



Draft National Electricity Amendment (Expanding competition in metering and related services) Rule 2015

under the National Electricity Law to the extent applied by:

- (a) the National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996 of South Australia;
- (b) the Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997 of the Australian Capital Territory;
- (c) the Electricity - National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997 of Queensland;
- (d) the Electricity - National Scheme (Tasmania) Act 1999 of Tasmania;
- (e) the National Electricity (New South Wales) Act 1997 of New South Wales;
- (f) the National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005 of Victoria; and
- (g) the Australian Energy Market Act 2004 of the Commonwealth.

The Australian Energy Market Commission makes the following Rule under the National Electricity Law.

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1 Title of Rule

This Rule is the *Draft National Electricity Amendment (Expanding competition in metering and related services) Rule 2015*.

2 Commencement

Schedules [1 and 5] of this Rule commence operation on [COMMENCEMENT_DATE].

Schedules [2, 3 and 4] commence operation on [1 July 2017].

3 Amendment of the National Electricity Rules

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 1.

4 Amendment of the National Electricity Rules

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 2.

5 Amendment of the National Electricity Rules

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 3.

6 Amendment of the National Electricity Rules

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 4.

7 Savings and Transitional Amendments to the National Electricity Rules

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 5.

Schedule 1 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 3)

[1] New Rule 2.4A Metering Coordinator

After clause 2.4.2, insert:

2.4A Metering Coordinator

2.4A.1 Registration as a Metering Coordinator

- (a) A *Metering Coordinator* is a person so accredited and registered with *AEMO* who is appointed by a *financially responsible Market Participant* or a *large customer* to engage in the coordination and provision of *metering* services at a *connection point*.
- (b) *AEMO* may exempt a *Transmission Network Service Provider* from satisfying one or more registration requirements when registering as a *Metering Coordinator* for *transmission connection points* within its *transmission network*, subject to such conditions as *AEMO* deems appropriate, where (in *AEMO*'s reasonable opinion) the exemptions are not inconsistent with the *national electricity objective*.
- (c) *AEMO* must not register a *Market Customer* as a *Metering Coordinator*.
- (d) A person who is registered with *AEMO* as a *Metering Coordinator* is:
 - (1) except as specified in paragraph (2), a *Registered Participant* for the purposes of the *Rules*; and
 - (2) not a *Registered Participant* for the purposes of Part A of Chapter 5 of the *Rules*, unless the person is also registered in another category of *Registered Participant*.

2.4A.2 Eligibility

To be eligible for registration as a *Metering Coordinator*, a person must:

- (a) not be a *Market Customer*;
- (b) satisfy *AEMO* that it is complying with and will comply with the *Rules* and the procedures authorised under the *Rules*;
- (c) have appropriate processes in place to determine that a person seeking access to a service listed in the *minimum services specification* is an *access party* in respect of that service;

- (d) have an appropriate security control management strategy and associated infrastructure and communications systems for the purposes of preventing unauthorised local access or remote access to *metering installations*, services provided by *metering installations* and *energy data* held in *metering installations*;
- (e) have insurance as considered appropriate by *AEMO*; and
- (f) pay the prescribed fees determined in accordance with rule 2.11.

[2] Clause 6.17.2 Development of Distribution Ring-Fencing Guidelines

In clause 6.17.2(a), omit "may" and substitute "must".

[3] Clause 9.9C.2 Expiry Date

Omit clause 9.9C.2, and substitute "This clause 9.9C expires on [1 July 2017]".

Schedule 2 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 4)

[1] Clause 5.3.7 Finalisation of connection agreements

In clause 5.3.7(h), omit "schedule 7.2" and substitute "schedule 7.4".

[2] Clause 5.3.7 Finalisation of connection agreements

In clause 5.3.7(g)(4), insert "4A," between "type" and "5".

[3] Schedule 5.6 Terms and Conditions of Connection agreements

In clause S5.6(l), insert "4A," between "type" and "5".

[4] Clause 5A.A1 Definitions

Omit the definition of "connection service" and substitute:

connection service

means either or both of the following:

- (a) a service relating to a *new connection* for premises;
- (b) a service relating to a *connection alteration* for premises,

but, to avoid doubt, does not include a service of providing, installing or maintaining a *metering installation* for premises.

[5] 5A.B.2 Proposed model standing offer for basic connection services

Omit clause 5A.B.2(b)(5)(ii) and substitute "[Deleted]".

[6] Clause 6.20.1 Billing for distribution services

In clause 6.20.1(e)(2), insert "4A," between "type" and "5".

[7] Clause 8.2.1 Application and guiding principles

In clause 8.2.1(h)(10), omit "clause 7.1.2(b)" and substitute "clause 7.2.1(b)".

[8] Clause 8.2.1 Application and guiding principles

In clause 8.2.1(h)(11), omit "clause 7.4.3(d)" and substitute "clause 7.4.3(e)".

[9] Clause 8.2.1 Application and guiding principles

In clause 8.2.1(h)(11), omit "clause 7.4.3(c)" and substitute "clause 7.4.3 (d)".

[10] New Clause 8.6.1A Application

After clause 8.6.1, insert:

8.6.1A Application

For the purposes of this Part C only, "*Registered Participant*" is deemed to include not just *Registered Participants* but also *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers*.

[11] Chapter 10 New Definitions

In Chapter 10, insert the following new definitions in alphabetical order:

large customer

- (a) In a *participating jurisdiction* where the *National Energy Retail Law* applies as a law of that *participating jurisdiction*, has the meaning given in the *National Energy Retail Law*.
- (b) Otherwise, has the meaning given in *jurisdictional electricity legislation*.

Metering Coordinator

A person who is registered by *AEMO* as a *Metering Coordinator* under Chapter 2.

Schedule 3 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 5)

[1] Chapter 7 Metering

Omit Chapter 7, and substitute:

7 Metering

Part A Introduction

7.1 Introduction to the Metering Chapter

7.1.1 Contents

This Chapter sets out provisions relating to:

- (a) roles and responsibilities of *financially responsible Market Participants*, *Metering Coordinators* and *AEMO* and the qualifications and registration requirements applying to *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers*;
- (b) the appointment of *Metering Coordinators* and *Metering Coordinator* default arrangements;
- (c) *metering installation* requirements;
- (d) *metering data services* and the *metering database*;
- (e) *metering register* requirements, disclosure of *NMI* information and *metering data* provision to *retail customers*;
- (f) security of, and rights to access, *metering installations*, services provided by *metering installations*, *energy data* held in *metering installations* and *metering data* from *metering installations*;
- (g) procedures to be established and maintained by *AEMO* including the *metrology procedures* and *service level procedures*; and
- (h) B2B arrangements.

Part B Roles and Responsibilities

7.2 Role and Responsibility of financially responsible Market Participant

7.2.1 Obligations of financially responsible Market Participants to establish metering installations

- (a) Except as otherwise specified in paragraph (c), before participating in the *market* in respect of a *connection point*, and for so long as the *financially responsible Market Participant* continues to participate in the *market* in respect of a *connection point* the *financially responsible Market Participant* must ensure that:
 - (1) the *connection point* has a *metering installation* and that the *metering installation* is registered with *AEMO*;
 - (2) a *Metering Coordinator* is appointed with respect to the *connection point* in accordance with clause 7.6.2; and
 - (3) prior to registration, a *NMI* has been obtained by the *Metering Coordinator* appointed with respect to the *connection point*.
- (b) *AEMO* may refuse to permit a *financially responsible Market Participant* to participate in the *market* in respect of any *connection point* in relation to which that *financially responsible Market Participant* is not in compliance with its obligations under paragraph (a).
- (c) For an *interconnector*:
 - (1) the relevant *Transmission Network Service Provider* is responsible for the provision, installation and maintenance of a *metering installation*; and
 - (2) *AEMO* is responsible for the collection of *metering data* from that *metering installation*, the processing of that data and the delivery of the processed data to the *metering database*.

7.2.2 [Not used]

7.2.3 Agreements with Local Network Service Provider

For the purpose of section 140(2)(b) of the *National Energy Retail Law*, an agreement in force under the following clauses of the *Rules* is taken to be an agreement in force under 'rule 7.2.3':

- (a) clause 7.6.3;
- (b) clause 7.6.4; and

- (c) clause 11.[78].7.

7.2.4 [Not used]

7.2.5 Agreements with Metering Provider

For the purpose of section 140(2)(c) of the *National Energy Retail Law*, an agreement in force under clause 7.3.2(b) of the *Rules* is taken to be an agreement in force under 'rule 7.2.5'.

7.3 Role and Responsibility of Metering Coordinator

7.3.1 Responsibility of the Metering Coordinator

- (a) For the term of its appointment in respect of a *connection point*, the *Metering Coordinator* is the person responsible for the:
 - (1) provision, installation and maintenance of a *metering installation*;
 - (2) except as otherwise specified in clause 7.5.1(a), collection of *metering data* with respect to each *metering installation* for which it is responsible, the processing of that data, retention of *metering data* in the *metering data services database* and the delivery of the *metering data* to the *metering database*; and
 - (3) managing access to and the security of the *metering installation*, *metering data services database*, services provided by the *metering installation* and *energy data* held in the *metering installation*.
- (b) The *Metering Coordinator* must perform its role in accordance with:
 - (1) this Chapter 7; and
 - (2) procedures authorised under the *Rules*.
- (c) *AEMO* must establish, maintain and *publish* relevant explanatory material that sets out the role of the *Metering Coordinator* consistent with this Chapter 7.

7.3.2 Role of the Metering Coordinator

Appointment of a Metering Provider

- (a) A *Metering Coordinator* must for each *metering installation* (other than a type 7 *metering installation*) for which it is responsible:
 - (1) appoint a *Metering Provider* or *Metering Providers* for the provision, installation and maintenance of that installation; or

- (2) subject to the *metrology procedure*, appoint a *Metering Provider* or *Metering Providers* for the provision and maintenance of that installation and allow another person to appoint a *Metering Provider* to install that installation.
- (b) The *Metering Coordinator* must:
- (1) enter into an agreement with a *Metering Provider* or *Metering Providers*:
 - (i) for the provision, installation and maintenance of the *metering installation* by the *Metering Provider* or *Metering Providers*, where the *Metering Coordinator* has appointed the *Metering Provider* or *Metering Providers* under paragraph (a)(1); or
 - (ii) for the provision and maintenance of the *metering installation*, where another person has appointed the *Metering Provider* or *Metering Providers* under paragraph (a)(2); and
 - (2) provide the *financially responsible Market Participant* and *AEMO* with the relevant details of the *metering installation* as specified in Schedule 7.1 within *10 business days* of obtaining a *NMI* in accordance with clause 7.8.2(d).
- (c) The *Metering Coordinator* may elect to terminate an agreement entered into under paragraph (b)(1)(i) after the *metering installation* is installed and if such an agreement is terminated, the *Metering Coordinator* must enter into a new agreement with another *Metering Provider* or *Metering Providers* for the maintenance of the *metering installation*.

Appointment of a Metering Data Provider

- (d) Except as otherwise specified in clause 7.5.1(a), the *Metering Coordinator* must, for each *metering installation* for which it is responsible:
- (1) appoint a *Metering Data Provider* to provide *metering data services*; and
 - (2) provide the *financially responsible Market Participant* with the name of the *Metering Data Provider* appointed under subparagraph (1).

Metering installations

- (e) The *Metering Coordinator* must, for each *metering installation* for which it is responsible (other than a type 7 *metering installation*):

- (1) ensure that the installation is provided, installed and maintained in accordance with the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules*;
 - (2) ensure that the components, accuracy and testing of the installation complies with the requirements of the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules*;
 - (3) ensure that the security control of the installation is provided in accordance with rule 7.15;
 - (4) where *remote acquisition* is used or is to be used, ensure that a *communications interface* is installed and maintained to facilitate connection to the *telecommunications network*;
 - (5) ensure that *AEMO* is provided (when requested) with the information specified in Schedule 7.1 for any new or replacement *metering installation* or any altered *metering installation*; and
 - (6) not replace a device that is capable of producing *interval energy data* and is already installed in a *metering installation* with a device that only produces *accumulated energy data* unless the *metrology procedure* permits the replacement to take place.
- (f) The *Metering Coordinator* must, for each *small customer metering installation* for which it is responsible, ensure that *energy data* is retrieved from that *small customer metering installation* via remote access.

Metering data services

- (g) Except as specified in clause 7.5.1(a), the *Metering Coordinator* must, for each *metering installation* for which it is responsible:
- (1) ensure that the *Metering Data Provider* appointed under paragraph (d) accommodates any special site or technology related conditions determined by *AEMO* in accordance with clause 7.8.12(c), and where necessary the *Metering Coordinator* must clarify any matters with *AEMO* in order to choose a *Metering Data Provider* for that *metering installation* that is mutually suitable to all parties;
 - (2) ensure that *metering data services* are provided in accordance with the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules*;
 - (3) for any type 5 *metering installation* where the annual flow of electricity through the *connection point* is greater than the *type 5 accumulation boundary*, ensure that *interval energy data* is collected;

- (4) for any type 4A *metering installation*, ensure that *interval energy data* is collected; and
- (5) arrange for the provision of relevant *metering data* to the *Metering Data Provider* if *remote acquisition*, if any, becomes unavailable.

Access to small customer metering installation

- (h) The *Metering Coordinator* must, for each *small customer metering installation* for which it is responsible:
 - (1) ensure that a service listed in the *minimum services specification* in column 1 of table S7.5.1.1 is only accessed by an *access party*;
 - (2) ensure that access to the *metering installation*, the services provided by the *metering installation* and *energy data* held in the *metering installation* is only granted to persons entitled to access that *metering installation*, or the services provided by the *metering installation* or *energy data* held in the *metering installation* in accordance with this Chapter 7; and
 - (3) not *disconnect* or *reconnect* a *metering installation* except:
 - (i) on the request of the *financially responsible Market Participant* or *Local Network Service Provider*;
 - (ii) where such *disconnection* or *reconnection* is effected via remote access; and
 - (iii) in accordance with the *emergency priority procedures*.

7.4 Qualification and Registration of Metering Providers and Metering Data Providers

7.4.1 Qualifications and registration of Metering Providers

- (a) [Not used]
- (a1) A *Metering Provider* is a person who:
 - (1) meets the requirements set out in Schedule 7.2; and;
 - (2) is accredited by and registered by *AEMO* in that capacity in accordance with the qualification process established under clause S7.2.1(b).
- (b) Any person may apply to *AEMO* for accreditation and registration as a *Metering Provider*.

- (c) *AEMO* must include requirements for accreditation of *Metering Providers* in the *service level procedures*. The adoption of the requirements by *Metering Providers* is to be included in the qualification process in accordance with clause S7.2.1(b). The requirements must include a dispute resolution process.
- (d) A *Metering Provider* must comply with the provisions of the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules* that are expressed to apply to *Metering Providers* relevant to their category of registration.
- (e) Except as otherwise specified in paragraph (f), a *Market Generator* or *Market Customer* which is involved in the trading of *energy* must not be registered as a *Metering Provider* for *connection points* in respect of which the *metering data* relates to its own use of *energy*.
- (f) If a *Market Participant* is a *Market Customer* and also a *Network Service Provider* then the *Market Participant* may be registered as a *Metering Provider* for that *connection point* notwithstanding paragraph (e), providing that at the *connection points* on the *transmission network*, the *Market Participant* must regard the *Transmission Network Service Provider* with which it has entered into a *connection agreement* as the *Local Network Service Provider*.

