

# The Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2025

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## **1. Citation, Commencement and Interpretation**

**1.1** These Rules may be cited as the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2025.

**1.2** These Rules come into force on the day after the day these Rules are made.

**1.3** In these Rules:

1.3.1 “the Rules” means the Capacity Market Rules 2014 as amended by:

- (a) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2014;
- (b) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2014;
- (c) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2015;
- (d) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2015;
- (e) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2016;
- (f) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2016;
- (g) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2016;
- (h) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2017;
- (i) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2017;
- (j) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2017;
- (k) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 4) Rules 2017;
- (l) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2018;
- (m) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2019;
- (n) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2019;
- (o) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2019;
- (p) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 4) Rules 2019;

- (q) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 5) Rules 2019;
- (r) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2020;
- (s) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules (No. 2) 2020;
- (t) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules (No. 3) 2020;
- (u) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2021;
- (v) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2021
- (w) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2022;
- (x) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2022;
- (y) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2023;
- (z) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2024;
- (aa) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2024;
- (bb) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2024; and
- (cc) the Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2025.
- (dd) the Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2025.

1.3.2 a reference to a Chapter, Rule or numbered Schedule by number alone is a reference to the Chapter, Rule or Schedule so numbered in the Rules; and

1.3.3 expressions which are defined in the Rules have the same meaning as in the Rules.

## **2. Application**

**2.1** These Rules apply as follows:

2.1.1 All amendments apply (unless otherwise stated or amended from time to time) in respect of any Capacity Agreement that has been awarded as a result of a Capacity Auction held before these Rules come into force and in respect of any Capacity Agreement awarded as a result of a Capacity Auction held after these Rules come into force

### **3. Amendments**

**3.1** The Rules are amended as set out in the Schedule to these Rules.

# **SCHEDULE**

## **Part 1**

### **Conditional Prequalification for Transmission CMUs Requesting Revised Connection Dates**

#### **1 Amendments to Chapter 3 (Prequalification Information)**

##### **1.1** In Rule 3.7.3, after paragraph (a), insert:

“(aza) For the Prequalification Window during 2025 only, an Applicant in respect of a T-4 Auction which is a New Build CMU that is or will be a Transmission CMU (a “relevant CMU”) and is unable to give the confirmation in Rule 3.7.3(a)(i), may, instead of complying with Rule 3.7.3(a):

- (i) provide with their application:
  - (aa) a copy of the current Grid Connection Agreement for each Generating Unit comprising the CMU;
  - (bb) a declaration that the Applicant has applied for an advanced connection date that would enable the Generating Units comprised in the relevant CMU to comply with the requirements under Rule 3.7.3(a)(i) and will, if that advanced connection date is granted, provide a copy of the revised Grid Connection Agreement on or before the date that is 16 Working Days prior to the commencement of the first Bidding Window for the T-4 Auction for the 2029/2030 Delivery Year; and
  - (cc) evidence of its request to the National Energy System Operator for an advanced connection date and a copy of the receipt issued confirming submission of the connection application
- (ii) on or before the date that is 16 Working Days prior to the commencement of the first Bidding Window for the T-4 Auction for 2029/2030 Delivery Year, provide a copy of the revised Grid Connection Agreement with a connection date that would enable the Generating Units comprising the CMU to comply with requirements under rule 3.7.3(a)(i).”

## **2 Amendments to Chapter 4 (Determination of Eligibility)**

**2.1** In Rule 4.5.1(b), after sub-paragraph (xi), insert:

“(xii): if the Applicant has provided evidence pursuant to Rule 3.7.3(aza)(i)(cc) that its Prequalification is conditional upon the Applicant satisfying the requirement in Rule 4.7C.1”

**2.2** After Rule 4.7B, insert:

“4.7C Conditional Prequalification for Transmission CMUs that have requested an advancement of their existing connection date in a revised Grid Connection Agreement

4.7C.1 An Applicant that has provided with its Application a declaration pursuant to Rule 3.7.3(aza)(i)(bb) must provide to the Delivery Body no later than 16 Working Days prior to the commencement of the first Bidding Window for the T-4 Auction for the 2029/2030 Delivery Year:

- (a) the revised Grid Connection Agreement for each Generating Unit comprised in the CMU evidencing the capacity requirements in Rule 3.7.3(a)(i); or
- (b) where the applicant is unable to provide a signed copy of the revised Grid Connection Agreement, the unsigned revised Grid Connection Agreement for each Generating Unit comprised in the CMU evidencing the capacity requirements in 3.7.3(a)(i).

4.7C.2: On the date falling 15 Working Days prior to the commencement of the first Bidding Window, the Delivery Body must notify the Applicant in relation to each CMU to which this Rule 4.7C applies whether or not it has Prequalified, based solely on whether or not the Delivery Body has received the documentation referred to in Rule 4.7C.”