

# NOTICE OF FINAL STAGE OF CONSULTATION

## METER DATA FILE FORMAT SPECIFICATION NEM12 & NEM13

This notice informs all Registered Participants, Intending Participants, Metering Data Providers, Metering Providers and interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO has conducted a consultation on the following procedure;

Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 & NEM13.

This consultation has been 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 Final Stage of Rules Consultation was issued on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

### Objectives of the Consultation

The objectives of the consultation are:

- To provide Consulted Persons with the opportunity to be involved in the improvement of the Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 & NEM13
- To comply with the requirements of the National Electricity Rules version 56.
- To ensure Consulted Persons are properly informed about the proposed and the final outcome.
- To provide Consulted Persons with an opportunity to submit comments.

### Scope of Consultation

This Meter Data File Format (MDFF) specification has had minor textual changes to provide better clarification for some clauses within the document.

It has been updated to implement solutions from the Small Generation and Standing Data (SGSD) project;

- solution ID 3J – Next Scheduled Read Date (NSRD) within MDFF
  - This solution requires changes to the MDFF Specification to define the use of the NSRD field in the MDFF as being for information only and is not to be used for billing purposes.
  - Currently the NSRD is available in both the MDFF and MSATS. Retailers have built systems using either value to identify the correct NSRD. Sometimes the MDFF NSRD is not the most up to date value (i.e. the NSRD has moved, but the MDP will update MSATS and not issue another version of the MDFF to update it).

and

- solution ID 7D - Review of MDFF Reason Codes.
  - This solution requires a rationalisation of the existing Reason Codes contained within Appendix E of the MDFF Specification. Analysis work was undertaken to determine if new are required, and whether there is any value in having a 'free text description' for each code. This work would ensure retailers are able

to interpret and convey this information (where necessary) to end use customers. Many obsolete Reason Codes exist, and current codes need to be reviewed to determine whether they are still relevant.

In addition to the above and since the first round consultation AEMO and the MSWG have considered the NEM 12&13 FILE FORMAT CLARIFICATIONS document and have incorporated where possible some of these clarifications.

The rationalisation used was:

- not to change the intent of the document;
- not to cause any system change for participants and
- only update if it was adding value to the document.

### **Consultation Completed**

The completed consultation is in respect to Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 & NEM13 and the proposed implementation date of the document.

1. Implementation and effective date will be in line the release in May 2014. (14<sup>th</sup> May 2014)

### **Further Information**

Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 & NEM13 and related documents are available on AEMO's website

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