7.4.2 Qualifications and registration of Metering Data Providers

- (a) A *Metering Data Provider* is a person who:
 - (1) meets the requirements set out in Schedule 7.3; and
 - (2) is accredited by and registered by *AEMO* in that capacity in accordance with the qualification process established under clause S7.3.1(c).
- (b) Any person may apply to *AEMO* for accreditation and registration as a *Metering Data Provider*.
- (c) **[Not used]**
- (c1) *AEMO* must include requirements for accreditation of *Metering Data Providers* in the *service level procedures*. The adoption of the requirements by *Metering Data Providers* is to be included in the qualification process in accordance with clause S7.3.1(c). The requirements must include a dispute resolution process.
- (d) A *Metering Data Provider* must comply with the provisions of the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules* that are expressed to apply to *Metering Data Providers* relevant to their category of registration.

- (e) Except as otherwise specified in paragraph (f), a *Market Generator* or *Market Customer* which is involved in the trading of *energy* must not be registered as a *Metering Data Provider* for *connection points* in respect of which the *metering data* relates to its own use of *energy*.
- (f) If a *Market Participant* is a *Market Customer* and also a *Network Service Provider* then the *Market Participant* may be registered as a *Metering Data Provider* for that *connection point* notwithstanding paragraph (e).

7.4.3 Deregistration of Metering Providers and Metering Data Providers

- (a) *AEMO* must establish, maintain and *publish* a procedure for deregistration of *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers* which incorporates the principles specified in paragraph (b).
- (b) A breach of the provisions of the *Rules* or of the procedures authorised under the *Rules* must be determined against the following principles:
 - (1) the definition of breach must contain three or more levels of severity, the highest level of severity being a ‘material breach’;
 - (2) the deregistration of a *Metering Provider* or a *Metering Data Provider* can only occur if it can be demonstrated that the provider has committed a material breach; and
 - (3) the levels of a breach with severity below a material breach are to be treated as warnings with different levels of magnitude.
- (c) If *AEMO* reasonably determines that a *Metering Provider* or a *Metering Data Provider* has breached a provision of the *Rules* or of procedures authorised under the *Rules* that applies to *Metering Providers* or *Metering Data Providers*:
 - (1) *AEMO* must send to that *Metering Provider* or *Metering Data Provider* a notice in writing setting out the nature of the breach; and
 - (2) *AEMO* must, if the *Metering Provider* or *Metering Data Provider* remains in breach for a period of more than 7 days after notice in accordance with subparagraph (c)(1), conduct a review to assess the *Metering Provider’s* or *Metering Data Provider’s* capability for ongoing compliance with the *Rules* or procedures authorised under the *Rules*.

- (d) *AEMO* may, following a review conducted under subparagraph (c)(2) and in accordance with the procedure under paragraph (a), deregister the *Metering Provider* or *Metering Data Provider*, suspend the provider from some categories of registration or allow the provider to continue to operate under constraints agreed with *AEMO*.
- (e) If following a review under subparagraph (c)(2), *AEMO* deregisters or suspends from some categories of registration or allows the *Metering Provider* or *Metering Data Provider* to continue to operate under constraints, then *AEMO* must inform the relevant *Metering Coordinator(s)* and the relevant *financially responsible Market Participants* of the outcome of that review.

7.5 Role and Responsibility of AEMO

7.5.1 Responsibility of AEMO for the collection, processing and delivery of metering data

- (a) Where the *financially responsible Market Participant* has appointed a *Metering Coordinator* and that *Metering Coordinator* is a *Transmission Network Service Provider* that is a *Local Network Service Provider*:
 - (1) the *Metering Coordinator* is responsible for the provision, installation and maintenance of the *metering installation*; and
 - (2) *AEMO* is responsible for the collection of *metering data* from that *metering installation*, the processing of that data and the delivery of the processed data to the *metering database* and to persons who may be granted access to that data under clause 7.15.5(a).
- (b) In performing its role under subparagraph (a)(2), *AEMO* must:
 - (1) permit the *financially responsible Market Participant* to appoint a *Metering Data Provider* of its choice to perform the *metering data services* between the *metering installation* and the *metering database* and to parties who may be granted access to that data under clause 7.15.5(a)(a), subject to the limitations on that choice imposed by paragraph (a) and (d);
 - (2) where a *financially responsible Market Participant* has not appointed a *Metering Data Provider* in accordance with subparagraph (1), appoint a *Metering Data Provider* to provide *metering data services* between the *metering installation* and the *metering database* and to persons who may be granted access to that data under clause 7.15.5(a); and

- (3) comply with the processes for the collection, processing and delivery of *metering data* from the *metering installation* to the *metering database* and to persons who may be granted access to that data under clause 7.15.5(a) in accordance with the requirements of the procedures authorised under the *Rules*, and may establish additional processes if necessary in order to fulfil that role.
- (c) If any additional processes are established by *AEMO* for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations under subparagraph (b)(3), and those processes impact on other persons, the relevant parts of those processes that impact on those persons must be incorporated in the *service level procedures*.
- (d) Where a *financially responsible Market Participant* chooses to appoint a *Metering Data Provider* under subparagraph (b)(1), it must:
 - (1) only appoint a *Metering Data Provider* who can fully accommodate any special site or technology related conditions described in the document *published* under clause 7.8.12(c)(1); and
 - (2) clarify any matters with *AEMO* in order to choose a *Metering Data Provider* for that *metering installation* that is mutually suitable to all parties.

7.5.2 AEMO's costs in connection with metering installation

When *AEMO* is required to undertake functions associated with a *metering installation* in accordance with the requirements of the *metrology procedure* (which could include the preparation and application of a *profile*), *AEMO's* cost is to be recovered through *Participant fees* in accordance with a budget prepared under clause 2.11.3(b)(3) unless the *metrology procedure* specifies an alternative method of cost recovery in which case *AEMO* must not recover the costs through *Participant fees*.

Part C Appointment of Metering Coordinator

7.6 Appointment of Metering Coordinator

7.6.1 Commercial nature of the Metering Coordinator appointment and service provision

- (a) A *Metering Coordinator* assumes responsibility in respect of a *connection point* under this Chapter 7 on terms and conditions (including as to price) to be commercially agreed between the *Metering Coordinator* and the *financially responsible Market*

Participant or *large customer* who appoints the *Metering Coordinator* under clause 7.6.2.

- (b) In accordance with the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules*, a *Metering Coordinator* may supply services with respect to a *metering installation* including access to the services provided by the *metering installation* and *metering data* from the *metering installation* on terms and conditions (including as to price) to be commercially agreed between the *Metering Coordinator* and the requesting party.

7.6.2 Appointment by financially responsible Market Participant or large customer

- (a) A *Metering Coordinator* may only be appointed with respect to a *connection point* by:
- (1) the *Market Participant* which is *financially responsible* for the *connection point*; or
 - (2) the *large customer* whose premises are supplied at the *connection point*.
- (b) A *financially responsible Market Participant* or *large customer* making an appointment under paragraph (a) must do so in accordance with the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules*.
- (c) The *Market Settlements and Transfer Solution Procedures* may specify that an incoming *Metering Coordinator* is responsible for the *metering installation*:
- (1) on the day that a *market load* transfers from one *financially responsible Market Participant* to another *financially responsible Market Participant* for the period within that day; or
 - (2) on any other day.

7.6.3 Appointment with respect to transmission network connection

- (a) Where a *connection point* connects, or is proposed to connect, to a *transmission network*, the *financially responsible Market Participant* may request in writing an offer from the *Local Network Service Provider* to act as the *Metering Coordinator* in respect of the *connection point*. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this clause 7.6.3 affects the right of a *large customer* to appoint a *Metering Coordinator* under clause 7.6.2(a)(2).
- (b) If the *Local Network Service Provider* receives a request under paragraph (a), the *Local Network Service Provider* must:

- (1) offer to act as the *Metering Coordinator* in respect of that *connection point*;
- (2) provide the *financially responsible Market Participant* with the name of the *Metering Provider* and the *Metering Data Provider* that would be appointed under clause 7.3.2(a)(1) and 7.3.2(d), if requested by the *financially responsible Market Participant*; and
- (3) provide the *financially responsible Market Participant* with the terms and conditions relating to that offer no later than 15 *business days* after the *Local Network Service Provider* receives a written request from the *financially responsible Market Participant*.

7.6.4 Type 7 metering installations

- (a) The *financially responsible Market Participant* must appoint the *Local Network Service Provider* as the *Metering Coordinator* in respect of a *connection point* which has a *type 7 metering installation* connected to, or proposed to be connected to, the *Local Network Service Provider's network*.
- (b) The *Local Network Service Provider* may provide the *financially responsible Market Participant* with a standard set of terms and conditions on which it will agree to act as the *Metering Coordinator* for a *type 7 metering installation*.
- (c) Where the *Local Network Service Provider* has not provided the *financially responsible Market Participant* with a standard set of terms and conditions referred to in paragraph (b), the *financially responsible Market Participant* must request an offer from the *Local Network Service Provider* to act as the *Metering Coordinator* pursuant to paragraph (a).
- (d) The *Local Network Service Provider* must, within 15 *business days* of receipt of the request under paragraph (c), make an offer to the *financially responsible Market Participant* setting out the terms and conditions on which it will agree to act as the *Metering Coordinator*.
- (e) The terms and conditions of an offer made under paragraph (b) or (d) must:
 - (1) be fair and reasonable; and
 - (2) not have the effect of unreasonably discriminating between *financially responsible Market Participants*, or between customers of a *financially responsible Market Participant*.

- (f) A *financially responsible Market Participant* must accept an offer on the standard terms and conditions of appointment provided by the *Local Network Service Provider* under paragraph (b) or (d), unless the *financially responsible Market Participant* and *Local Network Service Provider* agree other terms and conditions to apply to the appointment of the *Local Network Service Provider* as the *Metering Coordinator* under paragraph (a).
- (g) For the avoidance of doubt, any *Metering Coordinator* appointed under paragraph (a) must comply with Chapter 2 of the *Rules*, including the requirement that a *Metering Coordinator* be accredited and registered with *AEMO* as a *Metering Coordinator* under clause 2.4A.1(a).

7.7 Metering Coordinator default arrangements

7.7.1 Obligations of financially responsible Market Participants on Metering Coordinator default event and end of contract term

- (a) Without limiting the obligations of a *financially responsible Market Participant* under clause 7.2.1(a)(2), the *financially responsible Market Participant* must appoint a new *Metering Coordinator* in respect of a *connection point* in circumstances where:

- (1) a *Metering Coordinator default event* occurs with respect to the existing *Metering Coordinator* for the *connection point*; or
- (2) the contract under which the existing *Metering Coordinator* is appointed by a *large customer* in accordance with clause 7.6.2(a)(2) is terminated or expires and the *large customer* does not appoint a new *Metering Coordinator* within the period specified by *AEMO* in procedures authorised under the *Rules*,

as soon as practicable after the *Metering Coordinator default event* occurs or the period referred to in subparagraph (a)(2) has elapsed (as the case may be).

- (b) If:
 - (1) the *financially responsible Market Participant* is required to appoint a new *Metering Coordinator* in respect of a *connection point* for a *large customer* in accordance with paragraph (a); and
 - (2) the existing contract between the *financially responsible Market Participant* and the *large customer* does not deal with the appointment of a *Metering Coordinator* in these circumstances,

the terms and conditions of the contract between the *financially responsible Market Participant* and the *large customer* relating to the appointment of the *Metering Coordinator* (including as to price) must be fair and reasonable.

- (c) The contract between a *financially responsible Market Participant* or a *large customer* and the *Metering Coordinator* entered into in accordance with clause 7.6.2(a)(1) or (2), respectively, must include terms to the effect that the appointment of the *Metering Coordinator* will terminate on the appointment of a new *Metering Coordinator* following the occurrence of a *Metering Coordinator default event* in respect of the *Metering Coordinator*.

7.7.2 Notices to be provided to AEMO, financially responsible Market Participant and large customer by Metering Coordinator

A *Metering Coordinator* must without delay notify:

- (a) the *financially responsible Market Participant* and *large customer* who has appointed it in accordance with clause 7.6.2(a)(1) or (2) in respect of a *connection point*; and
- (b) *AEMO*,
of:
- (c) the occurrence of a *Metering Coordinator default event* in relation to the *Metering Coordinator*; or
- (d) the termination or expiry of the contract under which the *Metering Coordinator* has been appointed by a *large customer*.

7.7.3 AEMO may issue breach notice

- (a) *AEMO* must establish, maintain and *publish* a procedure for the issue of a *Metering Coordinator default notice* in respect of *Metering Coordinators* which incorporates the principles specified in paragraph (b).
- (b) A breach of the provisions of the *Rules* or of the procedures authorised under the *Rules* must be determined against the following principles:
 - (1) the definition of breach must contain three or more levels of severity, the highest level of severity being a ‘material breach’;

- (2) the issue of a *Metering Coordinator default notice* can only occur if it can be demonstrated that the *Metering Coordinator* has committed a material breach; and
 - (3) the levels of a breach with severity below a material breach are to be treated as warnings with different levels of magnitude.
- (c) If *AEMO* reasonably determines that a *Metering Coordinator* has breached a provision (or provisions) of the *Rules* or of procedures authorised under the *Rules* that applies to *Metering Coordinators* then:
- (1) *AEMO* must send to that *Metering Coordinator* a notice in writing setting out the nature of the breach;
 - (2) *AEMO* must, if the *Metering Coordinator* remains in breach for a period of more than 7 days after notice in accordance with subparagraph (c)(1), conduct a review to assess the *Metering Coordinator's* capability for ongoing compliance with the *Rules* or procedures authorised under the *Rules*; and
 - (3) *AEMO* may, following a review conducted under subparagraph (c)(2), issue a notice to the *Metering Coordinator* which must identify the continuing breach and state that the notice is a notice for the purpose of paragraph (d) of the definition of a *Metering Coordinator default event*.
- (d) If *AEMO* has issued a notice under subparagraph (c)(3), it must promptly issue a notice to the *financially responsible Market Participant* and *large customer* for each *connection point* for which the *Metering Coordinator* in respect of whom the *Metering Coordinator default event* occurred is appointed by the *financially responsible Market Participant* or *large customer*. Such notice must:
- (1) state that an *Metering Coordinator default event* under paragraph (d) of the definition of *Metering Coordinator default event* has occurred; and
 - (2) specify the *Metering Coordinator* in respect of whom the *Metering Coordinator default event* occurred.

Part D Metering installation

7.8 Metering installation arrangements

7.8.1 Metering installation requirements

- (a) A *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that each *connection point* for which it is responsible has a *metering installation*.

- (b) A *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that *energy data* held in a *metering installation* for which it is responsible is based on units of watthour (**active energy**) and where required varhour (**reactive energy**).
- (c) Installation and maintenance of *metering installations* must be carried out only by a *Metering Provider*.

