

Public



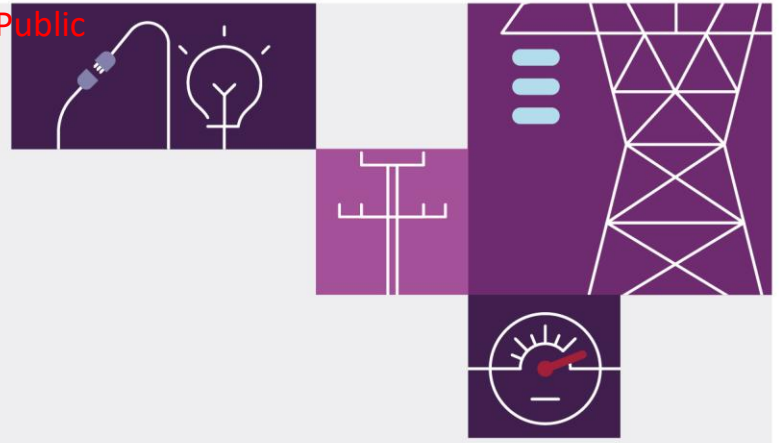
# Metering Services Review (MSR) July BPQD and IDX Release

May 2026

Industry Go-live Plan



Public



# Important notice

## Purpose

This document describes the go-live approach for upgrading AEMO’s retails systems for the Metering Services Review – Basic Power Quality Data and Industry Data Exchange release on 30 June 2026, in preparation for the rule commencement of basic Power Quality Data on 1 July 2026.

## Disclaimer

This document may be subsequently updated or amended. It is intended to provide general information and guidance, which is only current as at the date of its last publication. It does not constitute legal or business advice and should not be relied on as a substitute for obtaining detailed advice about the National Electricity Law, the National Electricity Rules, or any other applicable laws, procedures, or policies. AEMO has made every reasonable effort to ensure the quality of the information in this document but cannot guarantee its accuracy or completeness.

Accordingly, to the maximum extent permitted by law, AEMO and its officers, employees and consultants involved in the preparation of this document:

- make no representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the currency, accuracy, reliability, or completeness of the information in this document; and
- are not liable (whether by reason of negligence or otherwise) for any statements or representations in this document, or any omissions from it, or for any use or reliance on the information in it.

## Copyright

© 2025 Australian Energy Market Operator Limited. The material in this publication may be used in accordance with the [copyright permissions on AEMO’s website](#).

## Version control

Version	Release date	Changes
0.1	1 May 2026	Draft for Industry Review

# 1. Executive summary

This document sets out the industry go-live approach for AEMO's Metering Services Review (MSR) Basic Power Quality Data (BPQD) and Industry Data Exchange (IDX) release, which is the first production use case of AEMO's new Industry Data Exchange platform under the broader Market Interface Technology Enhancements (MITE) program. The release supports the Accelerating Smart Meter Deployment Rule, enabling Distribution Network Service Providers (DNSPs) to obtain basic power quality information (e.g., voltage, current, power factor) sourced from smart meters.

The BPQD-IDX release introduces a new business service and standardised, API-based data exchange. It enables daily provision of BPQD from Metering Coordinators (MCs) to DNSPs. The release also introduces a new Industry Data Exchange environment for BPQD data exchange.

AEMO has a key coordination role, through collaboration with its industry working groups, to ready Industry and itself for the various system and market "go-live" dates.

AEMO will coordinate industry readiness through:

- **Preproduction and Production environment establishment**, including the new IDX platform
- **Release of AEMO Gateway software** for optional uptake by industry participants
- **Release of the BPQD solution** to commence operations in line with requirements
- **Facilitation of coordinated Industry Test** with Q&A support sessions, referencing the Coordinated Industry Test Plan.
- **Go-live criteria and checkpoint decisions** approximately at 3 months and 1 month prior to go-live, communicated via the Implementation Forum
- **Communications** via Support Hub notices and the NEM Reform mailbox, with incidents managed through the Support Hub.

The BPQD-IDX release is scheduled to support rule commencement on 1 July 2026, with deployment activities occurring in late June 2026 and preproduction availability from 18 May 2026. In response to participant requests, AEMO will release AEMO Gateway software 15 May 2026 and activate IDX services in Production on 29 June 2026, two days prior to go-live, to provide Participants the opportunity to complete preliminary testing in the new environment.

