

Revoking the Electricity System Code Draft Decision

One step close to National Harmonisation.

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Questions for Stakeholders

Q1. Do you have any concerns regarding the proposed revocation of the Electricity System Code? Please elaborate.

MEA supports any action towards nationally harmonising rules across States and removing redundant duplications. Not only is the proposal to revoke the Electricity Code 2000 (the Code) simplifying regulations and compliance but is also improving national unity through the National Electricity Rules. This is likely to be more successful and effective than aligning State codes to national rules as that can create interpretation issues.

Q2. Are there any provisions of the Electricity System Code that we should consider retaining? Please elaborate.

As noted in the discussion paper, the National Electricity Rules already covers the substance of the Code. Retaining parts of the Code risks continuing duplication and confusion. We support a strong approach into a full revocation of the Code.

Q3. Do you consider the proposed revocation of the Electricity System Code in December 2023 provides enough time for any consequential adjustments that may be needed? If not, please elaborate why additional time may be required and specify the additional time needed.

Provided the change does not have any impact on the industry then we support the proposed revocation date in December 2023.

Q4. For transmission licence holders: do you have any concerns with our proposals to vary transmission licences as described in Annexes A and B to this draft decision?

N/A.