7.8.2 Metering installation components

- (a) A *Metering Provider* must ensure that a *metering installation* (other than a type 7 *metering installation*) must:
 - (1) either contain a device that has a visible or an equivalently accessible display of the cumulative total *energy* measured by that *metering installation* (at a minimum);
 - (2) be accurate in accordance with clause 7.8.8;
 - (3) in the case of *metering installations* types 1, 2, 3, or 4, have *electronic data transfer* facilities from the *metering installation* to the *metering data services database*;
 - (4) include a *communications interface* to meet the requirements of clause 7.3.2(e)(4);
 - (5) be secure in accordance with rule 7.15;
 - (6) record *energy data* in a manner that enables *metering data* to be collated in accordance with clause 7.10.4;
 - (7) be capable of separately recording *energy data* for *energy* flows in each direction where bi-directional *active energy* flows occur or could occur;
 - (8) have a *measurement element* for *active energy* and if required in accordance with Schedule 7.4 a *measurement element* for *reactive energy*, both of which are recorded;
 - (9) include facilities for storing *interval energy data* for a period of at least 35 *days* if the *metering installation* is registered as a type 1, 2, 3 or 4 *metering installation*;
 - (10) include facilities for storing *interval energy data* for a period of at least 200 *days* or such other period as specified in the *metrology procedure* if the *metering installation* is registered as a type 4A or type 5 *metering installation*; and
 - (11) in the case of a type 6 *metering installation*, include facilities capable of continuously recording by a visible display, the

total accumulated *energy* supplied through it over a period of at least 12 months, in accordance with subparagraph (1).

- (b) A *metering installation* may consist of combinations of:
- (1) a *current transformer*;
 - (2) a *voltage transformer*;
 - (3) secure and protected wiring from the *current transformer* and the *voltage transformer* to the *meter*;
 - (4) *communications interface* equipment such as a modem, isolation requirements, telephone service, radio transmitter and data link equipment;
 - (5) auxiliary electricity supply to the *meter*;
 - (6) an alarm circuit and monitoring facility;
 - (7) a facility to keep the *metering installation* secure from interference;
 - (8) test links and fusing;
 - (9) summation equipment; or
 - (10) several *metering points* to derive the *metering data* for a *connection point*.
- (c) The *Metering Coordinator* for a *metering installation* must apply to the *Local Network Service Provider* for a *NMI*.
- (d) The *Local Network Service Provider* must issue a unique *NMI* for each *metering installation* to the *Metering Coordinator* that is responsible for that *metering installation*.
- (e) The *Metering Coordinator* must register the *NMI* with *AEMO* in accordance with procedures from time to time specified by *AEMO*.

Requirements for metering installations for non-market generating units

- (f) In addition to the requirements in paragraphs (a) to (e), a *metering installation* for a *non-market generating unit* must:
- (1) where payments for the purchase of electricity *generated* by that unit are based on different rates according to the time of the day, be capable of recording *interval energy data*;
 - (2) where a *current transformer*, a *voltage transformer* or a *measurement element* for *reactive energy* is installed, meet the

requirements in Schedule 7.4 for the type of *metering installation* appropriate to that *connection point*;

- (3) for units with a *nameplate rating* greater than 1 MW, meet:
 - (i) the accuracy requirements specified in Schedule 7.4; and
 - (ii) the measurement requirements in subparagraph (a)(8);
- (4) in relation to new accumulation *metering* equipment for units with a *nameplate rating* equal to or less than 1 MW, meet the minimum standards for *active energy* class 1.0 watt hour or 2.0 watt hour *meters* in accordance with clause S7.4.6.1(f);
- (5) for units with a *nameplate rating* of equal to or less than 1 MW that are capable of recording *interval energy*, meet the minimum standards of accuracy for the *active energy meter* in accordance with Schedule 7.4 for a type 3 or 4 *metering installation* which is based on projected sent out annual *energy volumes*; and
- (6) if reasonably required by the *Distribution Network Service Provider* (where such a request must be in writing and with reasons), after taking into account the size of the *generating unit*, its proposed role and its location in the *network*, have the *active energy* and *reactive energy* measured where the unit has a *nameplate rating* of less than 1 MW.

Requirements for metering installations for a small generating unit classified as a market generating unit

- (g) In addition to the requirements for *metering installations* for *non-market generating units* in paragraph (f), a *metering installation* for a *small generating unit* classified as a *market generating unit* must:
 - (1) be a *metering installation* that is classified as a type 1, 2, 3 or 4 *metering installation*; and
 - (2) be capable of recording *interval energy data* relevant to *settlements*.

7.8.3 Small customer metering installations

- (a) Except as specified in clause 7.8.4, a *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that any new or replacement *metering installation* in respect of the *connection point* of a *small customer* is a type 4 *metering installation* that meets the *minimum services specification*.
- (b) Except where a *Metering Coordinator* has obtained an exemption under clause 7.8.4 in respect of a *connection point*, a *Metering*

Provider must ensure that any *metering installation* installed or proposed to be installed in respect of a *new connection* for a *small customer* at that *connection point* is a type 4 *metering installation* that meets the *minimum services specification*.

- (c) *AEMO* must establish, maintain and *publish* procedures relating to the *minimum services specification* that set out for each service specified in the *minimum service specification*:
 - (1) minimum service levels, including service availability and completion timeframes;
 - (2) minimum standards, including completion rates against the service levels and accuracy requirements.
- (d) The procedures established under paragraph (c) may also include technical requirements of one or more of the services specified in the *minimum services specification*.

7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

- (a) *AEMO* may exempt a *Metering Coordinator* from complying with clause 7.8.3(a) in respect of a *connection point* for one or more periods of up to 5 years each if the *Metering Coordinator* demonstrates to *AEMO's* reasonable satisfaction that there is no existing *telecommunications network* which enables remote access in respect of the *metering installation* at that *connection point*.
- (b) A *Metering Coordinator* that is exempt from complying with clause 7.8.3(a) in respect of a *connection point* under paragraph (a) must ensure that any new or replacement *metering installation* in respect of that *connection point* including, for the avoidance of doubt, a *metering installation* at a *new connection* is a type 4A *metering installation* that has the capability of providing the services in table S7.5.1.1.
- (c) On and from an exemption under paragraph (a) ceasing to apply in respect of a *connection point*, the *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that the *metering installation* at that *connection point* is a type 4 *metering installation* that meets the *minimum services specification*.

7.8.5 Emergency management

- (a) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that access to the *metering installation*, services provided by the *metering installation* and *energy data* held in the *metering installation* are managed in accordance with the *emergency priority procedures* in the event of an emergency condition as determined in accordance with those *emergency priority procedures*.
- (b) *AEMO* must establish, maintain and *publish* procedures that set out:

- (1) the criteria for determining when an emergency condition is present and which *metering installations* will be affected by the emergency condition; and
 - (2) where a *Metering Coordinator* supplies services to a *Local Network Service Provider* from a *metering installation* that is affected by an emergency condition, which services the *Metering Coordinator* may be required to prioritise at the request of the *Local Network Service Provider*.
- (c) A *Local Network Service Provider* must comply with the *emergency priority procedures* when issuing any service prioritisation request to a *Metering Coordinator* under those procedures.

7.8.6 Network devices

- (a) A *Local Network Service Provider* may install a *network device* at or adjacent to a *metering installation* for the purposes of monitoring or operating its *network*.
- (b) A *Metering Coordinator*:
 - (1) must cooperate with a *Local Network Service Provider* who wishes to install a *network device* under paragraph (a) and provide all reasonable assistance to facilitate the installation of the *network device* at or adjacent to the *metering installation*; and
 - (2) must not remove, damage or render inoperable a *network device* that has been installed at or adjacent to a *metering installation* except with the consent of the *Local Network Service Provider*.
- (c) A *Local Network Service Provider* must not:
 - (1) use a *network device* except in connection with the operation or monitoring of its *network*;
 - (2) without limiting subparagraph (1), use a *network device* to *reconnect* or *disconnect* a *metering installation* via remote access;
 - (3) remove, damage or render inoperable a *metering installation*; or
 - (4) disclose any information obtained from a *network device* to any person except as permitted in the *Rules*.
- (d) Information obtained from a *network device* is confidential and must be treated as *confidential information* in accordance with the *Rules*.

7.8.7 Metering point

- (a) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that:
 - (1) the *metering point* is located as close as practicable to the *connection point*; and
 - (2) any *instrument transformers* required for a *check metering installation* are located in a position which achieves a mathematical correlation with the *metering data*.
- (b) The *financially responsible Market Participant*, the *Local Network Service Provider* and *AEMO* must use their best endeavours to agree to adjust the *metering data* which is recorded in the *metering database* to allow for physical losses between the *metering point* and the relevant *connection point* where a *meter* is used to measure the flow of electricity in a power conductor.
- (c) Where a *Market Network Service Provider* installs a *two-terminal link* between two *connection points*, *AEMO* in its absolute discretion may require a *metering installation* to be installed in the *facility* at each end of the *two-terminal link*. Each of these *metering installations* must be separately assessed to determine the requirement for *check metering* in accordance with Schedule 7.4.

7.8.8 Metering installation types and accuracy

- (a) The type of *metering installation* and the accuracy requirements for a *metering installation* which must be installed in respect of each *connection point* are to be determined in accordance with Schedule 7.4.
- (b) A *check metering installation* is not required to have the degree of accuracy required of a *metering installation* but must have a mathematical correlation with the *metering installation* and be consistent with the requirements of Schedule 7.4.
- (c) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that the accuracy of a type 6 *metering installation* is in accordance with regulations issued under the *National Measurement Act* or, in the absence of any such regulations, with the *metrology procedure*.

7.8.9 Meter churn

- (a) Any alteration or replacement of a *metering installation* under this Chapter 7 must be managed in accordance with the *meter churn procedures*.
- (b) A *Metering Coordinator* may alter a type 5 or 6 *metering installation* in accordance with paragraph (a) to make it capable of *remote acquisition* where the *Metering Coordinator* decides that

operational difficulties reasonably require the *metering installation* to be capable of *remote acquisition*.

- (c) An alteration of a *metering installation* by a *Metering Coordinator* in accordance with paragraph (b) does not alter the classification of that installation to a type 4 or 4A *metering installation*.
- (d) For the purposes of paragraph (b), operational difficulties may include locational difficulties where the *metering installation* is:
 - (1) at a site where access is difficult; or
 - (2) on a remote rural property.
- (e) A *metering installation* must not be altered or replaced by the *Metering Coordinator* under paragraph (a) until the transfer of the relevant *market load* has been effected by AEMO in accordance with the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*.
- (f) AEMO must establish, maintain and *publish* procedures for the *Metering Coordinator*, *Metering Provider*, *Metering Data Provider* and *financially responsible Market Participant* to consider in managing the *meter churn* resulting from an alteration or replacement of a *metering installation* under paragraph (d) (the '*meter churn procedures*').
- (g) AEMO may from time to time and in accordance with the *Rules consultation procedures*, amend or replace the *meter churn procedures*.

7.8.10 Meter installation malfunctions

- (a) Unless an exemption is obtained by the *Metering Coordinator* from AEMO under this clause 7.8.10, the *Metering Coordinator* must in respect of a *connection point* with:
 - (1) a type 1, 2 or 3 *metering installation*, if a *metering installation malfunction* occurs to the *metering installation*, cause repairs to be made to it as soon as practicable but no later than 2 *business days* after the *Metering Coordinator* has been notified of the *metering installation malfunction*; or
 - (2) a *metering installation* other than the installations referred to in subparagraph (1), if a *metering installation malfunction* occurs to the *metering installation*, cause repairs to be made to it as soon as practicable but no later than 10 *business days* after the *Metering Coordinator* has been notified of the *metering installation malfunction*.

- (b) *AEMO* must establish, maintain and *publish* a procedure applicable to the provision of exemptions for the purpose of paragraph (a).
- (c) If an exemption is provided by *AEMO* under this clause 7.8.10 then the *Metering Provider* must provide *AEMO* with a plan for the rectification of the *metering installation*.
- (d) A *Registered Participant*, *Metering Provider* or *Metering Data Provider* who becomes aware of a *metering installation malfunction* of a *metering installation* that cannot be rectified within the applicable timeframes as specified in paragraph (a) must notify the *Metering Coordinator* of the *metering installation malfunction* within 1 *business day*.

7.8.11 Changes to metering equipment, parameters and settings within a metering installation

The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that changes to parameters or settings within a *metering installation* are:

- (a) authorised by *AEMO* prior to the alteration being made;
- (b) implemented by a *Metering Provider*;
- (c) confirmed by the *Metering Coordinator* within 2 *business days* after the alteration has been made; and
- (d) recorded by *AEMO* in the *metering register*.

7.8.12 Special site or technology related conditions

- (a) Special site or technology related conditions are situations where *AEMO* determines that special arrangements are required to support the integrity of the collection and processing of *metering data* from nominated *metering installations*. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the following situations:
 - (1) a *transmission network connection point* where the *metering data* collection and/or processing arrangements from *metering installations* nominated in the document *published* in subparagraph (c)(1) require a single *Metering Data Provider*;
 - (2) a situation where two or more *metering points* are required to form a *metering installation* and the *metering data* determined from that *metering installation* is required to be identified as a virtual *NMI* in the *settlements process*;
 - (3) a *metering installation* on an *interconnector*; or
 - (4) a *metering installation* on the *interconnection* between adjacent *distribution networks*.

- (b) Special site or technology related conditions do not exist until they are described and *published* in the document specified in subparagraph (c)(1).
- (c) Where *AEMO* determines that special site or technology related conditions exist under paragraph (a), it must:
 - (1) describe and *publish* those special site or technology related conditions including the nomination of *metering installations* affected by those conditions in a document;
 - (2) notify *Metering Coordinators* and *financially responsible Market Participants* of the availability of the document specified in subparagraph (1) at the time of its *publication* and each time that document is revised; and
 - (3) clarify any matters with the *Metering Coordinator* or the *financially responsible Market Participant* in order to enable the *Metering Coordinator* or *financially responsible Market Participant* to choose a *Metering Data Provider* for that *metering installation* that is mutually suitable to all parties.
- (d) A *Metering Coordinator* or *financially responsible Market Participant* may make alterations to a *metering installation* and its *metering data* collection arrangements in order to remove its classification as a special site or technology related condition, in which case *AEMO* must remove that *metering installation* from the document specified in subparagraph (c)(1).

7.8.13 Joint metering installations

- (a) Where more than one *Market Participant* wishes to use a *metering installation* at a particular *connection point* for the purpose of satisfying its obligations, then each of them may separately enter into the agreements referred to in clause 7.6.2 or some or all of them may jointly enter into those agreements for the use of a shared *metering installation*.
- (b) Where more than one *Market Participant* uses a *metering installation*, they must agree and notify *AEMO* as to which of them will appoint the *Metering Coordinator* for that *metering installation*.
- (c) In the absence of such agreement, *AEMO* may nominate one of the *Market Participants* to appoint the *Metering Coordinator* for that *metering installation*.
- (d) Where more than one *Market Participant* or *Metering Coordinator*, as the case may be, are subject to the same special site or technology related conditions as specified in clause 7.8.12(a), the *Metering Coordinator* must notify *AEMO* of the *Metering Data Provider* that

will provide the *metering data services* for the relevant *metering installation(s)*.

- (e) In the absence of such an agreement specified in paragraph (d), *AEMO* may nominate a *Metering Data Provider* to provide the *metering data services* for those *metering installations*.

7.9 Inspection, Testing and Audit of Metering installations

7.9.1 Responsibility for testing

- (a) A person that carries out testing of a *metering installation* under this clause 7.9.1 must do so in accordance with:
 - (1) this clause 7.9.1; and
 - (2) the relevant inspection and testing requirements set out in Schedule 7.6.
- (b) A *Registered Participant* may request that the *Metering Coordinator* make arrangements for the testing of a *metering installation* and if the request is reasonable, the *Metering Coordinator* must:
 - (1) not refuse the request; and
 - (2) make arrangements for the testing.
- (c) Where the *Metering Coordinator* does not undertake the testing requested under paragraph (b), the *Metering Coordinator* must advise *AEMO* that the requested testing has not been undertaken and *AEMO* must make the arrangements for the testing where, in *AEMO*'s reasonable opinion, it is practicable for *AEMO* to do so.
- (d) The *Registered Participant* who requested the tests under paragraph (b) may make a request to the *Metering Coordinator* to witness the tests.
- (e) The *Metering Coordinator* must not refuse a request received under paragraph (d) and must no later than 5 *business days* prior to the testing, advise:
 - (1) the party making the request; and
 - (2) the *financially responsible Market Participant*,
of:
 - (3) the location and time of the tests; and
 - (4) the method of testing to be undertaken.

