Review of the System Restart Standard

Draft Determination

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Background – The AEMC Reliability Panel

- The Reliability Panel defines the power system security and reliability standards necessary to provide a reliable and secure electricity market.
- The current members of the Panel (appointed by the AEMC) are:

Neville Henderson	Panel Chair and AEMC Commissioner
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What is the System Restart Standard?

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Background

- The Reliability Panel (Panel) commenced this review of the System Restart Standard in November 2015.
- On 25th August 2016, the Panel published the following documents:
 - Draft Determination
 - Draft System Restart Standard
 - Economic Assessment of SRAS in the NEM (Deloitte Access Economics)
- Submission to the Draft Determination are open until 6 October 2016

What is the System Restart Standard?

- The Standard defines a target for AEMO's procurement of SRAS, it is not an operational standard for actual restoration performance. The Standard:
 - specifies the time, level and aggregate reliability for restoring generation and transmission system capability following a major supply disruption
 - provides guidelines for AEMO's determination of electrical subnetworks
 - defines the diversity requirements for SRAS
- The Standard does not specify the level of load (consumer consumption) that needs to be restored in a given time following a major supply disruption.

Background -System Restart Ancillary Services (SRAS)



 SRAS provides an emergency restart capability for the NEM, to help restore the transmission and generation network following a black system event

The Standard sets a target for stage 1 of the restoration process



Relevant changes to the requirements following on from the 2015 SRAS Rule Change

- SRAS for each electrical sub-network shall be procured under the assumption that supply (other than that provided under a system restart ancillary services agreement acquired by AEMO for that electrical sub-network) is not available from any neighbouring electrical sub-network (clause 8.8.3(aa)(2))
- The definitions of primary and secondary restart services were removed from the Standard and replaced by an "aggregate required reliability" for SRAS in each sub-network. (clause 8.8.3(aa)(3))
- The Standard can vary between sub-networks (clause 8.8.3(aa)(2))
- The Standard must specify that SRAS can only be acquired by AEMO for one electrical sub-network at any one time. (clause 8.8.3(aa)(5))
- AEMO must consult with the relevant NSP to identify and resolve issues in relation to the capability of any SRAS proposed to be provided in an electrical sub-network to meet the SRS (clause 3.11.7(b))



AEMO Advice

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AEMO advice

AEMO provided the following information to inform the review:

- A selection of generation and transmission restoration modeling results for a range of SRAS procurement scenarios
- The reliability of known SRAS sources (actual reliability of individual units confidential)
- Previous offers for known SRAS sources (actual offers not published to maintain confidentiality)

The review also built upon the following public AEMO information:

- Value of Customer Reliability Report 2014
- Historical records of major power outages

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Economic Assessment of SRAS

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Deloitte Access Economics -Economic Assessment of SRAS

Deloitte Access Economics performed a cost benefit analysis of SRAS to inform the review, this assessment incorporates the following variables:

- Probability of an electrical sub-network wide black system event estimated from past interruptions
- Value of lost load based on AEMO's 2014 VCR (weighted for long interruptions and by sub-network)
- Reliability of known SRAS sources
- Cost of known SRAS sources (actual confidential offers to AEMO)

The assessment includes a sensitivity analysis of the results.

Deloitte Access Economics -Economic Assessment of SRAS - Methodology

- 1. Establishing supply restoration pathways for each sub-network
- 2. Quantifying unserved energy associated with each restoration pathway and quantifying the associated cost (using VCR)
- 3. Weighting the cost of unserved energy by SRAS reliability
- 4. Calculating the annualised marginal benefit of each SRAS procurement scenarios, by weighting the cost with the probability of a system black event
- 5. Establishing the cost of procuring SRAS for each scenario
- 6. Determining the level of SRAS where the probability weighted net economic savings of an additional SRAS plant is positive
- 7. Quantifying uncertainty in these results with a sensitivity analysis.

