

**Electricity Industry Participation (Supply Standards) Code
Amendment 2012**

Pursuant to section 38 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010, I make the following amendments to the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010.

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Amendment

- 1 **Title**
This is the Electricity Industry Participation (Supply Standards) Amendment 2012.
- 2 **Commencement**
This amendment comes into force on 3 January 2013.
- 3 **Code amended**
This amendment amends the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010.
- 4 **Clause 7.3 amended (Functions of the system operator in relation to security of supply and emergency management)**
 - (1) In clause 7.3(2)(a),—
 - (a) replace "17%" with "14-16%"; and
 - (b) replace "30%" with "25.5-30%".
 - (2) In clause 7.3(2)(b), replace "780 MW" with "630-780 MW".
 - (3) After clause 7.3(2), insert:
 - "(2A) The **Authority** may **publicise** a security standards assumptions document.
 - "(2B) Subject to subclause (2C) and (2D), if the **Authority** has **publicised** a security standards assumptions document under subclause (2A), the **system operator** must use the assumptions set out in that document in preparing a security of supply assessment under the **security of supply forecasting and information policy**.
 - "(2C) The **system operator** may use different assumptions from those in a security standards assumptions document to prepare a security of supply assessment if—
 - "(a) the **system operator** considers that there are good reasons to use different assumptions; and
 - "(b) the **system operator** includes in the security of supply assessment—
 - "(i) a detailed explanation of the assumptions used to prepare the security of supply assessment; and
 - "(ii) a statement of reasons for using those assumptions instead of the assumptions **publicised** by the **Authority**; and
 - "(iii) a description of how the security of supply assessment prepared using those assumptions differs from a security of supply assessment prepared using the assumptions set out in the security standards assumptions document.
 - "(2D) Despite subclause (2C), the **system operator** is not required to include the information referred to in

subclause (2C)(b) in a security of supply assessment if the **system operator** considers that it would have good reason to refuse to supply the information under clause 2.6."

Explanatory Note

This note is not part of the Code amendment, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This amendment to the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 comes into effect on 3 January 2013.

The amendment amends the energy security of supply standards and the capacity security of supply standard. The amendment also provides for the Electricity Authority to publicise security standards assumptions, which must be used by the system operator when it prepares a security of supply assessment under the security of supply forecasting and information policy. However, the amendment provides that the system operator may use different assumptions from those published by the Electricity Authority if the system operator considers that there are good reasons to do so.

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