- (f) The *Metering Coordinator* and *AEMO* must co-operate for the purpose of making arrangements for *AEMO* to inspect or test the *metering installation* where:
 - (1) the *Metering Coordinator* must give *AEMO* access to the *metering installation*; and
 - (2) *AEMO* must:
 - (i) no later than seven *business days* prior to the testing or inspection, give the *Metering Coordinator* notice of:
 - (A) its intention to access the *metering installation* for the purpose of inspection or testing;
 - (B) the name of the *representative* who will be conducting the test or inspection on behalf of *AEMO*; and
 - (C) the time when the test or inspection will commence and the expected time when the test or inspection will conclude; and
 - (ii) where reasonable, comply with the security and safety requirements of the *Metering Coordinator*.
- (g) Where *AEMO* or the *Metering Coordinator* has undertaken testing of a *metering installation* under this clause 7.9.1 and Schedule 7.6, *AEMO* or the *Metering Coordinator* (as the case may be) must:
 - (1) inform the *financially responsible Market Participant* that testing has been undertaken in respect of the *metering installation* in accordance with this clause 7.9.1; and
 - (2) make the test results available in accordance with paragraphs (h) and (i) and, on request of the *financially responsible Market Participant*, to the *financially responsible Market Participant*.
- (h) If the test results referred to in paragraph (g) indicate deviation from the technical requirements for that *metering installation*, the results must be made available as soon as practicable to the persons who are entitled to that *metering data* under clauses 7.15.5(a) .
- (i) If the test results referred to in paragraph (g) indicate compliance with the technical requirements for that *metering installation*, the test results must be made available as soon as practicable:
 - (1) in circumstances where the tests were requested by a *Registered Participant*, to the *Registered Participant* and

persons who are entitled to that *metering data* under clauses 7.15.5(a) ; or

- (2) to a *Registered Participant* if requested by that *Registered Participant*, where the tests are not the result of a request for testing.
- (j) *AEMO* must check test results recorded in the *metering register* by arranging for sufficient audits annually of *metering installations* and to satisfy itself that the accuracy of each *metering installation* complies with the requirements of this Chapter 7.
- (k) The *Metering Coordinator* must store the test results in accordance with clause 7.9.5 and provide a copy to *AEMO* upon request or as part of an audit.
- (l) The cost of any test under paragraph (b) must be borne by:
 - (1) if paragraph (h) applies, the *Metering Coordinator*; and
 - (2) otherwise, the *Registered Participant* who requested the test.

7.9.2 Actions in event of non-compliance

- (a) If the accuracy of the *metering installation* does not comply with the requirements of the *Rules*, the *Metering Coordinator* must:
 - (1) advise *AEMO* as soon as practicable of the errors detected and the possible duration of the existence of the errors; and
 - (2) arrange for the accuracy of the *metering installation* to be restored in a time-frame agreed with *AEMO*.
- (b) *AEMO* may make appropriate corrections to the *metering data* to take account of errors referred to in paragraph (a) and to minimise adjustments to the final *settlements* account.

7.9.3 Audits of information held in metering installations

- (a) *AEMO* is responsible for auditing *metering installations*.
- (b) A *Registered Participant* may request *AEMO* to conduct an audit to determine the consistency between the data held in the *metering database* and the data held in the relevant *metering installation*.
- (c) If there are inconsistencies between data held in a *metering installation* and data held in the *metering database*, the *Metering Coordinator* and *Registered Participants* with a financial interest in the *metering installation* or the *energy* measured by that *metering installation* must liaise together to determine the most appropriate way to resolve the discrepancy.

- (d) If there is an inconsistency between the data held in a *metering installation* and the data held in the *metering database*, the data in the *metering installation* is to be taken as prima facie evidence of the *connection point's energy data*.
- (e) *AEMO* must carry out periodic random audits of *metering installations* to confirm compliance with the *Rules*.
- (e1) The *Metering Coordinator* must provide *AEMO* with unrestrained access to *metering installations* for the purpose of carrying out such random audits provided that *AEMO* agrees to comply with the *Metering Coordinator's* reasonable security and safety requirements and has first given the *Metering Coordinator* at least two *business days'* notice of its intention to carry out an audit, which notice must include:
 - (1) the name of the *representative* who will be conducting the audit on behalf of *AEMO*; and
 - (2) the time when the audit will commence and the expected time when the audit will conclude.
- (f) The costs of any audit conducted under paragraph (b) will be borne by:
 - (1) if paragraph (c) applies, the *Metering Coordinator*;
 - (2) otherwise, the *Registered Participant* who requested the audit.

7.9.4 Errors found in metering tests, inspections or audits

- (a) If a *metering installation* test, inspection or audit, carried out in accordance with clause 7.9.1, demonstrates errors in excess of those prescribed in Schedule 7.4, the *Metering Coordinator* must ensure the *metering data* is substituted in accordance with this clause 7.9.4 and clause 7.10.1 as appropriate.
- (b) If *AEMO* or the *Metering Coordinator* is not aware of the time at which the error that was identified in paragraph (a) arose, the error is to be deemed to have occurred at a time half way between the time of the most recent test or inspection which demonstrated that the *metering installation* complied with the relevant accuracy requirement and the time when the error was detected.
- (c) The time that the error was deemed to occur, as determined in paragraph (b), is to be used by the *Metering Data Provider* in performing substitution of the *metering data*.
- (d) If a test or audit of a *metering installation* demonstrates an error of measurement of less than 1.5 times the error permitted by Schedule

7.4, no substitution of readings is required unless in *AEMO's* reasonable opinion a particular party would be significantly affected if no substitution were made.

- (e) If any substitution is required under paragraph (d), *AEMO* must request the *Metering Coordinator* or the *financially responsible Market Participant* or the *Metering Data Provider*, as appropriate, to arrange for a suitable substitution of the incorrect *metering data* to be undertaken in accordance with the recommendations of any audit report provided by *AEMO* (under clauses 7.9.1(j), 7.9.3(b) and 7.9.3(e)), or if no audit report is provided, in accordance with the substitution requirements of the *metrology procedure*.

7.9.5 Retention of test records and documents

- (a) All records and documentation of tests prepared under this Chapter 7 or for the purposes of this Chapter 7 must be retained in accordance with this clause 7.9.5.
- (b) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure records and documentation are retained as follows:
 - (1) for a period of at least 7 years:
 - (i) sample testing of *meters* while the *meters* of the relevant style remain in service;
 - (ii) the most recent sample test results of the *meters* referred to in subparagraph (i) after the *meters* are no longer in service;
 - (iii) non-sample testing of *meters* while the *meters* remain in service;
 - (iv) the most recent non-sample test results after the *meters* are no longer in service;
 - (v) the most recent sample test results of *instrument transformers* after *instrument transformers* of the relevant type are no longer in service;
 - (vi) the most recent non sample test results of *instrument transformers* after they are no longer in service;
 - (vii) tests of new *metering* equipment of the relevant style while the equipment remains in service; and
 - (viii) tests of new *metering* equipment of the relevant style after the equipment is no longer in service; and
 - (2) for a period of at least 10 years:

- (i) sample testing of *instrument transformers* while *instrument transformers* of the relevant type remain in service; and
 - (ii) non-sample testing of *instrument transformers* while they remain in service.
- (c) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure records of type tests and pattern approvals carried out or obtained in accordance with S7.4.6.1(f) are retained while *metering* equipment of the relevant type remains in service and for at least 7 years after it is no longer in service.

7.9.6 Metering installation registration process

AEMO must establish, maintain and *publish* a registration process to facilitate the application of this Chapter 7 to *Market Participants*, *Metering Coordinators* and *Network Service Providers* in respect of:

- (a) new *metering installations*;
- (b) modifications to existing *metering installations*; and
- (c) decommissioning of *metering installations*,

including the provision of information on matters such as application process, timing, relevant parties, fees and *metering installation* details.

Part E Metering Data

7.10 Metering Data Services

7.10.1 Metering Data Services

- (a) *Metering Data Providers* must provide *metering data services* in accordance with the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules*, including:
 - (1) collecting *metering data* by local access or by *remote acquisition*;
 - (2) the validation and substitution of *metering data* for a type 1, 2, 3 and 4 *metering installation*;
 - (3) the validation, substitution and estimation of *metering data* for a type 4A, 5 and 6 *metering installation*;
 - (4) the calculation, estimation and substitution of *metering data* for a type 7 *metering installation*;

- (5) establishing and maintaining a *metering data services database* associated with each *metering installation*;
 - (6) delivery of *metering data* and relevant *NMI Standing Data* for a *metering installation* to a person entitled to receive data in accordance with clause 7.15.5;
 - (7) the delivery of *metering data* and relevant *NMI Standing Data* to *AEMO* for *settlements*;
 - (8) ensuring the *metering data* and other data associated with the *metering installation* is protected from local access or remote access while being collected and while held in the *metering data services database* and that *data* is provided only in accordance with clause 7.15.5;
 - (9) maintaining the standard of accuracy of the time setting of the *metering data services database* and the *metering installation* in accordance with clause 7.15.5;
 - (10) notifying the *Metering Coordinator* of any *metering installation malfunction* of a *metering installation* within 1 *business day*; and
 - (11) management and storage of *metering data* in accordance with clause 7.10.2.
- (b) Despite anything to the contrary in the *Rules*, *AEMO* may obtain *energy data* directly from a *metering installation* for the *settlements* process.

7.10.2 Data management and storage

- (a) *Metering Data Providers* must:
- (1) retain *metering data* for all relevant *metering installations* in the *metering data services database*:
 - (i) online in an accessible format for at least 13 months;
 - (ii) following the retention under subparagraph (1)(i), in an accessible format for an overall period of not less than 7 years; and
 - (2) archive in an accessible format for a period of 7 years:
 - (i) *metering data* in its original form collected from the *metering installation*;
 - (ii) records of each substitution to *metering data* in respect of a *metering installation*.

- (b) *Metering Data Providers* accredited for type 7 *metering installations* must maintain techniques for determining *calculated metering data* for type 7 *metering installations* that are *market loads* under Schedule 7.4 in accordance with the *metrology procedure*.
- (c) *Metering Data Providers* must maintain *electronic data transfer facilities* in order to deliver *metering data* from the *metering data services database* to the *metering database* in accordance with the relevant *service level procedures*.
- (d) *Check metering data*, where available, and appropriately adjusted for differences in *metering installation* accuracy, where applicable, must be used by the *Metering Data Provider* to validate *metering data*.
- (e) If the *Metering Data Provider* becomes aware that the *metering data* that has been delivered into the *metering database* from a *metering data services database* is incorrect, then the *Metering Data Provider* must provide corrected *metering data* to the *financially responsible Market Participant*, the *Local Network Service Provider* and AEMO within 1 *business day* of detection.
- (f) *Metering data* may only be altered by a *Metering Data Provider* except in the preparation of *settlements ready data*, in which case AEMO may alter the *metering data* in accordance with clause 7.11.2(c).
- (g) A *Metering Data Provider* may only alter *metering data* in the *metering data services database* in accordance with the *metrology procedure*.
- (h) *Metering Data Providers* must maintain *electronic data transfer facilities* in order to deliver *metering data* from the *metering data services database* to *Market Participants* and *Network Service Providers* who are entitled to receive *metering data*.
- (i) The *Metering Data Provider's* rules and protocols for supplying the *metering data services* must be approved by AEMO and AEMO must not unreasonably withhold such approval.
- (j) The *Metering Data Provider* must arrange with the *Metering Coordinator* to obtain the relevant *metering data* if *remote acquisition*, if any, becomes unavailable.

7.10.3 Use of check metering data

- (a) *Check metering data*, where available and provided that the *check metering data* has been appropriately adjusted for differences in *metering installation* accuracy, must be used by *Metering Data Providers* or AEMO, as the case may be, for:

- (1) validation
- (2) substitution; and
- (3) estimation,

of *metering data* as required by clauses 7.11.2(a) and 7.10.1.

7.10.4 Periodic energy metering

- (a) The *Metering Data Provider* must, for type 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A and 5 *metering installations*, collate *metering data* relating to:

- (1) the amount of *active energy*; and
- (2) *reactive energy* (where relevant) passing through a *connection point*,

in *trading intervals* within a *metering data services database* unless it has been agreed between AEMO, the *Local Network Service Provider* and the *financially responsible Market Participant* that *metering data* may be recorded in sub-multiples of a *trading interval*.

- (b) For type 6 *metering installations*, *metering data* relating to the amount of *active energy* passing through a *connection point* must be converted into *trading intervals* in the *profiling* process undertaken by AEMO in accordance with the *metrology procedure* and the *metrology procedure* must specify:

- (1) the parameters to be used in preparing the *trading interval metering data* for each *market load*, including the algorithms;
- (2) the *metering data* from *first-tier loads* that is to be used in the conversion process;
- (3) the quality and timeliness of the *metering data* from the *first-tier loads*;
- (4) the party responsible for providing the *metering data* from the *first-tier loads*; and
- (5) if required, the method of cost recovery in accordance with clause 7.17.5.

- (c) For type 7 *metering installations*, *metering data* relating to the amount of *active energy* passing through a *connection point* must be prepared by a *Metering Data Provider* in accordance with clause 7.10.1(a)(4) in *trading intervals* within a *metering data services database*.

7.10.5 Time settings

- (a) The *Metering Provider* must set the times of clocks of all *metering installations* with reference to *Eastern Standard Time* to a standard of accuracy in accordance with Schedule 7.4 relevant to the *load* through the *connection point* when *installing*, testing and maintaining *metering installations*.
- (b) *AEMO* must ensure that the *metering database* clock is maintained within 1 second and +1 second of *Eastern Standard Time*.
- (c) The *Metering Data Provider* must maintain the *metering data services database* clock within 1 second and + 1 second of *Eastern Standard Time*.
- (d) The *Metering Data Provider* must:
 - (1) check the accuracy of the clock of the *metering installation* with reference to *Eastern Standard Time* to a standard of accuracy in accordance with Schedule 7.4 relevant to the *load* through the *connection point* on each occasion that the *metering installation* is accessed;
 - (2) reset the clock of the *metering installation* so that it is maintained to the required standard of accuracy in accordance with Schedule 7.4 relevant to the *load* through the *connection point* where the clock error of a *metering installation* does not conform to the required standard of accuracy on any occasion that the *metering installation* is accessed; and
 - (3) notify the *Metering Provider* where the *Metering Data Provider* is unable to reset the clock of the *metering installation* in accordance with subparagraph (2).

