

# Attachment 10.7

## Impact of Technical Rules changes on Western Power's expenditure for AA3

Access Arrangement Information

2 October 2017



Access Arrangement Information (AAI) for the period  
1 July 2017 to 30 June 2022

# Impact of Technical Rules changes on Western Power's expenditure for AA3

Public  
2 October 2017



**An appropriate citation for this paper is:**

Title

**Western Power**

363 Wellington Street

Perth WA 6000

GPO Box L921 Perth WA 6842

T: 13 10 87 | Fax: 08 9225 2660

TTY 1800 13 13 51 | TIS 13 14 50

Electricity Networks Corporation

ABN 18 540 492 861

[enquiry@westernpower.com.au](mailto:enquiry@westernpower.com.au)

[westernpower.com.au](http://westernpower.com.au)

Enquiries about this report should be directed to:

**AA4 Project Team**

Email: [AA4@westernpower.com.au](mailto:AA4@westernpower.com.au)

## 1. Impact of Technical Rules changes on Western Power’s expenditure for AA3

The amendments made to the Technical Rules in the AA3 period did not have a material impact on the expenditure or risk profile. A high level summary of the changes, their nature and timing is outlined in the table below.

| Timing  | Technical Rules Amendment submission description   | Risk assessment   | Benefit   | Expenditure impact for AA3                                       |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| November 2015 submission, approved July 2016  | Key changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of requirement to prove zero DC injection</li> <li>Editorial corrections and reference updates</li> </ul>  | No perceivable change in cost/risk to Western Power.  | Small savings for network Users, as proving zero DC injection can be costly.                                  | No material impact on Western Power’s expenditure in AA3.        |
| March 2016 submission, approved November 2016 | Key changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopting weak infeed condition definition and treatment</li> <li>Removal of exemption requirement for voluntary load shedding or generation run back agreements</li> </ul> | No perceivable change in cost/risk to Western Power, as both changes only remove the requirement to seek exemptions, not the way in which those situations are treated. | A very small cost/timing benefit for Users and Western Power, as seeking exemptions can sometimes be lengthy. | No material impact on Western Power’s expenditure in AA3 period. |
| April 2016 submission, approved November 2016 | Key changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment to NCR criteria for CBD</li> <li>Editorial corrections and reference updates</li> </ul>  | No perceivable change in cost/risk to Western Power, as the change mainly clarifies the current process.  | A benefit to Western Power in ensuring better understanding of our policies by external parties.              | No material impact on Western Power’s expenditure in AA3.        |