



Retail Energy Market Company

RULE CHANGE – REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS UNDER RULE 400(1)(a)

C18/04R – Provision of Off-Market Procurement Status Reports

Introduction

The REMCo CEO, under the delegation of the REMCo Board, endorsed the recommended Rule Change C18/04R – Provision of Off-Market Procurement Status Reports on 13 August 2004. REMCo is seeking submissions on this endorsed rule change as required under Rule 400(1)(a) of the Retail Market Rules (**RMR**).

How to Make a Submission on the Endorsed Rule Change

As provided under Rule 400(2), each participant, pipeline operator, prescribed person and interested person may lodge a submission on the endorsed rule change.

If you would like to make a submission, provide your submission, quoting the reference number C18/04R, to:

REMCo Rule Change
C/- The Marketplace Company
GPO Box 1686
SYDNEY NSW 2001

And/or to:

rule.change@remco.net.au.

Submissions must be received by REMCo no later than **5pm EST, Monday 13 September 2004**.

Background Information

Summary of Endorsed Rule Change

The endorsed change clarifies that REMCo will provide an off-market procurement status report within the 30 minute period immediately preceding the start of a gas day. REMCo's Gas Retail Market System (**GRMS**) already provides this report and the endorsed rule change clarifies this provision.

How to Obtain More Information

The Impact and Implementation Report, including details of the original rule change request received by REMCo, for this rule change may be found on the REMCo website at www.remco.net.au - go to the "Resources" section and then the "Rule Change Committee" section. This report was considered by the Rule Change Committee at its 27 July 2004 meeting.

Text of the Endorsed Rule Change

Rule 269 is endorsed to be amended as follows:

269. REMCo validates users' procurement requests and provides status report

- (1) For each *gate point* for each *gas day*:
 - (a) first, by no later than 14 hours (in South Australia) or 16 hours (in Western Australia) before the start of the *gas day* ("**first check**"); and
 - (b) then again, after 30 minutes before the start of the *gas day* ("**final check**"),

REMCo must assess each *procurement request* in each *user's procurement instruction* and each *procurement confirmation* to determine whether *REMCo* has received, as appropriate, a corresponding *procurement confirmation* from a *swing service provider* or corresponding *procurement request* from a *user*.

- (2) By no later than 14 hours (in South Australia) or 16 hours (in Western Australia) before the start of the *gas day*, and again during the 30 minute period immediately preceding the start of the *gas day*, *REMCo* must provide a "**status report**":
 - (a) to each *user*, setting out each *procurement request* in the *user's procurement instruction* for the *gas day* for which *REMCo* has received a corresponding *procurement confirmation* from a *swing service provider* at the time of the *first check*; and
 - (b) to each *swing service provider*, setting out each of the *swing service provider's procurement confirmations* for the *gas day* for which *REMCo* has received a corresponding *procurement request* from a *user* at the time of the *first check*.
- (3) Each *procurement request* in a *user's procurement instruction* for which *REMCo* identifies a corresponding *procurement confirmation* from a *swing service provider* at the time of the *final check* is a "**validated procurement request**", and may be applied by *REMCo* if appropriate under rule 270.