7.10.6 Metering data performance standards

- (a) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that *metering data* is provided to *AEMO* for all *trading intervals* where the *metering installation* has the capability for *remote acquisition* of *metering data*, and that the data:
 - (1) is derived from a *metering installation* compliant with clause 7.8.8(a);
 - (2) provided within the timeframe required for *settlements* and *prudential requirements* specified in the *metrology procedure*, and the relevant *service level procedures*;
 - (3) is actual or substituted in accordance with the *metrology procedure*; and

- (4) provided in accordance with the performance standards specified in the *metrology procedure*.
- (b) The performance standards specified in subparagraph (a)(4) must be set at a level that does not impose a material risk on *AEMO's* ability to meet its *settlements* and *prudential requirements* obligations under the *Rules*.
- (c) *AEMO* may relax or exempt the performance standards specified in subparagraph (a)(4) in circumstances, including those referred to in clause 7.8.9(a), when *AEMO* and the *Metering Coordinator* agree on a lower performance standard that does not place a material risk on *AEMO's* ability to meet its *settlements* and *prudential requirements* obligations under the *Rules*.
- (d) Where the *metering installation* is a type 4A *metering installation* or does not have the capability for *remote acquisition* of *metering data*, the *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that *metering data* is provided to *AEMO* and that the data:
 - (1) is derived from a *metering installation* compliant with clause 7.8.8(a);
 - (2) provided within the timeframe required for *settlements* specified in the *metrology procedure* and the relevant *service level procedures*;
 - (3) is actual, substituted or estimated in accordance with the *metrology procedure*; and
 - (4) provided in accordance with the performance standards specified in the *metrology procedure*.

7.11 Metering data and database

7.11.1 Metering databases

- (a) *AEMO* must create, maintain and administer a *metering database* (either directly or under a contract for provision of the database) containing information for each *metering installation* registered with *AEMO*.
- (b) The *metering database* must have the capacity for electronic access by relevant *Market Participants* and *Network Service Providers*.
- (c) The *metering database* must include *metering data*, *settlements ready data*, and information for each *metering installation* registered with *AEMO* in accordance with rule 7.12.
- (d) Persons who may be granted access to data held within the *metering database* are set out in clause 7.15.5.

- (e) For all types of *metering installations*, the *metering database* must contain *metering data* that is:
 - (1) retained online in an accessible format for at least 13 months; and
 - (2) following the retention under subparagraph (1), archived in an accessible format for an overall period of not less than 7 years.
- (f) The *settlements ready data* held in the *metering database* must be used by *AEMO* for *settlements* purposes.
- (g) The *settlements ready data* held in the *metering database* may be used by *Distribution Network Service Providers* for the purpose of determining *distribution service charges* in accordance with clause 6.20.1.
- (h) *AEMO* must retain *settlements ready data* for all *metering installations* for a period of 7 years.

7.11.2 Data validation, substitution and estimation

- (a) If *AEMO* in the preparation of *settlements ready data* detects *metering data* that fails validation *AEMO* must notify the *Metering Data Provider* within 1 business day of detection.
- (b) Where a *Metering Data Provider* receives notification under paragraph (a), the *Metering Data Provider* must use its best endeavours to provide corrected *metering data* to *AEMO* within 1 *business day* or advise *AEMO* that this time limit cannot be achieved, and the reason for delay, in which case the parties must agree on a revised time limit by which the corrected *metering data* will be provided.
- (c) Where *metering data* fails validation by *AEMO* in the preparation of *settlements ready data* and replacement *metering data* is not available within the time required for *settlements* then *AEMO* must prepare a substitute value in accordance with the *metrology procedure*.

7.11.3 Changes to energy data or to metering data

- (a) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that *energy data* held in a *metering installation* is not be altered except when the *meter* is reset to zero as part of a repair or reprogramming.
- (b) If an on-site test of a *metering installation* requires the injection of current, the *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that:

- (1) the *energy data* stored in the *metering installation* is inspected; and
 - (2) if necessary following the inspection under subparagraph (1), alterations are made to the *metering data*, to ensure that the *metering data* in the *metering data services database* and the *metering database* is not materially different from the *energy* consumed at that *connection point* during the period of the test.
- (c) If a *Metering Coordinator* considers alterations are necessary under paragraph (b)(2), the *Metering Coordinator* must:
- (1) notify *AEMO* that alteration to the *metering data* is necessary; and
 - (2) advise the *financially responsible Market Participant* of the need to change the *metering data* and the *Metering Coordinator* must arrange for the *Metering Data Provider* to:
 - (i) alter the *metering data* for the *connection point* held in the *metering data services database* in accordance with the validation, substitution and estimation procedures in the *metrology procedure*; and
 - (ii) submit the altered *metering data* to the *Registered Participants* and the *Network Service Provider* who are entitled to the data in accordance with clause 7.15.5.
- (d) If a test referred to in paragraph (b) is based on actual *connection point loads*, no alteration is required.

7.12 Register of Metering Information

7.12.1 Metering register

- (a) As part of the *metering database*, *AEMO* must maintain a *metering register* of all *metering installations* and *check metering installations* which provide *metering data* used for *settlements*.
- (b) The *metering register* referred to in paragraph (a) must contain the information specified in Schedule 7.1.

7.12.2 Metering register discrepancy

- (a) If the information in the *metering register* indicates that the *metering installation* or the *check metering installation* does not comply with the requirements of the *Rules*, *AEMO* must advise affected *Registered Participants* of the discrepancy.

- (b) If a discrepancy under paragraph (a) occurs, then the *Metering Coordinator* must arrange for the discrepancy to be corrected within *2 business days* unless exempted by *AEMO*.

7.13 Disclosure of NMI information

7.13.1 Application of this Rule

A *retailer* is entitled to information under this *Rule* only if the relevant information is not available to the *retailer* through the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*.

7.13.2 NMI and NMI checksum

- (a) A *Distribution Network Service Provider* must, at the request of a *retailer*, and within *1 business day* of the date of the request, provide the *retailer* with the *NMI* and *NMI* checksum for premises identified in the request by reference to:
 - (1) a unique meter identifier held by the *Distribution Network Service Provider*; or
 - (2) a street address; or
 - (3) the code used by Australia Post to provide a unique identifier for postal addresses.
- (b) If a computer search by the *Distribution Network Service Provider* does not produce a unique match for the information provided by the *retailer*, the *Distribution Network Service Provider* must provide the *retailer* with any computer matches achieved up to a maximum of 99.

7.13.3 NMI Standing Data

A *Distribution Network Service Provider* must, at the request of a *financially responsible Market Participant*, and within *2 business days* of the date of the request, provide the *financially responsible Market Participant* with the *NMI Standing Data* for premises identified in the request by reference to the *NMI* for the premises.

7.14 Metering data provision to retail customers

- (a) *AEMO* must establish, maintain and *publish* the *metering data provision procedures* in accordance with this rule 7.14, this Chapter 7, and otherwise in accordance with the *Rules*.
- (b) The objective of the *metering data provision procedures* is to establish the minimum requirements for the manner and form in

which *metering data* should be provided to a *retail customer* (or its *customer authorised representative*) in response to a request for such data from the *retail customer* or *customer authorised representative*.

- (c) The *metering data provision procedures* must:
- (1) specify the manner and form in which *retail customers' metering data* must be provided, including a:
 - (i) detailed data format; and
 - (ii) summary data format;
 - (2) for *retail customers* for whom *interval metering data* is available, specify the summary data format, which, at a minimum should include the *retail customer's*:
 - (i) nature and extent of *energy* usage for daily time periods;
 - (ii) usage or *load* profile over a specified period; and
 - (iii) a diagrammatic representation of the information referred to in subparagraph (i);
 - (3) for *retail customers* for whom accumulated *metering data* is available, specify a summary data format;
 - (4) include timeframes in which a *financially responsible Market Participant* or a *Distribution Network Service Provider* must, using reasonable endeavours, respond to requests made under clause 7.15.5(a)(8). The timeframe to be included must:
 - (i) be no more than 10 *business days*, except where requests are made under clause 7.15.5(a)(8) by a *customer authorised representative* in relation to more than one *retail customer* of either the *financially responsible Market Participant* or *Distribution Network Service Provider* to whom the request is made; and
 - (ii) take account of procedures in place relating to the validation of *metering data*; and
 - (5) specify a minimum method of delivery for the requested *metering data*.
- (d) *Financially responsible Market Participants* and *Distribution Network Service Providers* must comply with the *metering data provision procedures* when responding to requests under clause 7.15.5(a)(8).

Part F Security of metering installation and energy data

7.15 Security of metering installation and energy data

7.15.1 Confidentiality

Energy data, metering data, NMI Standing Data, information included under a scheme for a NMI Standing Data Schedule as referred to in clause 3.13.12A, information in the *metering register* and passwords are confidential and must be treated as *confidential information* in accordance with the *Rules*.

7.15.2 Security of metering installations

- (a) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that a *metering installation* is secure and that associated links, circuits and information storage and processing systems are protected by security mechanisms acceptable to *AEMO*.
- (b) *AEMO* may override any of the security mechanisms fitted to a *metering installation* with prior notice to the *Metering Coordinator*.
- (c) If a *Local Network Service Provider*, *financially responsible Market Participant*, *Metering Provider* or *Metering Data Provider* becomes aware that a seal protecting *metering* equipment has been broken, it must notify the *Metering Coordinator* within 5 *business days*.
- (d) If a broken seal has not been replaced by the person who notified the *Metering Coordinator* under paragraph (c), the *Metering Coordinator* must replace the broken seal no later than:
 - (1) the first occasion on which the *metering* equipment is visited to take a reading; or
 - (2) 100 days,after receipt of notification that the seal has been broken.
- (e) The costs of replacing broken seals as required by paragraph (d) are to be borne by:
 - (1) the *financially responsible Market Participant* if the seal was broken by a *retail customer* of that *Market Participant*;
 - (2) a *Registered Participant* if the seal was broken by the *Registered Participant*;
 - (3) the *Metering Provider* if the seal was broken by the *Metering Provider*;

- (4) the *Metering Data Provider* if the seal was broken by the *Metering Data Provider*; or
- (5) otherwise by the *Metering Coordinator*.
- (f) If it appears that as a result of, or in connection with, the breaking of a seal referred to in paragraph (c) that the relevant *metering* equipment may no longer meet the relevant minimum standard, the *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that the *metering* equipment is tested.
- (g) A *Metering Coordinator* must not prevent, hinder or otherwise impede a *Local Network Service Provider* from locally accessing a *metering installation* or *connection point* for the purposes of *reconnecting* or *disconnecting* the *connection point*.

7.15.3 Security controls for energy data

- (a) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that *energy data* held in the *metering installation* is protected from local access and remote access by suitable password and security controls in accordance with paragraph (c).
- (b) The *Metering Provider* must keep records of passwords secure.
- (c) Except as otherwise specified in clause 7.15.4(e), the *Metering Provider* must allocate 'read only' passwords to *Market Participants*, *Local Network Service Providers* and *AEMO*, except where separate 'read only' and 'write' passwords are not available, in which case the *Metering Provider* must allocate a password to *AEMO* only. For the avoidance of doubt, a *financially responsible Market Participant* may allocate that 'read only' password to a *retail customer* who has sought access to its *energy data* or *metering data* in accordance with clause 7.15.5(a)(8).
- (d) The *Metering Provider* must hold 'read only' and 'write' passwords.
- (e) The *Metering Provider* must forward a copy of the passwords held under paragraph (d) to *AEMO* on request by *AEMO* for *metering installations* types 1, 2,3 and 4.
- (f) *AEMO* must hold a copy of the passwords referred to in paragraph (e) for the sole purpose of revealing them to a *Metering Provider* in the event that the passwords cannot be obtained by the *Metering Provider* by any other means.
- (g) Subject to the authorisation of the *Metering Coordinator* which is for the purpose of managing congestion in accordance with clause 7.15.5(e), if a *retail customer* of a *financially responsible Market Participant* requests a 'read only' password, the *financially responsible Market Participant* must:

- (1) obtain a 'read only' password from the *Metering Provider* in accordance with paragraph (c); and
- (2) provide a 'read only' password to the *customer* within 10 *business days*.
- (h) The *Metering Coordinator* referred to in paragraph (g) must not unreasonably withhold the authorisation required by the *financially responsible Market Participant*.
- (i) The *Metering Provider* must allocate suitable passwords to the *Metering Data Provider* that enables the *Metering Data Provider* to collect the *energy data* and to maintain the clock of the *metering installation* in accordance with clause 7.10.5.
- (j) The *Metering Data Provider* must keep all *metering installation* passwords secure and not make the passwords available to any other person.
- (k) The *Metering Provider* must provide remote access to the *metering installation* in accordance with the requirements of clause 7.15.5(b) and remote or local access, as the case may be, to the *metering installation* to facilitate the requirements of clause 7.10.5(d).

7.15.4 Additional security controls for small customer metering installations

In respect of a *small customer metering installation*:

- (a) the *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that access to *energy data* held in the *metering installation* is only given to a person and for a purpose that is permitted under the *Rules*;
- (b) the *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that access to services provided by the *metering installation* and *metering data* from the *metering installation* is only given to:
 - (1) in respect of a service listed in the *minimum services specification* in column 1 of table S7.5.1.1 and of *metering data* in connection with that service, an *access party* listed in column 3 of table S7.5.1.1;
 - (2) except as otherwise specified in subparagraph (1), a person and for a purpose to which the *small customer* has given prior consent; or
 - (3) otherwise, a person and for a purpose that is permitted under the *Rules*.

- (c) the *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that the services provided by the *metering installation* are protected from local access and remote access by suitable password and security controls in accordance with paragraph (e);
- (d) the *Metering Provider* must keep records of remote access passwords secure; and
- (e) the *Metering Provider* must ensure that:
 - (1) it forwards a copy of a password allowing local access and a copy of a password allowing remote access to the *metering installation*, services provided by the *metering installation* and *energy data* held in the *metering installation*, to the *Metering Coordinator*, *Metering Data Provider* and *AEMO*; and
 - (2) except as provided above, no other person receives or has access to a copy of a password allowing local access or remote access to the *metering installation*, services provided by the *metering installation* or *energy data* held in the *metering installation*.

7.15.5 Access to data

- (a) The only persons who may be granted access to *energy data* or may receive *metering data*, *NMI Standing Data*, *settlements ready data* or data from the *metering register* for a *metering installation* are:
 - (1) *Registered Participants* with a financial interest in the *metering installation* or the *energy* measured by that *metering installation*;
 - (2) the *Metering Coordinator* appointed with respect to that *metering installation*;
 - (3) the *Metering Provider* who has been appointed with respect to that *metering installation* in accordance with clause 7.3.2(a);
 - (4) *financially responsible Market Participants* in accordance with the *meter churn procedures*;
 - (5) the *Network Service Provider* or providers associated with the *connection point*;
 - (6) *AEMO* and its authorised agents;
 - (7) the *energy ombudsman* in accordance with paragraphs (f), (g) and (h);
 - (8) a *retail customer* or *customer authorised representative*, upon request by that *retail customer* or its *customer authorised*

representative to the financially responsible Market Participant or Distribution Network Service Provider in relation to that retail customer's metering installation;

- (9) if a *small customer* has consented to a person accessing the *metering data* from its *small customer metering installation* in accordance with clause 7.15.4(b)(2), to that person;
 - (10) a *large customer* or a *customer authorised representative*, in relation to data from the *metering installation* in respect of the *connection point* of the *large customer*;
 - (11) the *AER* or *Jurisdictional Regulators* upon request to *AEMO*; and
 - (12) the *Metering Data Provider* who has been appointed to provide *metering data services* with respect to that *metering installation* in accordance with clause 7.3.2(d).
- (b) Remote access to *energy data* recorded by a *metering installation* by persons referred to in paragraph (a) must only be provided where passwords in accordance with rule 7.15 are allocated, otherwise access shall be to *metering data* from the *metering data services database* or the *metering database*.
- (c) Without limiting paragraph (a):
- (1) a *financially responsible Market Participant* is entitled to access or receive *NMI Standing Data*;
 - (2) a *customer authorised representative* is entitled to access or receive the relevant data referred to in paragraph (a); and
 - (3) a *financially responsible Market Participant* or a *Distribution Network Service Provider* is entitled to access or provide the relevant data referred to in paragraph (a) to a *customer authorised representative*,

after having first done whatever may be required or otherwise necessary, where relevant, under any applicable privacy legislation (including if appropriate making relevant disclosures or obtaining relevant consents from *retail customers*).