Post go-live, AEMO will provide hypercare through to 1 August 2026, including heightened SME availability, issue tracking, and additional Q&A as required.

# Contents

1.	Executive summary	3
2.	Introduction	5
2.1	Purpose of the industry go-live plan	5
2.2	Metering Services Review (MSR) Release 2	5
2.3	New capabilities introduced by BPQD	5
2.3.1	Industry Data Exchange (IDX)	6
2.4	Go-live planning engagement	6
2.5	Reference documents	7
3.	Go-live Plan Framework	8
3.1	Principles	8
3.2	Scope	8
4.	Industry Go-live Plan	9
4.1	Industry Test	9
4.2	Environment Readiness	9
4.3	BPQD Payload Schema	9
4.4	Go-live criteria and readiness decision	9
4.4.1	Participant readiness	9
4.5	Communications	9
4.6	Go-live schedule	10
4.7	Go-live Contingency	14
5.	Participant Support Arrangements	14
	Glossary	15

## Tables

Table 1	BPQD-IDX Release Industry Go-Live Plan development timeline	6
Table 2	BPQD-IDX Release reference documents and web sites	7
Table 3	BPQD-IDX Release Go-live Schedule	11

## 2. Introduction

This chapter provides background information on AEMO's second release for Metering Services Review (MSR), MSR July BPQD-IDX release (BPQD-IDX release), for Basic Power Quality Data (BPQD) and the Market Interface Technology Enhancements (MITE) program. It sets out the purpose, scope and deployment activities planned for Preproduction and Production go-live.

### 2.1 Purpose of the industry go-live plan

The BPQD-IDX release, scheduled for 30 June 2026, will introduce a range of functional and technical changes. This document is designed to assist Participants and IT staff who will be affected by these updates, providing essential information regarding the scope and nature of the modifications. Stakeholders are encouraged to review this material thoroughly to understand how their roles and responsibilities may be influenced by the upcoming changes.

### 2.2 Metering Services Review (MSR) Release 2

The Accelerating Smart Meter Deployment Rule<sup>1</sup> seeks to implement the recommendations of the AEMC's review of the metering framework in 2023. To enable an acceleration for the deployment of smart meters, the rule outlines a regulatory change covering the following:

1. Creation of a Legacy Meter Replacement Plan (LMRP) by Distribution Network Service Providers (DNSPs)
2. New processes for the management of site defects and metering installations that have shared points of isolation
3. A requirement for AEMO to develop a guideline to assist Metering Coordinators MCs in their development of asset management strategies for testing and inspecting metering installations
4. Changes to the arrangements for the testing and inspection of legacy metering installations and the management of metering installation malfunctions
5. And finally, a new requirement on MCs, for the provision of a BPQD service to DNSPs

The first 4 points above were implemented in the October/November 2025 MSATS releases, the final component is the subject of this Industry Go-live Plan and will be deployed on AEMO's new Industry Data Exchange (IDX) Platform.

The BPQD-IDX release will be delivered into pre-production on 18 May 2026 and will be deployed to Production on 30 June 2026 in readiness for the rule commencement date of 1 July 2026.

### 2.3 New capabilities introduced by BPQD

The MITE Program is AEMO's coordinated initiative to modernise how market participants interact digitally with AEMO across the National Electricity Market (NEM). The program brings together a set of foundational technology upgrades that are prerequisites for major NEM reforms. The MITE program consolidates three core projects into a single delivery program: Identity and Access Management (IDAM), Industry Data Exchange (IDX), and Portal Consolidation (PC). Together, these

<sup>1</sup> [AEMC – Accelerating smart meter deployment – Rule Change](#)

initiatives are intended to replace fragmented, legacy interfaces with more secure, scalable, and standardised digital services, improving data sharing, access control, and usability for industry participants.

AEMO's BPQD-IDX release is the first implementation for the MITE program and includes the introduction of the Industry Data Exchange (IDX) and new IDX screens available on the Markets Portal to support BPQD transactions.

### 2.3.1 Industry Data Exchange (IDX)

BPQD introduces core IDX platform capabilities, providing a unified, secure and scalable framework for data exchange between AEMO and Market Participants.

