

Wholesale Electricity Market

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1. Notice of call for submissions on procedure proposal

This notice informs all Electricity System and Market Rule Participants and interested parties that Western Power has published a **Procedure Change Proposal** in respect of the **new Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM) Procedure: Technical Requirements for Standard Small User Facilities**. The draft WEM Procedure for consultation, and supporting information, is available at

<https://www.westernpower.com.au/about/community/community-consultation/>.

Western Power invites submissions on this Procedure Change Proposal, including any alternative options or drafting you consider may improve the proposed WEM Procedure or better meet the State Electricity Objective set out in C 3A of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004*, and clause 1.2.1 of the *Electricity System and Market Rules (ESM Rules)*.

A Procedure Change Submission may be made using the **Procedure Change Submission Form** maintained on the **Coordinator's Website** in accordance with clause 2.9.4 of the ESM Rules and the WEM Website.

At the time of release the Procedure Change Submission Form is available at <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/wem-procedure-changes>.

Submissions must be provided in PDF or Microsoft Word format by email to:
Energy.Regulation@westernpower.com.au.

2. Procedure summary

The table below summarises the requirement, purpose, outcomes and impacts of the proposed new WEM Procedure.

Table 1: Procedure change summary

Procedure Name:	WEM Procedure: Technical Requirements for Standard Small User Facilities
Why is the WEM Procedure required?	The proposed ESM Rules contained in the exposure draft for Distributed Energy Resources – Roles and Technical Requirements¹ proposes the designation of Western Power as the Distribution System Operator (DSO) for the distribution networks in the South Western Interconnected System (SWIS). The new WEM Procedure: Technical Requirements for Standard Small User Facilities has been developed in accordance with Western Power’s proposed DSO designation, and clause 3.25.2 of that exposure draft, to identify the technical requirements for Standard Small User Facilities which are given their definition in clause 3.25.1 of the exposure draft.
What is the purpose of the WEM Procedure?	The WEM Procedure provides the technical requirements to be met by the Market Participant for Standard Small User Facilities which connect to Western Power’s low voltage distribution network, enabling improved participation and compliance for these Facilities and supporting power system security and reliability. The technical requirements contained in the WEM Procedure align with Western Power’s published Basis Embedded Generator Connection Technical Requirements²³, the Western Australian Service and Installation Requirements, and relevant AS/NZS 477 standards, and identify; the maximum capacity, generation and injection limits for these types of Facilities, and the ability for these Facilities to remotely disconnect from the network.

¹ <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/consultation-electricity-system-and-market-rules-distributed-energy-resources-roles-and-technical-requirements>

² <https://www.westernpower.com.au/resources-education/technical-documentation/distribution-network-documentation/basic-embedded-generator-connection-technical-requirements/>

³ Western Power intends to update the Basic Embedded Generator Connection Technical Requirements to further improve alignment with this WEM Procedure.

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What are the anticipated outcomes and impacts?	Regulatory alignment: The introduction of the new WEM Procedure enables this Facility type, that was not previously considered by the ESM Rules, to be incorporated into the centralised User Facility Standards Framework, as proposed in the Energy Policy WA's ongoing Power System Security and Reliability Standards Review. Improved clarity: The WEM Procedure will assist Market Participants in understanding the technical requirements for these Facilities. Minimal implementation impact: The WEM Procedure is not expected to drive changes for Market Participants who's facilities already meet Western Power's Basic Embedded Generator Connection Technical Requirements.

3. Procedure Change Process

Western Power may initiate the Procedure Change Process in respect of WEM Procedures for which it is responsible by developing a Procedure Change Proposal. Western Power must develop and maintain on its website a list of all published WEM Procedures for which it is the Responsible Procedure Administrator.

Western Power's procedure change process aligns to the following ESM Rules:

2.9.2CA. Network Operator must manage the development of, amendment of, and replacement for WEM Procedures which these ESM Rules require be developed by a Network Operator.

2.9.3. WEM Procedures:

(a) must:

- i. be developed, amended or replaced in accordance with the process in these ESM Rules;
- ii. be consistent with the State Electricity Objective; and
- iii. be consistent with these ESM Rules, the Electricity Industry Act and Regulations; and

(b) may be amended or replaced in accordance with section 2.10 and must be amended or replaced in accordance with section 2.10 where a change is required to maintain consistency with Amending Rules.

2.10.5D. A Network Operator must publish Procedure Change Proposals that the Network Operator develops.

2.10.6. A Procedure Change Proposal must include:

- (a) a proposed WEM Procedure or an amendment to or replacement for a WEM Procedure, indicating the proposed amended words, or a proposed WEM Procedure; and
- (b) the reason for the proposed WEM Procedure or an amendment to or replacement for a WEM Procedure or proposed WEM Procedure.

Western Power has published this Procedure Change Proposal for the WEM Procedure: Technical Requirements for Standard Small User Facilities in accordance with this Procedure Change Process.

Western Power's indicative timeline for this consultation is outlined in Table 2.

Table 2: Indicative timeline of the Procedure Change Process

Process stage	Indicative date
Publication of Procedure Change Proposal	25 November 2025
Closing date for submissions on Procedure Change Proposal	05 January 2026
Publication of Procedure Change Report	23 January 2026
Proposed commencement of new WEM Procedure: Technical Requirements for Standard Small User Facilities	1 February 2026

4. Context for this consultation

4.1 Background

The new **WEM Procedure: Technical Requirements for Standard Small User Facilities** has been developed in accordance with Western Power's proposed DSO designation, and clause 3.25.2 of that exposure draft, to identify the technical requirements for Standard Small User Facilities which are given their definition in clause 3.25.1 of the exposure draft.

4.2 Proposed drafting

Western Power has published a draft version of the WEM Procedure: Technical Requirements for Standard Small User Facilities for consultation. It is available at:
<https://www.westernpower.com.au/about/community/community-consultation>.

4.3 Procedure Change Submissions deadline

Stakeholders are invited to submit responses relating to this Procedure Change Proposal in accordance with the accompanying **Notice of Call for Submissions** by **05 January 2026**.