website giving notice of the matters under consultation.

2. Notice

In accordance with these procedures, the AER gives notice of consultation in relation to proposed amendments to the Rebidding and Technical Parameters Guideline.

The Rebidding and Technical Parameters Guideline is being amended to address Rule changes that came into effect on 1 July 2016 – Bidding in Good Faith (ERC0166) and Generator ramp rates and dispatch inflexibility in bidding (ERC0165). The proposed amendments and additions will provide guidance in respect of certain clauses affected by the Rule changes. Specifically, amendments to:

- clause 3.8.22 (Rebidding) to allow the AER to request participant records for rebids made in the "*late rebidding period*", and
- clause 3.8.3A (Ramp rates) in respect of minimum ramp rates for aggregated units.

The Rebidding and Technical Parameters Guideline is also being amended to reflect market developments and minor amendments to the procedures for handling confidential information requests since the last version was published in 2009. The attached draft includes the proposed amendments and additions to the Rebidding and Technical Parameters Guideline, and is being published for the purpose of consultation.

3. Submissions

Interested parties are invited to make written submissions in response to the draft Guidelines identified above and contained within the Rebidding and Technical Parameters Guideline in sections 2.2.3, 3.2.1, 5 and 7, or any other aspect of the Rebidding and Technical Parameters Guideline, by the close of business, **7 November 2016**. Interested parties should indicate in their submission if they think a public meeting with the AER is considered necessary or desirable.

Submissions should be sent electronically to: aer inquiry@aer.gov.au with the following title in the email: *Rebidding and Technical parameters guideline review*. We prefer that all submissions sent in an electronic format are in Microsoft Word or other text readable document form.

Alternatively, submissions can be sent to:

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Please note that submissions provided electronically do not need to be provided separately in hard copy.

4. Confidentiality

We will treat all submissions as public documents unless otherwise requested. This is because it is preferable that all submissions be publicly available to facilitate an informed and transparent consultative process. Parties wishing to submit confidential information are requested to:

- clearly identify the information that is the subject of the confidentiality claim, and/or
- provide a non-confidential version of the submission in a form suitable for publication.

All non-confidential submissions will be placed on our website at www.aer.gov.au. For further information regarding the use and disclosure of information provided to us, see the ACCC/AER Information Policy, June 2014 available on our website.

Enquires about this paper, or about lodging submissions, should be directed to aer inquiry@ aer.gov.au.

5. Public consultation process

The proposed consultation process is as follows:

- **September 2016:** Notice of commencement of consultation, inviting submissions on consultation draft
- **November 2016:** Publication of draft amended Rebidding and Technical Parameters Guideline and call for submissions
- **February 2017:** Publication of final amended Rebidding and Technical Parameters Guideline

The overall consultation process may need to be extended if we consider a meeting to be necessary. This notice, and the attached consultation paper, constitutes the first step in the consultation process.