

## **Notice to Participants of AEMO's decision on making the Natural Services Gas Bulletin Board Procedures version 6.0**

This Notice advises all Registered Participants (Participants) and other interested stakeholders that consultation for the Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board (BB) Procedures under the procedure change consultative process prescribed in rule 135EE of the National Gas Rules (NGR), concluded on 4 February 2016.

Taking into account the assessment provided in the Impact and Implementation Report (IIR), AEMO hereby gives notice that it has decided to amend the BB Procedures, effective from 1 June 2016.

The BB Procedures changes to version 5.0 are as follows (shown at Appendix A):

- The addition of a new Demand zone to capture net flows into or out of the South West Queensland Pipeline (SWQP) compound located at Wallumbilla. This new zone will result in the addition of new gas transmission pipelines being defined as GBB Pipelines and reporting to the GBB.
- Amend the SWQP Demand zone description in Schedule 2 to capture only demand on the SWQP west of Wallumbilla to Ballera (Ballera, Roma, Tarbat and Cheepie) and not flows out of the SWQP compound located at Wallumbilla (QGP, RBP, CRWP and BWP).

AEMO received feedback from two participants in response to the IIR. A summary is shown at Appendix B.

In response to the feedback received, AEMO has elected to make the following change to the BB Procedures change that was proposed in the Impact and Implementation Report (IIR):

- In response to feedback received from APA Group, AEMO has decided to make version 6.0 of the BB Procedures effective from 1 June 2016 to allow sufficient time for participants to register and implement the required system changes for their new reporting obligations.

AEMO considers that this change meets the requirement of the National Gas Objective because it promotes transparency of the gas market in the east coast, and assists gas market participants in making decisions and managing risks.

The IIR is available on the AEMO website at –

<http://aemo.com.au/Consultations/Gas-Consultations/General/Proposed-BB-Procedure-Change-submitted-by-COAG-Energy-Council-Wallumbilla-Demand-Zone>

As required by Rule 135EE (5), AEMO also publishes this notice to inform Participants that version 6.0 of the BB Procedures will be effective from 1 June 2016.

**Notice Date: 3 March 2016**

## Appendix A: Natural Gas Services Bulletin Board Procedures version 5.0

**Blue** represents additions **Red** and strikeout represents deletions – Marked up changes

### Schedule 2 *Demand Zones and Production Zones*

#### a. Demand Zones

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Demand Zone	Description	BB pipeline nominations, flows required
[...]	[...]	[...]
South West Queensland Pipeline (SWQP)	Demand on the SWQP west of Wallumbilla and to Ballera including that from the Cheepie to Barcardine pipeline, any other laterals or connecting systems including net deliveries to the Ballera zone on the day.  <i>Exclusions: Deliveries to Queensland Gas Pipeline, Roma to Brisbane Pipeline, Comet Ridge to Wallumbilla Pipeline and Berwyndale to Wallumbilla Pipeline.</i>	SWQP
Wallumbilla	<i>Net flows into or out of the SWQP compound located at Wallumbilla including those from the RBP, QGP, SWQP, Berwyndale to Wallumbilla Pipeline (BWP), Darling Downs Pipeline (DDP), Comet Ridge to Wallumbilla Pipeline including Fairview (CRWP), and Spring Gully Pipeline (SGP).</i>	RBP, QGP, SWQP, BWP, DDP, CRWP, and SGP



**Appendix B: Summary of stakeholder comments on the IIR consultation for BB Procedures**

Stakeholder	Stakeholder Comment	AEMO Response
Westpac	Supports the proposed change as the change would remove information asymmetries which would encourage new participants, including trader class participants, to participate in the market.	Noted
APA Group	Supports the proposed change however, APA considered the proposed timeframe to make the changes effective too short and that consideration should be given to extending the implementation period to allow more time for system development and testing to occur after the procedure changes have been finalised.	Noted. In order to allow sufficient time for participants to register and implement the required system changes for their new reporting obligations, AEMO proposes making the BB Procedure effective 1 June 2016.