- (d) The *Metering Data Provider* or *AEMO* (as the case may be) who is responsible for the provision of *metering data services* must ensure that access is provided to *metering data* from the *metering data services database* only to the persons referred to in subparagraphs (a)(1) to (6) and (a)(11).

- (e) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that access to *energy data* from the *metering installation* by persons referred to in paragraph (a) is scheduled appropriately to ensure that congestion does not occur.
- (f) Despite anything to the contrary in this *Rule*, *AEMO* may provide an *energy ombudsman* with *metering data* relating to a *Registered Participant* from a *metering installation*, the *metering database*, or the *metering register* if the ombudsman has received a complaint to which the data is relevant from a *retail customer* of the *Registered Participant*.
- (g) *AEMO* must notify the relevant *Registered Participant* of any information requested by the *energy ombudsman* under paragraph (e) and, if it is requested by that *Registered Participant*, supply the *Registered Participant* with a copy of any information provided to the *energy ombudsman*.
- (h) *AEMO* must, acting jointly with the *energy ombudsman*, develop procedures for the efficient management of timely access to data by *energy ombudsman* in consultation with *Registered Participants* in accordance with the *Rules consultation procedures*.

PART G Procedures

7.16 Procedures

7.16.1 Obligation to establish, maintain and publish procedures

- (a) *AEMO* is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of procedures specified in Chapter 7 except for procedures established and maintained under rule 7.17.
- (b) The procedures authorised by *AEMO* must be established and maintained by *AEMO* in accordance with the *Rules consultation procedures*.
- (c) The *Information Exchange Committee* is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of procedures specified in rule 7.17.
- (d) The procedures authorised by the *Information Exchange Committee* must be established and maintained in accordance with the requirements of rule 7.17.
- (e) The procedures established or maintained under this clause 7.16.1 must be *published* by the party authorised to make the procedure.
- (f) *AEMO* must establish, maintain and *publish* a list of procedures authorised under the *Rules* relevant to this Chapter 7, irrespective of who authorised those procedures.

7.16.2 Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures

- (a) *AEMO*, in consultation with *Registered Participants* in accordance with the *Rules consultation procedures*, must establish, maintain and *publish Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*.
- (b) *AEMO* may from time to time amend the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures* in consultation with *Registered Participants* in accordance with the *Rules consultation procedures*. *AEMO* must *publish* any such amendment to the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*.
- (c) All *Registered Participants*, *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers* must comply with the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*.
- (d) If a *Registered Participant*, *Metering Provider* or *Metering Data Provider* breaches the requirements of the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*, *AEMO* may send to that *Registered Participant* a notice in writing setting out the nature of the breach.
- (e) If the *Registered Participant*, *Metering Provider* or *Metering Data Provider* remains in breach for more than 5 *business days* after receipt of the notice from *AEMO*, *AEMO* must advise:
 - (1) the *AER*; and
 - (2) in the case of breach by a *Registered Participant* other than a *Metering Coordinator*, the *Authority* responsible for administering *jurisdictional electricity legislation* in the *participating jurisdiction* in which the *connection point* to which the breach relates is located.

7.16.3 Requirements of the metrology procedure

- (a) *AEMO* must establish, maintain and *publish* the *metrology procedure* that will apply to *metering installations* in accordance with this clause 7.16.3 and this Chapter 7.
- (b) The *metrology procedure* must include a minimum period of 3 months between the date when the *metrology procedure* is *published* and the date the *metrology procedure* commences unless the change is made under clause 7.16.7(e) in which case the effective date may be the same date as the date of *publication*
- (c) The *metrology procedure* must include:
 - (1) information on the devices and processes that are to be used to:

- (i) measure, or determine by means other than a device, the flow of electricity in a power conductor;
 - (ii) convey the measured or determined data under subparagraph (i) to other devices;
 - (iii) prepare the data using devices or algorithms to form *metering data*; and
 - (iv) provide access to the *metering data* from a *telecommunications network*;
- (2) the requirements for the provision, installation and maintenance of *metering installations*;
- (3) the obligations of *Metering Coordinators, financially responsible Market Participants, Local Network Service Providers, Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers*;
- (4) details on:
 - (i) the parameters that determine the circumstances when *metering data* must be delivered to *AEMO* for the purposes of Chapter 3 and such parameters must include, but are not limited to, the volume limit per annum below which *AEMO* will not require *metering data* for those purposes;
 - (ii) the timeframe obligations for the delivery of *metering data* relating to a *metering installation* for the purpose of *settlements*; and
 - (iii) the performance standards for *metering data* required for the purpose of *settlements*;
- (5) subject to clause 7.16.4(d)(2), zero MWh as the specification for the *type 5 accumulation boundary*;
- (6) procedures for:
 - (i) the validation and substitution of *metering data*;
 - (ii) the estimation of *metering data*;
 - (iii) the method:
 - (A) by which *accumulated metering data* is to be converted by *AEMO* into *trading interval metering data*; and

(B) of managing the *first-tier load metering data* that is necessary to enable the conversion referred to in subparagraph (A) to take place; and

(7) other matters in the *Rules* required to be included in the *metrology procedure*.

7.16.4 Jurisdictional metrology material in metrology procedure

- (a) Subject to this clause 7.16.4, *AEMO* may include in the *metrology procedure* other metrology material that is in the nature of a guideline, specification or other standard for a *participating jurisdiction* in relation to type 5, 6 and 7 *metering installations* which alters the application of the *metrology procedure* for that jurisdiction (*jurisdictional metrology material*).
- (b) *Jurisdictional metrology material* may only be submitted to *AEMO* for inclusion in the metrology procedure by the *Ministers of the MCE*.
- (c) *Jurisdictional metrology material* submitted to *AEMO* under paragraph (b) must:
- (1) be in writing;
 - (2) be provided to *AEMO* within sufficient time for *AEMO* to meet its obligations under this clause 7.16.4;
 - (3) be consistent with the matters contained in clauses 7.16.3 and 7.16.5;
 - (4) contain a date by which the *Ministers of the MCE* will undertake a review in relation to harmonising the *jurisdictional metrology material* with the *metrology procedure* (the **review date**); and
 - (5) be accompanied by written reasons as to why the *jurisdictional metrology material* is required instead of the *metrology procedure*.
- (d) *Jurisdictional metrology material* may address the following matters:
- (1) guidelines for the replacement of a device capable of producing *interval energy data* with a device that only produces *accumulated energy data*; and
 - (2) the specification of the *type 5 accumulation boundary*.

- (e) On receiving *jurisdictional metrology material* from the *Ministers of the MCE*, *AEMO* must undertake the *Rules consultation procedures* in relation to that material, including in that consultation the reasons referred to subparagraph (c)(5).
- (f) At the conclusion of the *Rules consultation procedures* under paragraph (e), *AEMO* must provide a final report to the *Ministers of the MCE* in accordance with rule 8.9(k) of the outcome of that procedure and:
 - (1) in the case where the *Ministers of the MCE* do not advise *AEMO* of any amendments to the *jurisdictional metrology material*, *AEMO* must incorporate that material into a separate part of the *metrology procedure*; or
 - (2) in the case where the *Ministers of the MCE* advise *AEMO* of amendments to the *jurisdictional metrology material*, *AEMO* must incorporate the amended material into a separate part of the *metrology procedure*.
- (g) The *jurisdictional metrology material*, as included in the *metrology procedure* by *AEMO*, expires on the review date unless the *Ministers of the MCE* submit to *AEMO* new *jurisdictional metrology material* in accordance with this clause 7.16.4.
- (h) The *jurisdictional metrology material* must not prevent the *metering data* from being collected as *interval metering data* if required by the *financially responsible Market Participant* or a *Local Network Service Provider* for any purpose other than for *settlements*.

7.16.5 Additional metrology procedure matters

- (a) The *metrology procedure* may:
 - (1) clarify the operation of the *Rules* in relation to:
 - (i) *load profiling*;
 - (ii) the provision and maintenance of *meters*;
 - (iii) the provision of *metering data services*;
 - (iv) metrology for a *market load* connected to a *network* where the owner or operator of that *network* is not a *Registered Participant*;
 - (v) the accreditation of *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers*; and
 - (vi) with respect to the provision, installation and maintenance of *metering installations* and the provision

of *metering data services*, the obligations of *Metering Coordinators*, *financially responsible Market Participants*, *Local Network Service Providers*, *AEMO*, *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers*;

- (2) specify in detail:
 - (i) the accuracy of *metering installations*;
 - (ii) inspection and testing standards;
 - (iii) *Metering Provider* and *Metering Data Provider* capabilities in accordance with Schedule 7.2 and Schedule 7.3 respectively, and accreditation standards;
 - (iv) the standards and/or technical requirements for the *metering data services database*; and
 - (v) the technical standards for *metering* of a *market load* that is *connected* to a *network* where the operator or owner of that *network* is not a *Registered Participant*;
 - (3) provide information on the application of the *Rules*, subject to a statement in the procedure that where any inconsistency arises between the *Rules* and the *metrology procedure*, the *Rules* prevail to the extent of that inconsistency;
 - (4) contain requirements:
 - (i) for the appointment and payment of *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers*; and
 - (ii) for the provision of relevant details of the *metering installation* to the *Metering Coordinators*, where applicable;
 - (5) in relation to type 4A, 5, 6 and 7 *metering installations* specify in what circumstances *metering data* held in the *metering data services database* within the relevant *participating jurisdiction*, can be used by *Distribution Network Service Providers* to calculate charges for *distribution services* for the purposes of clause 6.20.1(e); and
 - (6) contain information to ensure consistency in practice between the *metrology procedure* and other instruments developed and published by *AEMO*, including the practices adopted in the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*.
- (b) The *metrology procedure* may not include information relating to consumer protection.

7.16.6 Requirements of the service level procedures

- (a) *AEMO* must establish, maintain and *publish* the *service level procedures* that will apply to the relevant categories of registration that apply to *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers*, in accordance with this Chapter 7 and this clause 7.16.6.
- (b) *AEMO* must establish and *publish* the *service level procedures* in accordance with clause 7.16.1.
- (c) The *service level procedures* must include:
 - (1) the requirements for the provision, installation and maintenance of *metering installations* by *Metering Providers*;
 - (2) requirements for the systems and processes for the collection, processing and delivery of *metering data* by *Metering Data Providers*;
 - (3) the performance levels associated with the collection, processing and delivery of *metering data*;
 - (4) the data formats that must be used for the delivery of *metering data*;
 - (5) the requirements for the management of relevant *NMI Standing Data*;
 - (6) the requirements for the processing of *metering data* associated with *connection point* transfers and the alteration of *metering installations* where one or more devices are replaced;
 - (7) other matters in the *Rules* required to be included in the *service level procedures*; and
 - (8) information to ensure consistency in practice between the *service level procedures* and other documents developed and *published* by *AEMO*, including the practices adopted in the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solutions Procedures*.
- (d) The *service level procedures* must include requirements for accreditation, and for *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers* (the '**service providers**'), may include requirements relating to, without limitation:
 - (1) cooperation with *AEMO*;
 - (2) the confidentiality of information collected by the service providers;

- (3) the resolution of disputes between *AEMO* and the service providers, including disputes associated with a breach of the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules*;
- (4) the access of *AEMO* to and the inspection and audit by *AEMO* of any equipment or database maintained by the service providers;
- (5) the insurance which must be taken out by or on behalf of the service providers;
- (6) subcontracting by the service providers;
- (7) the software and systems that are used by the service providers;
- (8) maintenance of quality systems accreditation;
- (9) the ownership of intellectual property that is developed or used by the service providers; and
- (10) the delivery up to *AEMO* of data, works, material and other property that *AEMO* has the right to in the event of the deregistration of a service provider.

7.16.7 Amendment of procedures in the Metering Chapter

- (a) Any person (the '**proponent**') may submit to *AEMO* a proposal (the '**proposal**') to amend any procedure in this Chapter 7 including the *metrology procedure* except:
 - (1) in relation to the *jurisdictional metrology material* which is contained within the *metrology procedure*; and
 - (2) procedures specified in rule 7.17,and must include reasons for the proposed change.
- (b) For proposals submitted under paragraph (a), *AEMO* must:
 - (1) give notice of receipt of the proposal to the proponent; and
 - (2) advise the proponent of the action that *AEMO* proposes to undertake under paragraphs (c) or (e).
- (c) Where *AEMO*:
 - (1) accepts the proposal, *AEMO* must conduct the *Rules consultation procedures* in relation to that proposal;

- (2) requests further information from the proponent in relation to a proposal, on receiving that information *AEMO* must either accept, or reject the proposal; or
 - (3) rejects a proposal, *AEMO* must advise the proponent of its decision and reasons for the decision in writing.
- (d) *AEMO* may at the conclusion of the *Rules consultation procedures* amend the procedure (if necessary).
- (e) Where, in *AEMO*'s reasonable opinion, a proposal referred to in paragraph (a) relates to amendments that are of a minor or administrative nature, *AEMO* is not required to undertake the *Rules consultation procedures* but must:
- (1) *publish* the proposal including the accompanying reasons;
 - (2) issue a notice to *Registered Participants, Metering Providers, Metering Data Providers, Ministers* and the *AER* advising that the amendment to the procedure has been *published*;
 - (3) invite submissions on the proposal;
 - (4) allow 10 *business days* for the receipt of submissions;
 - (5) allow a reasonable extension of time for submissions if requested in writing by a *Registered Participant, Metering Provider* or *Metering Data Provider*;
 - (6) *publish* submissions as soon as practicable after submissions have been received;
 - (7) consider the submissions; and
 - (8) *publish*, on or before the day of *publication* of the procedure identified in paragraph (a), reasons for the amendments to the procedure.

7.16.8 National Measurement Act

- (a) *AEMO* in consultation with the National Measurement Institute must establish guidelines that clarify the application of the requirements of the *National Measurement Act* to *metering installations*.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent that there is an inconsistency between the *Rules* and the *National Measurement Act*, the Act prevails to the extent of that inconsistency.

Part H B2B Requirements

7.17 B2B Arrangements

7.17.1 B2B e-Hub

AEMO must provide and operate a B2B e-Hub. As required by B2B Procedures and subject to clause 7.17.4(j), Local Retailers, Market Customers, Metering Coordinators and Distribution Network Service Providers must use the B2B e-Hub for B2B Communications.