Stylised restoration process - delayed



Value of additional SRAS



Summary of key variables to the Economic Assessment

	Probability of	Average			
Electrical sub- network	Lower frequency Bound	Base Case	Upper frequency Bound	VCR (\$/kWh)	
North Queensland	34	30	26	34.51	
South Queensland	48	43	38	34.51	
New South Wales	45	38	31	33.42	
Victoria	38	34	29	32.75	
South Australia	20	18	17	33.09	
Tasmania	25	22	19	25.05	

Deloitte Access Economics -Economic Assessment of SRAS - Assumptions

- A major supply disruption is classed as a complete loss of generation within an electrical sub-network, where supply from neighboring sub-networks is not available.
- Supply restoration follows generation restoration with a time lag of 90 minutes.
- No network damage is assumed to have been incurred as a result of the black system event.
- The investigation covers the current six NEM sub-networks.
- SRAS plants availability is 95 percent as recommended by AEMO.
- Failure of generation post system re-start or network issues that may arise as a result of system re-start conditions are not captured in the economic assessment.

Economic Assessment of SRAS Key Assumption – load restoration after 90 minutes



Economic Assessment of SRAS Key Assumption – the "default blackout"

- The "default" blackout duration is defined as the time required to restore the system if all SRAS plants in a given scenario are unsuccessful in delivering the service (based on their inherent reliability).
- The "real" value for the time delay associated with this eventuality is uncertain. If all the SRAS sources initially fail to start the first time then one or more may start in a matter of minutes or much longer.
- To place a finite limit on this value we define the duration of the "default blackout" as equal to the time associated with the restoration curve of the slowest one SRAS plant case, delayed such that the minimum level of generation that provides acceptable stability in each sub-network (G_{min}) is reached before networks assets begin to experience secondary effects, such a substation batteries going flat, (T_{max}).

Economic Assessment of SRAS Key Assumption – the "default blackout"

Figure 2.1: Lagged system restoration – New South Wales



Source: AEMO, Deloitte Access Economics Analysis

Economic Assessment of SRAS Key Assumption – the "default blackout"

• The value of the default blackout impacts the marginal benefit of SRAS, proportional to the probability of all (n-n) contracted SRAS failing to operate.

Electrical Sub- Network	Raw Default Blackout Value (billions)	SRAS failure probability (n-n)			
		1 SRAS	2 SRAS	3 SRAS	
North Queensland	\$0.62	14.5% - 43.0 %	1.4%	0.6%	
South Queensland	\$1.00	9.8%	2.8%	0.4%	
New South Wales	\$2.63	14.5%	2.8%	0.5% - 0.7%	
Victoria	\$1.70	12.1%	1.8% - 4.1%	0.6%	
South Australia	\$0.48	14.5%	3.1%	0.5% - 1.2%	
Tasmania	\$0.26	9.8% - 28.8%	1.0%	0.2%	

Summary Table – Estimated optimal level of SRAS

Sub-network	Available sources	Current procured level	Central case	Optimal Range
North Queensland	5	2	2	1 to 2
South Queensland	3	1	1	1 to 2
New South Wales	4	2	2	1 to 2
Victoria	4	2	2	1 to 2
South Australia	5	2	2	1 to 2
Tasmania	4	1	1	1

- This table presents the high level results of the economic assessment of SRAS undertaken by Deloitte Access Economics.
- Figures show the marginal benefit of SRAS for the scenarios assessed are included at the end of this presentation in the appendix.

Questions and Comments?





The Draft System Restart Standard

Time and Level Set-points by electrical sub-network

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The Draft Standard Set-points

- The Draft Standard defines a restoration set-point for each electrical sub-network in terms of:
 - a) a level of generation and transmission capacity to be expected to be available at the end of stage 1 of the restoration process;
 - b) a maximum time to achieve this level of generation and transmission capacity;
 - c) an aggregate reliability, or probability, for achieving this level within the required maximum time.
- Parts (a) & (b) are determined from the restoration modeling advice provided by AEMO for each electrical sub-network.
- Part (c) is determined from the economically optimal number of SRAS and the reliability of the individual SRAS sources.

Determining the Draft Standard Set-Points



Approach to setting the Time & Level



• The time and level set-points in the standard were set based on restoring sufficient supply to energise auxiliaries of all available generation (G_{min}) within a specified time.

Draft Standard Set-Points

Electrical Sub-Network	Level of Restoration (% of Average Operational Demand)	Restoration time (hrs)	Aggregate Reliability
North Queensland	45%	4.0	90%
South Queensland	25%	3.0	90%
New South Wales	20%	3.0	90%
Victoria	20%	3.0	90%
South Australia	25%	3.0	90%
Tasmania	30%	3.0	90%

Additional requirement for NSW

• The Draft Standard includes an additional requirement for AEMO to purchase SRAS in NSW sufficient to:

"Re-supply and energise the auxiliaries of at least 500 MW of generation capacity north of Sydney within 1.5 hours of a major supply disruption with an aggregate reliability of at least 75%"

- This speeds up the expected restoration of Hunter Valley generation.
- An equivalent requirement for other electrical sub-networks adds little value.