The BPQD-IDX Release establishes core functionality supporting BPQD. This includes:

- AEMO Gateway software, an integration layer for handling message routing and integration, including API endpoints for secure API management for inbound and outbound traffic. This software supports the coexistence of legacy aseXML interfaces and new JSON interfaces for BPQD.
- Support for multiple data exchange patterns and operational controls, including:
  - Fire and forget, large file patterns as per a business functions message exchange requirement. Real-time event notifications delivered using the WebSocket communication protocol.
  - Flow Control capabilities for message sequencing, throttling, and queue management.
  - Transaction logging to track all messages for auditing and troubleshooting.
- Security and access controls: OAuth-based access and role controls for authentication and authorization.
- Support for Business Functions, each with its own schema, schema versioning, and API. The first Business Function on IDX is BPQD. See [Industry Data Exchange - Basic Power Quality Data - June 2026](#)<sup>2</sup>.
- IDX Web application providing transaction/message tracking visibility (e.g. sent, received, accepted, rejected) and provides future alignment with identity, authentication and data exchange patterns.
- Ability to search and view transaction history, view the IDX Hub Queue and view and download BPQD payloads.

For details, see the [Industry Data Exchange – Platform – July 2026](#)<sup>3</sup> technical specification.

## 2.4 Go-live planning engagement

The BPQD-IDX release Industry Go-Live Plan is developed in consultation with industry through the Implementation Forum. Table 1 below illustrates AEMO's engagement approach and timeline for developing the plan.

**Table 1 BPQD-IDX Release Industry Go-Live Plan development timeline**

Milestone	Date
Publish draft for industry feedback	1 May 2026
Industry feedback sought by	15 May 2026

<sup>2</sup> [Industry Data Exchange – Basic Power Quality Data – July 2026](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Industry Data Exchange – Platform – July 2026](#)

AEMO acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture. We pay respect to Elders past and present.

Milestone	Date
Publish final plan	22 May 2026

## 2.5 Reference documents

The related documents mentioned in Table 2 are relevant to the industry go-live plan.

**Table 2 BPQD-IDX Release reference documents and web sites**

#	Document name
1	<a href="#">2025 Metering Services Review Package 3 (BPQD) final report</a>
2	<a href="#">AEMO   Market Interface Technology Enhancements initiative site</a>
3	<a href="#">AEMO Metering Services Review - Accelerating Smart Meter Deployment Initiative Site</a>
4	<a href="#">MSR High Level Implementation Assessment Final</a>
5	<a href="#">IEC BPQD Consultation</a>
6	<a href="#">BPQD Procedure Expedited Consultation</a>
7	<a href="#">Technical Specification - Industry Data Exchange - Basic Power Quality Data - June 2026</a>
8	<a href="#">Technical Specification - Industry Data Exchange - Industry Data Exchange Platform - June 2026</a>
9	<a href="#">Portal Consolidation- Release 1A UI Changes</a>
10	<a href="#">Industry Data Exchange – AEMO Gateway Software – May 2026</a>

## 3. Go-live Plan Framework

### 3.1 Principles

The industry transition and go-live strategy principles apply to BPQD-IDX changes. These are:

- Changes within the deployments are mandated via Procedure changes – commencement date of 1 July 2026 should be met.
- Operation of the NEM should be uninterrupted during periods of transition and go-live.
- Market system go-live risks should be minimised.
- Participants should be provided with implementation flexibility where possible.
- Participants and AEMO are responsible for their own go-live planning.

### 3.2 Scope

The BPQD-IDX solution stack required to support industry testing in the preproduction environment and go-live in the production environment includes deployment of new IDX platform, interfaces and supporting infrastructure.

- In Scope is the deployment of:
  - new IDX Platform and AEMO Gateway software
  - new Power Quality Data API
  - 17 new screens for the IDX Web App on the MarketNet Portal, to support BPQD
  - Operationalisation of the BPQD schema v1.0.0
  - Communications during deployment
  - Support arrangements during the Go-live period
- Out of Scope
  - PC 1A components for technical uplift and UI modernisation
  - IDX components: websockets Server, EventNotification API and Archive UI
  - Identity and Access Management (IDAM)
  - Participant contingency plans.

## 4. Industry Go-live Plan

### 4.1 Industry Test

AEMO will run a coordinated industry test in the Preproduction environment to monitor participants' execution of test scenarios through the Q&A sessions. There are no data refresh requirements for BPQD.

For further details including testing scope inclusions please refer to the BPQD-IDX Coordinated Industry Test Plan<sup>4</sup>.

