

# NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

## METER CHURN PACKAGE

This notice informs all Registered Participants, Intending Participants, Metering Data Providers, Metering Providers and interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on the following procedures (Meter Churn Package);

Meter Churn Procedure for Financially Responsible Market Participants;

Service Level Procedure: Metering Data Provider Services and

Service Level Procedures: Metering Provider Services Category B for Metering Installation Types 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

This consultation is being conducted in accordance with the National Electricity Rules (**Rules**) consultation requirements detailed in clause 8.9 of the Rules.

### Date of Notice

This Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation was issued on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

### Objectives of the Consultation

The objectives of the consultation are:

- To provide Consulted Persons with the opportunity to be involved in the removal of inconsistencies of the Meter Churn Package with the Rules.
- To comply with the requirements of the National Electricity Rules version 64.
- To ensure Consulted Persons are properly informed about the proposed and the final outcome.
- To provide Consulted Persons with an opportunity to submit comments.

### Background

In late 2013, AEMO undertook a review of the:

- Meter Churn Data Management Procedure, and
- Meter Churn Procedure for Financially Responsible Market Participants.

These documents were created to support obligations on AEMO within Chapter 7 of the Rules. The review confirmed there were inconsistencies between those Procedures, primarily the Meter Churn Procedure for Financially Responsible Market Participants, and related clauses within Chapter 7.

The Meter Churn Data Management Procedure and Service Level Procedures: Metering Provider Services Category B for Metering Installation Types 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 provide a number of requirements for Metering Providers and Metering Data Providers that support the delivery of those inconsistent provisions within the Meter Churn Procedure for Financially Responsible Market Participants.

AEMO also found the procedures to be very limited in scope with respect to management of different scenarios regarding the management of Meter Churn and associated metering data.

### **Inconsistencies between the Procedures and the NER**

- The **Meter Churn Procedure for Financially Responsible Market Participants** describes a series of obligations for financially responsible Market Participants (FRMPs) that facilitate a process to allow a FRMP, who is not the responsible person for the metering installation or the FRMP for the market load in MSATS, to instigate a replacement of metering devices at a metering installation.

AEMO identified an inconsistency between this procedure and:

- NER 7.2.1 – Responsibility of the responsible person; and
- NER 7.3.4 (i) and (m)
  - (j) A type 5, 6 or 7 *metering installation* must not be altered by the *financially responsible Market Participant* under paragraph (e) until the transfer of the relevant *market load* has been effected by AEMO in accordance with the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*.

### **Scope of Consultation**

The documents in the Meter Churn Package have been reviewed and updated to remove the inconsistencies between the Rules and the procedures by bringing the procedures in line with the Rules.

AEMO have incorporated the Meter Data Churn Procedures into the Service Level Procedure: Meter Data Services by creating a new section, section 8 titled “Meter Churn”. This section has also been drafted to cover off the variety of Meter Churn scenarios that are not considered in the existing procedures and have created a new section 9 to expand on the requirements for the approval of non-public telecommunications networks.

In reviewing and updating these documents AEMO performed a mapping exercise to provide assistance to Participants during consultation enabling them to identify changes. These mapping documents form part of the consultation pack.

### **Matter under Consultation**

The matter under consultation is in respect to the Meter Churn Package which includes Meter Churn Procedure Financially Responsible Market Participants, Service Level Procedure: Metering Data Provider Services and Service Level Procedures: Metering Provider Services Category B for Metering Installation Types 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 ensuring these documents accurately reflect the Rules.

## The Consultation Process

The following table contains an outline of the consultation process, including key dates. Please note that these dates are proposed dates and may be subject to change by *AEMO*.

PROCESS	DATE
Closing date for submissions received in response to this Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2014
Publication of the Draft Determination and Report and invitation to make submissions in response to the Draft Determination	Currently, proposed date is 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2014
Closing date for submissions received in response to the Draft Determination and Report	Currently, proposed date is 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
Publication of the Final Determination and Report	Currently, proposed date is 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2014

### Invitation to make Submissions

*AEMO* invites written submissions on the draft Meter Churn Package.

All submissions should use the participant response pack published with this notice of consultation.

Comments are also invited on any other issues relating to the subject matter of the consultation.

Please identify any information in your submission that you consider to be confidential and provide the reasons why you wish that information to be treated as confidential. *AEMO* reserves the right to publish material that it does not consider to be confidential, despite your submission as to its confidentiality.

You should also note that material identified as confidential may be accorded less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published.

### Closing Date for Submissions

Submissions in response to this Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation should reach *AEMO* by 5:00pm EST on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

*AEMO* has discretion to consider late submissions. Any late submission should explain:

- The reason for the lateness; and
- The detriment to you if *AEMO* fails to consider your submission.

### Meetings

In your submission, you may request a meeting and specify the reasons why you consider such a meeting is necessary or desirable.

Please note that details of matters discussed at a meeting may be made available to other Consulted Persons.

## **Contact Details**

*AEMO* prefers that submissions be forwarded in electronic format (both pdf and Word), using the participant response pack, as they will be published on the *AEMO* website.

Please send all email submissions to Jackie Krizmanic at [NEM.MDP@aemo.com.au](mailto:NEM.MDP@aemo.com.au).

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