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Aggregate Reliability and Diversity

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Link between Aggregate Reliability and Diversity

- The Draft Standard defines aggregate reliability as:
 - "Aggregate reliability is the probability that the generation and transmission in a sub-network is expected to be restored to the specified level within the specified time."
 - "The reliability of any individual SRAS will incorporate the expected start-up performance and availability of that service."
- The Draft Standard also links the assessment of the aggregate reliability to the diversity between the individual SRAS sources:
 - "The aggregate reliability of the procured SRAS in each electrical sub-network shall be determined by AEMO, considering the combination of the individual reliabilities of the SRAS procured in that electrical sub-network, together with an assessment of the impact of the points of failure set out in the guidelines for diversity in section 8 of the standard."

Aggregate Required Reliability

• The Draft Standard specifies the aggregate required reliability as 90% for all the electrical sub-networks in the NEM.

Electrical Sub-	Best case expected aggregate reliability*			Estimated
Network	1 SRAS	2 SRAS	3 SRAS	of SRAS*
North				
Queensland	85.5%	98.6%	99.4%	2
South				
Queensland	90.2%	97.2%	99.6%	1
New South				
Wales	85.5%	97.2%	99.3%	2
Victoria	87.9%	98.2%	99.4%	2
South Australia	85.5%	96.9%	99.5%	2
Tasmania	90.2%	99.0%	99.8%	1

*(based on current available SRAS)

Guidelines for the diversity of sources

- The Guidelines for the diversity of SRAS sources have been revised to include Electrical, Geographical and Energy Source factors.
- The factor relating to technological diversity has been removed as the new aggregate reliability requirement largely accounts for the risk of SRAS failure associated with technological characteristics.
- The intent is that AEMO would use the diversity guidelines as guide for identifying potential points of failure for each SRAS procurement option, then estimate the risk of those events and incorporate that assessment into the determination of aggregate reliability for each electrical sub-network.



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Guidelines for the determination of electrical sub-networks

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Guidelines for the determination of electrical sub-networks

- The guidelines for the determination of electrical sub-networks includes the following factors:
 - the number and strength of transmission corridors connecting an area to the remainder of the power system;
 - the electrical distance (length of transmission lines) between generation centres; and
 - an electrical sub-network should be capable of being maintained in a satisfactory operating state to the extent practicable.
- The third factor replaces the current requirements for a minimum quantity of load and generation (1000MW) in a electrical subnetwork.

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Additional Recommendations

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Additional recommendations and comments

The Draft Determination discusses the following recommendations:

- 1. NSPs to review the standards for sub-station batteries
- 2. AEMO, NSPs and JSSCs to review their communications networks to ensure they are reliable
- 3. AEMO to consider ways to improve consultation with stakeholders, particularly TNSPs.
- 4. The Panel will monitor the impact of the growing penetration of renewable generation
- 5. Stakeholder with concerns with the implementation of the Standard should refer them to the AER
- 6. The Panel is consulting on the implication on the Standard of AEMO amending the electrical sub-network boundaries

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Appendix

- Electrical sub-network restoration curves and the Draft Standard set-points
- Results of the Economic Assessment

North Queensland - Electrical Sub-Network



North Queensland - Restoration Curves and Draft Standard



North Queensland - Marginal Benefit of SRAS



South Queensland - Electrical Sub-Network



South Queensland - Restoration Curves and Draft Standard



South Queensland - Marginal Benefit of SRAS



New South Wales - Electrical Sub-Network



New South Wales - Restoration Curves and Draft Standard



New South Wales - Marginal Benefit of SRAS



Victoria - Electrical Sub-Network



Victoria - Restoration Curves and Draft Standard



Victoria - Marginal Benefit of SRAS



South Australia -Electrical Sub-Network



South Australia - Restoration Curves and Draft Standard



South Australia - Marginal Benefit of SRAS



Tasmanian Electrical Sub-Network



Tasmania - Restoration Curves and Draft Standard



Tasmania - Marginal Benefit of SRAS