### 4.2 Environment Readiness

AEMO will establish the preproduction and production environments with the BPQD-IDX changes underpinned by the core IDX platform and Gateway software and carry out the required performance, security and operational readiness tests.

### 4.3 BPQD Payload Schema

A new payload schema is required to support the BPQD API. Details of the schema and API specification can be found in the [Industry Data Exchange – Basic Power Quality Data – July 2026](#) technical specification.

### 4.4 Go-live criteria and readiness decision

The Go-live criteria has been established and published on the initiative [webpage](#).

Checkpoint decisions will be made approximately three months and one month prior to go-live to determine overall initiative readiness for Production and communicated via the Implementation Forum. Refer to presentation<sup>5</sup> for Implementation Forum slide pack, held 1 April 2026, for results of the 3-month checkpoint.

#### 4.4.1 Participant readiness

Participant readiness activities, including participation in industry testing, are not a pre-requisite for AEMO to confirm technical readiness to go-live. As such, the release will not require formalised reporting on participant readiness activities.

However, AEMO encourages impacted Participants (DNSPs, MCs) to engage in industry testing.

### 4.5 Communications

Correspondence regarding the go-live will be released through AEMO Support Hub bulletins and the [NEM Reform mailbox](#). AEMO will provide the following forms of updates to participants during the AEMO cutover:

<sup>4</sup> [MSR BPQD-IDX Coordinated Industry Test Plan](#)

<sup>5</sup> [April 2026 Implementation Forum presentation](#)

- **General updates** – provide participants with information about the status of implementation activities via the NEM Reform mailbox.
- **Support Hub Notices** – provides information to the market on Software releases including notifications of outage completion, if required.
- **Issues** – should any issues arise or deviations from the previously communicated processes, participants will be notified through the NEM Reform mailbox. If the issue or deviation is in relation to a notice previously sent through AEMO's Support Hub Notices, participants will receive a communication through this channel in addition to the NEM Reform mailbox. Participants experiencing issues as a result of the go-live, should raise these incidents directly via the AEMO Support Hub.

## 4.6 Go-live schedule

Production deployment of the BPQD-IDX release will occur from Monday 29 June 2026. No outage is required. The steps for the implementation of AEMO market system changes and associated communications are outlined in Table 3.

Note, pre-requisite requirements have been identified prior to installation and configuration of AEMO Gateway Software for Participants that opt to do so. For details, refer to [IDX AEMO Gateway Software – Technical Specification<sup>6</sup>](#).

<sup>6</sup>[IDX - AEMO Gateway software - June 2026](#)



Table 3 BPQD-IDX Release Go-live Schedule

Ref ID	Date	AEMO Action	Participant Impact/Action	Communication Channel
<b>Pre-Production</b>				
1	Friday, 8 May 2026	AEMO email notification sent to Participants	Reminder to Participants, who intend sending/receiving BPQD transactions in Preproduction and Production, of interim process to obtain and maintain TLS Certificates for non-repudiation.  Refer to: MSR BPQD-IDX coordinated industry test plan <sup>7</sup> and IDX Platform – July 2026 technical specification <sup>8</sup> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to impacted Participants</li> </ul>
2	Friday, 15 May 2026	AEMO makes Gateway Software available to participants	Participants that opt to do so, may install and configure AEMO Gateway Software in their Preproduction environment.  Refer <b>IDX AEMO Gateway Software - Technical Specification</b> <sup>9</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Hub email</li> <li>Email to Implementation Forum and ITWG members when software is available</li> </ul>
3	Prior to 18 May 2026	AEMO establishes Preproduction environment for BPQD-IDX release.	No outage requirements.	
4	Monday, 18 May 2026	AEMO activates IDX and BPQD services in Preproduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPQD schema</li> <li>BPQD business function (API)</li> <li>IDX Web App for Markets Portal</li> </ul>	No outage requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q&amp;A sessions commence via Teams (18 May).</li> </ul>

<sup>7</sup> [MSR BPQD-IDX Coordinated Industry Test Plan](#)

<sup>8</sup> [AEMO | Technical Specification Portal](#)

<sup>9</sup> [IDX - AEMO Gateway software - June 2026](#)

AEMO acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture. We pay respect to Elders past and present.

