

Australian Energy Market Operator Limited: Guidance notes for membership application

1. General

- (a) These guidance notes are for the purposes of assisting a person to apply for membership in Australian Energy Market Operator Limited (**AEMO**).
- (b) AEMO has two classes of members: government members and industry members. Specific eligibility criteria and separate application forms apply for each class of members.
- (c) Please review the membership eligibility criteria for the class of membership that you wish to apply for as described in item 2 below prior to submitting an application for membership in AEMO.

2. Membership Eligibility Criteria

2.1 Government members

An applicant will meet the membership eligibility criteria for admission as a government member of AEMO if:

- (a) the applicant is the Crown in the right of the Commonwealth of Australia, a State of Australia, the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory; and
- (b) the applicant has conferred on AEMO at least one function relating to the objects of AEMO.

2.2 Industry members

- (a) An applicant will meet the membership eligibility criteria for admission as an industry member of AEMO if the applicant is registered with AEMO pursuant to a requirement or entitlement in a statute or legislative instrument (or in an agreement or rules contemplated by statute or legislative instrument), as a participant in an energy market or information service that AEMO operates.
- (b) Examples of persons eligible for membership is included in attachment 1 to these guidance notes.

3. Application process

- (a) On the basis that an applicant meets the membership eligibility criteria for the relevant class, the applicant must complete the application form relevant to the applicant's class of membership.
- (b) For applicants seeking to become a government member, please complete the application form in full (available on the website).
- (c) For applicants seeking to become an industry member, please complete the application form in full (available on the website).
- (d) By completing an application form, the applicant agrees to be bound by the Constitution of AEMO and any other rules, by-laws, policies or other standards prescribed by the directors of AEMO from time to time. The Constitution of AEMO is available on the website. Please read this document carefully before submitting your application.
- (e) The completed application form must be submitted to the company secretary of AEMO at the address specified in the application form.
- (f) Please note that the submission of an application form for industry membership does not mean that the application will be successful.
- (g) Upon receipt of an application form for industry membership, the directors of AEMO will consider the application and resolve whether to accept or reject the application for industry membership.
- (h) Within a reasonable period after making this decision, a notice will be issued by AEMO to the applicant stating whether the application was accepted or rejected.
- (i) The applicant will be admitted as a member of AEMO when its application is accepted by resolution of the directors of AEMO.
- (j) No fees will be payable for any application for membership in AEMO.
- (k) For further details on the application process, please contact Brett Hausler on (03) 9609 8707.

4. Liability

- (a) While there are no fees payable, members do undertake to contribute an amount not exceeding \$1.00 in the event of winding up.

Attachment 1 – Examples of Industry member eligibility criteria

1. 'Registered Participant' within the meaning of section 2 of the National Electricity Law
A 'Registered Participant' is a person registered as a registered participant by AEMO under the National Electricity Law or National Electricity Rules.
2. 'Registered Participant' within the meaning of section 2 of the National Gas Law
A 'Registered Participant' is a person registered as a 'registered participant' by AEMO under the National Gas Law (section 91BJ or section 91LB) and the National Gas Rules.
3. 'Service Provider' within the meaning of section 2 of the National Gas Law
A 'Service Provider' is a person who:
 - (a) owns, controls or operates; or
 - (b) intends to own, control or operate,
a pipeline or scheme pipeline, or any part of a pipeline or scheme pipeline (excluding a gas market operator that controls or operates (with or with out at the same time owning) a pipeline or scheme pipeline or part of a pipeline or scheme pipeline).
4. Persons required to provide information to the Bulletin Board operator
Persons required to give information to the Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board operator are:
 - (a) a service provider;
 - (b) a user;
 - (c) a non scheme pipeline user;
 - (d) a producer;
 - (e) a storage provider; or
 - (f) other persons prescribed by regulation for the purposes of section 223 of the National Gas Law.
5. Participants in the Western Australian Wholesale Energy Market and gas services.