
Retail Energy Market Company

RULE CHANGE – REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS UNDER RULE 399A (1)(a)

C01/10S – Specification Pack Change – Interface Control Document Version 4.1

Introduction

Under the delegation of the REMCo Board, on 15 April 2010, REMCo endorsed the Low Impact Rule Change C01/10S to establish a new version 4.1 of the Interface Control Document (“ICD”) for the Western Australian and South Australian gas retail markets.

REMCo is seeking submissions on this endorsed rule change as required under Rule 399A(1) of the Retail Market Rules (the “Rules”).

How to make a Submission on the Endorsed Rule Change

As provided under Rule 399A(2), each participant, pipeline operator, prescribed person and interested person may lodge an objection to the endorsed low impact rule change within the objection period. A submission under this rule must include reasons for the objection and specify whether the submitter considers the rule change to be non-substantial, low impact or high impact and include reasons for this classification.

Please note that if no objections are received from a participant, pipeline operator, shipper, swing service provider or other interested persons by the end of the objection period (specified below), under Rule 399A(3), the Rule Change Committee must recommend to REMCo that it submit the Rule change to the Economic Regulation Authority for approval.

If you would like to make a submission, provide your submission, quoting the reference number **C01/10S**, to:

REMCo Rule Change
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GPO Box 2008
Melbourne
VIC 3001
And/or to:
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End of Objection Period:

Submissions must be received by REMCo no later than **5pm AEST, on 3 May 2010**.

Background Information

Summary of Endorsed Rule Change

On 1 October 2009, REMCo's SA gas market functions transferred to the Australian Energy Market Operator ("AEMO"), while REMCo retained its existing functions in the WA gas market. The WA market will not be part of the market arrangements to be managed by AEMO.

Although the WA and SA markets no longer jointly administered, both REMCo and AEMO agree that it is in the best interests for both markets to maintain consistency (where possible) in terms of the documentation contained in the Specification Pack and the Information Pack.

This rule change establishes a new version of the ICD for the Western Australian and South Australian gas retail markets.

In summary, the main changes in this new version of the ICD are as follows:

- the inclusion of a preamble at the beginning of the document to reference the current jurisdiction arrangements for both markets, with REMCo as the Market Operator for WA (subject to the Rules) and AEMO as the Market Operator for SA (subject to the South Australian Retail Market Procedures).
- in the preamble, a change to the meaning of the term "Retail Market Rules" to also mean the Procedures in SA.
- the use of the term "Market Operator" instead of "REMCo" to promote the interchangeability of the ICD across stakeholders in both States.

For the WA market, there are no systematic changes in this new version of the ICD. None of the existing transactions between the GRMS and Market Participants have been changed and only referential changes have been made to indicate which sections apply solely to the WA market. For example, transactions relating to Swing Service have been flagged as WA only.

How to Obtain More Information

The Impact and Implementation Report for this rule change may be found on the REMCo website under the "Rule Change Committee" Resource section as per this link:

[http://www.remco.net.au/resources_category.aspx?cat=Rule%20Change%20Committee.](http://www.remco.net.au/resources_category.aspx?cat=Rule%20Change%20Committee)

This report was considered by the Rule Change Committee at its 13 April 2010 meeting.

Endorsed Rule Change

A marked up copy of version 4.1 of the ICD has been published on the REMCo website.