Ref ID	Date	AEMO Action	Participant Impact/Action	Communication Channel
5	Friday 15 June 2026	Coordinated Industry Test period concludes.	Participants can continue testing beyond this date.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to Implementation Forum and ITWG members at completion.</li> </ul>
<b>Production Go-live 1 July 2026</b>				
1	Friday, 19 June 2026	AEMO email notification sent to Participants	<p>Reminder to Participants, who intend sending/receiving BPQD transactions in Preproduction and Production, of interim process to obtain and maintain TLS Certificates for non-repudiation.</p> <p>Refer to: MSR BPQD-IDX coordinated industry test plan<sup>10</sup> and IDX Platform – July 2026 technical specification<sup>11</sup>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to impacted Participants</li> </ul>
2	Prior to 29 June 2026	AEMO establishes Production environment for BPQD-IDX release.	No outage requirements	
3	Monday, 29 June 2026 approximately 12:00pm	<p>AEMO activates IDX and BPQD services in Production:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPQD schema</li> <li>BPQD business function (API)</li> <li>IDX Web App for Markets Portal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No outage requirements.</li> <li>Participants can perform preliminary tests in new IDX Production environment.</li> <li>Participants that opt to do so, may install and configure AEMO Gateway Software in their Production environment.</li> </ul> <p>Refer <b>IDX AEMO Gateway Software - Technical Specification</b><sup>12</sup></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Hub email</li> <li>Email to Implementation Forum and ITWG members when software is available</li> </ul>
<b>Basic PQD Rule effective date 1 July 2026</b>				

<sup>10</sup> [MSR BPQD-IDX Coordinated Industry Test Plan](#)

<sup>11</sup> [AEMO | Technical Specification Portal](#)

<sup>12</sup> [IDX - AEMO Gateway software - June 2026](#)

AEMO acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture. We pay respect to Elders past and present.



Ref ID	Date	AEMO Action	Participant Impact/Action	Communication Channel
6	Wednesday, 1 July 2026	Rule effective date for basic Power Quality Data. Metering Coordinators need to have sent Day 1 data by end of Thursday, 2 July 2026, in accordance with rule unless they have established DNSP bilateral agreement	No action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Email to Implementation, ITWG and PCF forum members</li></ul>

AEMO acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture. We pay respect to Elders past and present.



## 4.7 Go-live Contingency

The Release is comprised of updates to current AEMO systems only. Where a task/deployment has a participant impact, AEMO will provide communication confirming the successful deployment.

Where an issue arises that impacts the Readiness and Go-live Criteria, participants will be notified and a path forward will be communicated. This may involve consultation and will be assessed if/when required.

# 5. Participant Support Arrangements

All production issues should be raised via the Support Hub and managed through the current retail system support processes.

AEMO will run Hypercare for the MSR-BPQD changes until 1 August 2026. There will be heightened SME availability to support participants during this time along with:

- Issue Tracking:
  - Publication of identified Issues Log
  - Q&A Sessions as required
  - Participants are requested to follow BAU process and log issues via the AEMO Support Hub
- Communications:
  - Market communications will be used for the notification of any impacts to processing
  - The AEMO MSR-BPQD project will organise post-go-live open Q&A sessions as required
  - Q&A session to discuss any issues or queries.

# Glossary

Term	Definition
<b>AEMC</b>	Australian Energy Market Commission
<b>AEMO</b>	Australian Energy Market Operator
<b>API</b>	Application Programming Interface
<b>BAU</b>	Business As Usual
<b>BPQD</b>	Basic Power Quality Data
<b>Cutover</b>	System or process implementation event
<b>DNSP</b>	Distribution Network Service Provider
<b>IDX</b>	Industry Data Exchange
<b>IF</b>	Implementation Forum
<b>Industry testing</b>	Informal, uncoordinated testing by participants in AEMO's IT environments. Self-testing of functionality such as connectivity, and/or coordinated multi-party testing of functional scenarios.
<b>ITWG</b>	Industry Testing Working Group
<b>MC</b>	Metering Coordinator
<b>MSR</b>	Metering Services Review
<b>NEM</b>	National Electricity Market
<b>NER</b>	National Electricity Rules
<b>OAuth</b>	Open Authorisation
<b>PC</b>	Portal Consolidation
<b>Q&amp;A</b>	Question and Answer
<b>SME</b>	Subject Matter Expert
<b>UI</b>	User Interface