7.17.2 Information Exchange Committee

- (a) *AEMO must establish the Information Exchange Committee in accordance with the Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures.*
- (b) *The Information Exchange Committee must only be constituted by:*
 - (1) *three Distribution Network Service Provider Members;*
 - (2) *three Local Retailer/Market Customer Members; and*
 - (3) *two Independent Members.*
- (b1) *Local Retailers and Market Customers together and Distribution Network Service Providers must, in relation to categories of Members in relation to which they are entitled to vote under the Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures, use their reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Information Exchange Committee is established in accordance with the Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures. Each Member must serve on the Information Exchange Committee for the term specified in the Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures and must only be removed or replaced in accordance with the Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures.*
- (c) *Local Retailers, Market Customers and Distribution Network Service Providers must ensure that the Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures include provisions in respect of Member qualifications, procedures for voting for Members, the term of a Member, determination and publication of results of elections and the removal and resignation of a Member.*
- (d) *The Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures may only be amended in accordance with the procedure set out in the Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures and with the support of:*

- (i) not less than 75% of all *Registered Participants* registered by *AEMO* as *Distribution Network Service Providers* under clause 2.5.1; and
 - (ii) not less than 75% of that class of *Registered Participants* comprising:
 - (A) *Registered Participants* who are included on the list of *Local Retailers* published by *AEMO*; and
 - (B) *Market Customers* who are not included on the list of *Local Retailers* published by *AEMO* and who are not a *related body corporate* of a *Local Retailer*.
- (d1) Neither a *Registered Participant* nor *AEMO* is obliged to comply with an amendment to the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* unless that amendment is made in accordance with this clause. *AEMO* must *publish* the current version of the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures*.
- (e) A *Registered Participant* must ensure that a person it nominates as a *Member* for a category satisfies the requirements for that particular category of *Member* as set out in the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures*.
- (f) The *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual* may only be amended in accordance with the procedure set out in the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* and with the support of:
- (1) not less than 75% of all *Registered Participants* registered by *AEMO* as *Distribution Network Service Providers* under clause 2.5.1; and
 - (2) not less than 75% of that class of *Registered Participants* comprising:
 - (i) *Registered Participants* who are included on the list of *Local Retailers* published by *AEMO*; and
 - (ii) *Market Customers* who are not included on the list of *Local Retailers* published by *AEMO* and who are not a *related body corporate* of a *Local Retailer*.
- (f1) Neither a *Registered Participant* nor *AEMO* is obliged to comply with an amendment to the *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual* unless that amendment is made in accordance with this clause. *AEMO* must *publish* the current version of the *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual*.

- (g) The functions and powers of the *Information Exchange Committee* include:
 - (1) developing, consulting on and making an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*;
 - (2) managing the ongoing development of the *B2B Procedures* and any changes to them;
 - (3) establishing the *Information Exchange Committee Working Groups*;
 - (4) developing, consulting on and approving the *Information Exchange Committee Works Programme*;
 - (5) reviewing and considering work completed by the *Information Exchange Committee Working Groups*;
 - (6) developing proposed amendments to the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures*; and
 - (7) developing proposed amendments to the *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual*.
- (h) The *Information Exchange Committee* must provide to AEMO the current version of the *B2B Procedures* and the *Information Exchange Committee Works Programme*.
- (i) AEMO must publish the *B2B Procedures* and the *Information Exchange Committee Works Programme* provided to it by the *Information Exchange Committee*.
- (j) The *Information Exchange Committee*, AEMO, *Local Retailers*, *Market Customers* and *Distribution Network Service Providers* must comply with the *Information Exchange Committee Election Procedures* and the *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual*.
- (k) The *Information Exchange Committee* must meet at least once every three months.
- (l) The quorum for a meeting of the *Information Exchange Committee* is five *Members* comprising two *Distribution Network Service Provider Members*, two *Local Retailer/Market Customer Members* and one *Independent Member*.
- (m) A decision of the *Information Exchange Committee* is not valid and enforceable unless it is made as follows:
 - (1) an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* requires the support of six or more *Members*;

- (2) any decision that a proposal under clause 7.17.3(a) should not be considered further after initial consideration under clause 7.17.3(b), and any decision to not recommend *B2B Procedures* or a change to the *B2B Procedures* for approval by *AEMO* requires the support of six or more *Members*;
 - (3) any decision to approve the *Information Exchange Committee Works Programme* requires the support of six or more *Members*; and
 - (4) any other decision by the *Information Exchange Committee* requires the support of five or more *Members*.
- (n) Each *Member* in performing his or her duties or in exercising any right, power or discretion must have regard to the *B2B Objective* and the *B2B Principles* and must:
- (1) at all times act honestly;
 - (2) exercise the degree of care and diligence that a reasonable person in a like position would exercise;
 - (3) not make improper use of information acquired by virtue of his or her position to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage for himself or herself, or the *Registered Participants* by which he or she is employed and/or which nominated him or her to be a *Member*; and
 - (4) not make improper use of his or her position to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage for himself or herself or the *Registered Participants* by which he or she is employed and/or which nominated him or her to be a *Member*.
- (o) Subject to paragraph (n), a *Distribution Network Service Provider Member* may take into account the interests of *Distribution Network Service Providers* in performing his or her duties or in exercising any right, power or discretion.
- (p) Subject to paragraph (n), a *Local Retailer/Market Customer Member* may take into account the interests of *Local Retailers* and *Market Customers* in performing his or her duties or in exercising any right, power or discretion.
- (q) The *Information Exchange Committee* must prepare an *Information Exchange Committee Annual Report* by 31 December each year. The *Information Exchange Committee* must provide the *Information Exchange Committee Annual Report* to *AEMO* by the following 31 March and *AEMO* must *publish* that *Information Exchange Committee Annual Report*.

- (r) The *Information Exchange Committee Annual Report* must contain the information required by the *Information Exchange Committee Operating Manual*.
- (s) By 28 February each year the *Information Exchange Committee* must prepare a draft budget for the following *financial year* in a form which is consistent with the budget procedures of *AEMO*. Following discussion with *AEMO* the *Information Exchange Committee* must prepare a budget by 31 March and provide that budget to *AEMO*. When *AEMO publishes* its budget pursuant to clause 2.11.3, *AEMO* must advise the *Information Exchange Committee* of the final budget for the *Information Exchange Committee* for that *financial year*.

7.17.3 Method of making and changing B2B Procedures

- (a) *AEMO*, a *Local Retailer*, a *Market Customer*, a *Metering Coordinator* or a *Distribution Network Service Provider* may propose *B2B Procedures*, or a change to the *B2B Procedures*, to the *Information Exchange Committee*. The proposal must be submitted in writing to the *Information Exchange Committee* and must provide details of the proposal and supporting information, including reasons for any change or *B2B Procedure*.
- (b) Within 25 *business days* of receipt by the *Information Exchange Committee* of a proposal under paragraph (a), the *Information Exchange Committee* must meet to determine whether on a *prima facie* basis making new *B2B Procedures* and/or changing the *B2B Procedures* is warranted having regard to the *B2B Objective* and the *B2B Principles*.
- (c) If, after its consideration under paragraph (b), the *Information Exchange Committee* decides that the proposal made under paragraph (a) should not be considered further, the *Information Exchange Committee* must within five *business days* provide written reasons for that decision to whichever of *AEMO*, the *Local Retailer*, *Market Customer*, *Metering Coordinator* or *Distribution Network Service Provider* made the proposal.
- (d) If, after its consideration under paragraph (b), the *Information Exchange Committee* decides that the proposal made under paragraph (a) should be considered further, the *Information Exchange Committee* must develop the proposal into a *B2B Proposal* (which may differ from the proposal originally made) and an accompanying *B2B Procedures Change Pack* for consultation. The *Information Exchange Committee* must seek *AEMO's* advice on whether a conflict with the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures* arises from the *B2B Proposal* and include any such advice in the *B2B Procedures Change Pack*.

- (e) The *Information Exchange Committee* must comply with the *Rules consultation procedures* in relation to the *B2B Proposal*. For the purposes of rule 8.9(b), the nominated persons to whom notice must be given are *Local Retailers, Market Customers, Metering Coordinators, Distribution Network Service Providers* and *AEMO*. For the purposes of the notice, the particulars of the matters under consultation must include a copy of the *B2B Procedures Change Pack*.
- (f) *AEMO* must *publish* the notice of consultation within 3 *business days* of its receipt and must notify all *Local Retailers, Market Customers, Metering Coordinators* and *Distribution Network Service Providers* of the consultation.
- (g) In addition to the matters which rule 8.9(g) requires be included in the draft report, the draft report must contain details of the *Information Exchange Committee's* consideration of the *B2B Objective* and each of the *B2B Principles* and how the *Information Exchange Committee* has considered each submission made having regard to the *B2B Objective* and the *B2B Principles*.
- (h) In addition to the matters which rule 8.9(k) requires be included in the final report, the final report must contain details of the *Information Exchange Committee's* consideration of the *B2B Objective* and each of the *B2B Principles* and how the *Information Exchange Committee* has considered each submission having regard to the *B2B Objective* and the *B2B Principles*.
- (i) The *Information Exchange Committee* can conclude not to recommend the proposed *B2B Procedures* be made or not to recommend a change to the *B2B Procedures*. Alternatively, the *Information Exchange Committee* may make an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* and in doing so may recommend a different *B2B Procedure* or change to the *B2B Procedures* from that originally proposed under paragraph (a). A conclusion not to recommend the proposed *B2B Procedures* be made or not to recommend a change to the *B2B Procedures*, or the making of an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, must be included in the final report required under rule 8.9(k).
- (j) In coming to a conclusion not to recommend the proposed *B2B Procedures* or not to recommend a change to the *B2B Procedures*, or in making an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, the *Information Exchange Committee* must seek to achieve the *B2B Objective* and, in seeking to achieve the *B2B Objective*, must have regard to the *B2B Principles*. To the extent of any conflict between the *B2B Principles*, the *Information Exchange Committee* may determine the manner in which those principles can best be reconciled or which of them should prevail.

- (k) If the *Information Exchange Committee* recommends not to make the proposed *B2B Procedures* or not to change the *B2B Procedures*, *AEMO* must take no further action in respect of the proposal. If the *Information Exchange Committee* makes an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, *AEMO* must consider the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* and must approve that *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, unless it concludes that:
 - (1) the *Information Exchange Committee* has failed to have regard to the *B2B Objective* and/or the *B2B Principles*;
 - (2) the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* would conflict with the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*; or
 - (3) the *Information Exchange Committee* has not followed the *Rules consultation procedures* (as supplemented by this clause 7.17.3).
- (l) In considering an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, *AEMO* must not consider:
 - (1) the manner in which the *Information Exchange Committee* considered the *B2B Objective* and the *B2B Principles* or the weight given by the *Information Exchange Committee* to the different *B2B Principles* or the balancing between them; or
 - (2) the merits of the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*.
- (m) *AEMO* must not amend the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* and must not conduct any further consultation on the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* prior to making its *B2B Decision*.
- (n) *AEMO* must *publish* and make available on its website its *B2B Decision*, with reasons, within 10 *business days* of receiving an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* from the *Information Exchange Committee*.
- (o) If *AEMO* decides not to approve an *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation*, the reasons for the *B2B Decision* which are to be published and made available in accordance with paragraph (n) must include an explanation of the following, where applicable:
 - (1) to which of the *B2B Objective* and/or the *B2B Principles* *AEMO* considers the *Information Exchange Committee* failed to have regard;

- (2) how the *Information Exchange Committee Recommendation* would give rise to a conflict with the *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures*; or
- (3) how the *Information Exchange Committee* did not follow the *Rules consultation procedures* (as supplemented by this clause 7.17.3).

7.17.4 Content of the B2B Procedures

- (a) The *B2B Procedures* may provide for *B2B Communications*.
- (b) For each *B2B Communication*, the *B2B Procedures* must contain:
 - (1) the required *B2B Data* inputs and *B2B Data* outputs;
 - (2) the required business process flows and related timing requirements;
 - (3) the required content and format;
 - (4) the required delivery method; and
 - (5) the back up delivery method to be used where the required delivery method cannot be used.
- (c) The *B2B Procedures* may include obligations in relation to the information to be maintained and provided to support *B2B Communications*.
- (d) For each *B2B Communication* the *B2B Procedures* may also include:
 - (1) details for testing and certification;
 - (2) provisions relating to contingency arrangements;
 - (3) examples of how a *B2B Communication* may operate in practice; and
 - (4) the method for dealing with a dispute (which may include provisions deferring the use of the dispute resolution procedures in the *Rules* and access to the courts).
- (e) The *B2B Procedures* or a change to the *B2B Procedures* must also include a date for the commencement of the *B2B Procedures* or the change. That date must be not less than 10 *business days* after the related *B2B Decision* is *published*. The *Information Exchange Committee* may extend that date following consultation with AEMO and affected *Registered Participants*. If the date is extended by the *Information Exchange Committee*, the *Information Exchange*

Committee must provide *AEMO* with that date and *AEMO* must *publish* that date.

- (f) A change to the *B2B Procedures* may also include provisions relating to a date for the end of a process related to a *B2B Communication*. That date may be after the date of commencement of the change and may be left to the discretion of the *Information Exchange Committee*. If the date is set by the *Information Exchange Committee*, the *Information Exchange Committee* must provide *AEMO* with that date and *AEMO* must *publish* that date.
- (g) The *B2B Procedures* may be constituted by one or more separate documents.
- (h) The *B2B Procedures* may include roles and responsibilities for *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers*.
- (i) Subject to the *Information Exchange Committee* following the requirements placed upon it in the *Rules* in relation to the *B2B Procedures*, *Local Retailers*, *Market Customers*, *Metering Coordinators*, *Distribution Network Service Providers*, *AEMO*, *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers* must comply with the *B2B Procedures*.
- (j) *Local Retailers*, *Metering Coordinators*, *Market Customers* and *Distribution Network Service Providers* may, on such terms and conditions as agreed between them, communicate a *B2B Communication* on a basis other than as set out in the *B2B Procedures*, in which case the parties to the agreement need not comply with the *B2B Procedures* to the extent that the terms and conditions agreed between them are inconsistent with the *B2B Procedures*.
- (k) *B2B Data* is confidential information and may only be disclosed as permitted by the *Rules*.
- (l) If a change to the *B2B Procedures* is of a minor or procedural nature or is necessary to correct a manifest error in the *B2B Procedures*, the *Information Exchange Committee* may recommend the change to *AEMO* and need not consult on the change in accordance with the *Rules consultation procedures*. Clauses 7.17.3(i) to (o) (inclusive) and paragraphs (e) and (f) apply to such a change (with any necessary modifications). In addition to publishing its *B2B Decision* in relation to such a change, *AEMO* must notify all *Local Retailers*, *Market Customers*, *Metering Coordinators* and *Distribution Network Service Providers* of the change.

7.17.5 Cost Recovery

- (a) The costs of the development of the *B2B Procedures*, the costs of the establishment and operation of the *Information Exchange Committee* (including the engagement costs of specialist advisers, and the remuneration and payment of the reasonable expenses of the *Independent Members*), all of which must be set out in the budget prepared by the *Information Exchange Committee* pursuant to clause 7.17.2(s) and the *Information Exchange Committee Annual Report*, and the operational costs associated with any service provided by AEMO to facilitate *B2B Communications* (including providing and operating a *B2B e-Hub*) must be paid by AEMO in the first instance and recouped by AEMO as *Participant fees*.
- (b) Subject to paragraph (a), the cost of any *Member* (other than an *Independent Member*) and involvement of individuals in the *Information Exchange Committee Working Groups* is not to be borne by AEMO.
- (c) The cost to a person of implementing and maintaining the necessary systems and processes to ensure compliance with *B2B Procedures* must be met by that person.

