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Retail Policy Working Group Update

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide stakeholders with an update on the development of the [National Energy Customer Framework \(NECF\)](#), in particular the release of the First Exposure Draft of the Law and Rules for the NECF.

In line with the schedule presented in the MCE [Communiqué](#) of December 2007 relating to the retail legislative package, the Retail Policy Working Group (RPWG) anticipates the release of the First Exposure Draft of the National Energy Retail Law (NERL) and the National Energy Retail Rules (NERR) within the next three months. The First Exposure Drafts will include the substantive provisions of the Law and Rules to implement the NECF, but will not contain the consequential amendments to the National Electricity Law and Rules, the National Gas Law and Rules, or any jurisdictional legislation.

The First Exposure Drafts will be subject to an intensive stakeholder consultation process, including a face-to-face forum as well as an opportunity to provide written submissions. After considering public submissions, officials will develop a Final Exposure Draft of the Law and Rules for further consultation. This Final Exposure Draft will include consequential amendments to the National Electricity and Gas Laws and Rules and related amendments currently being considered by other working groups.

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