Schedule 7.1 Metering register

S7.1.1 General

- (a) The *metering register* forms part of the *metering database* and holds static *metering* information associated with *metering installations* defined by the *Rules* that determines the validity and accuracy of *metering data*.
- (b) The purpose of the *metering register* is to facilitate:
 - (1) the registration of *connection points*, *metering points* and affected *Registered Participants*;
 - (2) the verification of compliance with the *Rules*; and
 - (3) the auditable control of changes to the registered information.
- (c) The data in the *metering register* is to be regarded as confidential and must only be released to the appropriate party in accordance with clause 7.15.5(a).

S7.1.2 Metering register information

Metering information to be contained in the *metering register* should include, but is not limited to the following:

- (a) *Connection* and *metering point* reference details, including:

- (1) agreed locations and reference details (eg drawing numbers);
 - (2) loss compensation calculation details;
 - (3) site identification names;
 - (4) details of *Market Participants* and *Local Network Service Providers* associated with the *connection point*;
 - (5) details of the *Metering Coordinator*; and
 - (6) transfer date for *Second-Tier Customer* and *Non-Registered Second-Tier Customer metering data* (i.e. to another *Market Customer*).
- (b) The identity and characteristics of *metering* equipment (ie *instrument transformers, metering installation* and *check metering installation*), including:
- (1) serial numbers;
 - (2) *metering installation* identification name;
 - (3) *metering installation* types and models;
 - (4) *instrument transformer* ratios (available and connected);
 - (5) current test and calibration programme details, test results and references to test certificates;
 - (6) asset management plan and testing schedule;
 - (7) calibration tables, where applied to achieve *metering installation* accuracy;
 - (8) *Metering Provider(s)* and *Metering Data Provider(s)* details;
 - (9) summation scheme values and multipliers; and
 - (10) data register coding details.
- (c) Data communication details, including:
- (1) telephone number(s) for access to *energy data*;
 - (2) communication equipment type and serial numbers;
 - (3) communication protocol details or references;
 - (4) data conversion details;
 - (5) user identifications and access rights; and

- (6) 'write' password (to be contained in a hidden or protected field).
- (d) Data validation, substitution and estimation processes agreed between affected parties, including:
 - (1) algorithms;
 - (2) data comparison techniques;
 - (3) processing and alarms (eg *voltage* source limits; phase angle limits);
 - (4) *check metering* compensation details; and
 - (5) alternate data sources.
- (e) Data processing prior to the *settlement* process, including algorithms for:
 - (1) *generation* half-hourly 'sent out' calculation;
 - (2) customer half-hourly *load* calculation; and
 - (3) *Local Retailer* net *load* calculation.

Schedule 7.2 Metering Provider

S7.2.1 General

- (a) A *Metering Provider* must be accredited by and registered by *AEMO*. *AEMO* must accredit and register a *Metering Provider* only for the type of work the *Metering Provider* is qualified to provide.
- (b) *AEMO* must establish a qualification process for *Metering Providers* that enables registration to be achieved in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule 7.2.
- (c) A *Metering Provider* must have the necessary licences in accordance with appropriate State and Territory requirements.
- (d) A *Metering Provider* must ensure that any *metering* equipment it installs is suitable for the range of operating conditions to which it will be exposed (e.g. temperature; impulse levels), and operates within the defined limits for that equipment.
- (e) A *Metering Provider* must ensure that the *metering installation* is installed and maintained in accordance with the *metrology procedure*.

S7.2.2 Categories of registration

- (a) Registrations for *Metering Providers* in relation to the provision, installation and maintenance of *metering installation* types 1, 2, 3, 4 and 4A must be categorised in accordance with Tables S7.2.2.1, S7.2.2.2 and S7.2.2.3, or other procedures approved by AEMO.
- (b) Registrations for *Metering Providers* in relation to the provision, installation and maintenance (unless otherwise specified) of *metering installation* types 5 and 6 must be categorised in accordance with Table S7.2.2.4 with the capabilities established in the *metrology procedures*.
- (c) Registration for *Metering Providers* in relation to the provision, installation and maintenance of *small customer metering installations* must be categorised in accordance with Tables S7.2.2.2 and satisfy the requirements in clause S7.2.5.
- (d) AEMO may establish *Accredited Service Provider* categories of registration for a *Metering Provider* in accordance with clause S7.2.6.

Table S7.2.2.1 Categories of registration for accreditation

Category	Competency
1C	Class 0.2 CTs with < 0.1% uncertainty.
1V	Class 0.2 VTs with < 0.1% uncertainty.
1M	Class 0.2 Wh meters with < 0.1/cosφ% uncertainty and class 0.5 varh meters with <0.3/sinφ uncertainty.
1A	Class 0.2 CTs, VTs, Wh meters; class 0.5 varh meters; the total installation to 0.5%. Wh with < 0.2% uncertainty at unity <i>power factor</i> ; 1.0% for varh with <0.4% uncertainty at zero <i>power factor</i> .
2C	Class 0.5 CTs with < 0.2% uncertainty.
2V	Class 0.5 VTs with < 0.2% uncertainty.
2M	Class 0.5 Wh meters with < 0.2/cosφ uncertainty and class 1.0 varh meters with <0.4/sinφ uncertainty.
2A	Class 0.5 CTs, VTs, Wh meters; class 1.0 varh meters; the total installation to 1.0%. Wh with < 0.4% uncertainty at unity <i>power factor</i> ; 2.0% for varh with <0.5% uncertainty at zero <i>power factor</i> .

Table S7.2.2.2 Categories of registration for accreditation

Category	Competency
3M	Class 1.0 Wh meters with $< 0.3/\cos\phi$ uncertainty and class 2.0 varh meters with $<0.5/\sin\phi\%$ uncertainty.
3A	Class 0.5 CTs, VTs; class 1.0 Wh meters; class 2.0% varh meters; the total installation to 1.5%. Wh with $< 0.5\%$ uncertainty at unity <i>power factor</i> ; 3.0% for varh with $<0.6\%$ uncertainty at zero <i>power factor</i> .
4M	Class 1.0 Wh meters and class 1.5 Wh meters with $<0.3/\cos\phi\%$ uncertainty
4A	Class 1.0 Wh meters and class 1.5 Wh meters with $<0.3/\cos\phi\%$ uncertainty
4S	Class 1.0Wh meters and class 1.5 Wh meters with $<0.3/\cos\phi\%$ uncertainty

Table S7.2.2.3 Categories of registration for accreditation

Category	Competency
L	Approved <i>communications interface</i> installer

Table S7.2.2.4 Categories of registration for accreditation

Category	Competency
5A Installation only	Class 1.0 and class 1.5 whole current Wh <i>meters</i> with $<0.3/\cos\Phi\%$ uncertainty.
6A Installation only	Class 1.5 whole current Wh <i>meters</i> with $<0.3/\cos\Phi\%$ uncertainty.
5B	Class 1.0 and class 1.5 whole current or CT connected Wh <i>meters</i> with $<0.3/\cos\Phi\%$ uncertainty.
6B	Class 1.5 whole current or CT connected Wh <i>meters</i> with $0.3</math>\cos\Phi\% uncertainty.$

S7.2.3 Capabilities of Metering Providers for metering installations types 1, 2, 3, 4 and 4A

Category 1A, 2A, 3A and 4M *Metering Providers* must be able to exhibit the following capabilities to the reasonable satisfaction of *AEMO*:

- (a) Detailed design and specification of *metering* schemes, including:
 - (1) knowledge and understanding of this Chapter 7;
 - (2) knowledge of equipment (*meters, current transformers* and where applicable *voltage transformers*);
 - (3) design experience including knowledge of *current transformers* and where applicable *voltage transformers* and the effect of burdens on performance;
 - (4) ability to calculate summation scheme values, multipliers, etc; and
 - (5) ability to produce documentation, such as single line diagrams, panel layouts and wiring diagrams.
- (b) Programming and certification requirements for *metering installations* to the required accuracy, including:
 - (1) licensed access to *metering* software applicable to all equipment being installed by the *Metering Provider*;
 - (2) ability to program requirements by setting variables in *meters, summators, modems, etc*;
 - (3) management of the testing of all equipment to the accuracy requirements specified in this Chapter 7;
 - (4) certifications that all calibration and other *meter* parameters have been set, verified and recorded prior to *meters*, and other components of the *metering installation* being released for installation;
 - (5) all reference/calibration equipment for the purpose of meeting test or inspection obligations must be tested to ensure full traceability to test certificates issued by a *NATA* accredited body or a body recognised by *NATA* under the International Laboratory Accreditation Corporation (**ILAC**) mutual recognition scheme and documentation of the traceability must be provided to *AEMO* on request; and

- (6) compliance with ISO/IEC Guide 25 "General Requirements for the Competence of Calibration and Testing Laboratories" with regard to the calculation of uncertainties and accuracy.
- (c) Installation and commissioning of *metering installations* and, where necessary, the *communications interface* to facilitate the *remote acquisition of metering data*, including:
 - (1) the use of calibrated test equipment to perform primary injection tests and field accuracy tests;
 - (2) the availability of trained and competent staff to install and test *metering installations* to determine that installation is correct; and
 - (3) the use of test procedures to confirm that the *metering installation* is correct and that *metering* constants are recorded and/or programmed correctly.
 - (d) Inspection and maintenance of *metering installations* and equipment, including:
 - (1) regular readings of the measurement device where external recording is used (6 monthly) and verification with *AEMO* records;
 - (2) approved test and inspection procedures to perform appropriate tests as detailed in this Chapter 7;
 - (3) calibrated field test equipment for primary injection and *meter* testing to the required levels of uncertainty; and
 - (4) secure documentation system to maintain *metering* records for all work performed on a *metering installation*, including details of the security method used.
 - (e) Verification of *metering data* and *check metering data*, as follows:
 - (1) on commissioning *metering data*, verification of all readings, constraints (adjustments) and multipliers to be used for converting raw data to consumption data; and
 - (2) on inspection, testing and/or maintenance, verification that readings, constants and multipliers are correct by direct conversion of *meter* readings and check against the *metering database*.
 - (f) Quality System as AS 9000 series standards, including:
 - (1) a quality system to AS/NZ ISO 9000 series applicable to the work to be performed:

Type 1 full implementation of AS/NZ ISO 9002;

Type 2 full implementation of AS/NZ ISO 9002;

Type 3 – implementation of AS/NZ ISO 9002 to a level agreed with *AEMO*;

Type 4 implementation of AS/NZ ISO 9002 to a level agreed with *AEMO*;

Type 4A – implementation of AS/NZ ISO 9002 to a level agreed with *AEMO*;

- (2) the calculations of accuracy based on test results are to include all reference standard errors;
 - (3) an estimate of Testing Uncertainties which must be calculated in accordance with the ISO “Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement”; and
 - (4) a knowledge and understanding of the appropriate standards and guides, including those in the *Rules*.
- (g) All of the capabilities relevant to that type of *metering installation* which are set out in the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules*.

S7.2.4 Capabilities of Metering Providers for metering installations types 5 and 6

Metering Providers, who apply for categories of *Metering Provider* accreditation of *metering installations* types 5 and/or 6, must be able to exhibit, to the reasonable satisfaction of *AEMO* all of the capabilities relevant to that type of *metering installation* which are set out in the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules*.

S7.2.5 Capabilities of Metering Providers for small customer metering installations

Category 4S *Metering Providers* must be able to exhibit, to the reasonable satisfaction of *AEMO*:

- (a) all of the capabilities in S7.2.3; and
- (b) the establishment of an appropriate security control management plan and associated infrastructure and communications systems for the purposes of preventing unauthorised local access or remote access to *metering installations*, services provided by *metering installations* and *energy data* held in *metering installations*.

S7.2.6 Capabilities of the Accredited Service Provider category

- (a) The *Accredited Service Providers categories* established by AEMO under clause S7.2.2(d) may perform work relating to the installation of any types 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5 or 6 *metering installations*.
- (b) AEMO must include *Accredited Service Provider categories* in the *accreditation* guidelines prepared and *published* under clause 7.4.1(c).
- (c) AEMO may determine:
 - (1) the competencies of a *Metering Provider* registered in each *Accredited Service Provider category* provided that those competencies are consistent with any capabilities established in the *metrology procedure* in respect of the work performed under paragraph (a); and
 - (2) different competencies for each *Accredited Service Provider category* for each *participating jurisdiction*.

Schedule 7.3 Metering Data Provider

S7.3.1 General

- (a) A *Metering Data Provider* must be accredited by and registered by AEMO.
- (b) AEMO must accredit and register a *Metering Data Provider* only for the type of work the *Metering Data Provider* is qualified to provide.
- (c) AEMO must establish a qualification process for *Metering Data Providers* that enables registration to be achieved in accordance with the requirements of this Schedule 7.3.
- (d) A *Metering Data Provider* must ensure that *metering data services* are carried out in accordance with the *Rules* and procedures authorised under the *Rules*.

S7.3.2 Categories of registration

Categories of registration are set out in Table S7.3.2.1.

Table S7.3.2.1 Categories of registration for accreditation

<i>Metering installation type</i>	Categories of registration	
1, 2 3 and/or 4	Category 1D, 2D, 3D and/or 4D (for <i>remote acquisition</i> , processing	Category 4S (for <i>small customer metering installations</i>)

<i>Metering installation type</i>	Categories of registration	
	and delivery of <i>metering data</i> for <i>connection points</i>)	
4A, 5 and/or 6	Category 4AC, 5C and/or 6C (for manual collection or <i>remote acquisition of metering data</i>)	Category 4AD, 5D and/or 6D (for manual collection, processing and delivery of <i>metering data</i>) (for <i>remote acquisition, processing and delivery of metering data</i>)
7	Category 7D (for processing and delivery of <i>calculated metering data</i>)	

S7.3.3 Capabilities of Metering Data Providers

Metering Data Providers must be able to exhibit to the reasonable satisfaction of AEMO the following capabilities, as applicable, for the categories of *Metering Data Provider* accreditation sought:

- (a) Detailed understanding of the *Rules*, and all procedures authorised under the *Rules* including the relevant *service level procedures* relating to the function of a *Metering Data Provider* and the carrying out of *metering data services*.
- (b) Detailed understanding of the participant role relationships and obligations that exist between the *Metering Data Provider*, *Metering Provider*, *financially responsible Market Participant*, *Local Network Service Provider*, AEMO and the *Metering Coordinator*.
- (c) An understanding of *metering* arrangements, including knowledge of *metering* equipment (*meters, current transformers and voltage transformers*).
- (d) Authorised access to *metering* software for the:
 - (1) collection of *metering data*;
 - (2) establishment, maintenance and operation of a *metering data services database* for the storage and management of *metering data* and *NMI Standing Data*; and
 - (3) the validation, substitution and estimation of *metering data*.
- (e) Processes and systems for the collection of *metering data* including:

- (1) knowledge of manual collection and *remote acquisition* of *metering data* (as applicable);
 - (2) collection technologies and methodologies; and
 - (3) *metering* protocols and equipment.
- (f) Systems for the processing of *metering data* including:
- (1) processes for the verification and commissioning of *metering data* and relevant *NMI Standing Data* pertaining to each *metering installation* into the *metering data services database*;
 - (2) processes for validation, substitution and estimation of *metering data*;
 - (3) processes for the storage, adjustment and aggregation of *metering data*; and
 - (4) the secure storage of historical data.
- (g) Processes for the delivery of *metering data* and relevant *NMI Standing Data* to *Registered Participants* and *AEMO* including:
- (1) delivery performance requirements for *metering data*; and
 - (2) an understanding of the relevant *metering data* file formats.
- (h) The availability of trained and competent staff to:
- (1) read or interrogate the *metering installation*;
 - (2) collect and process *metering data* into the *metering data services database*;
 - (3) validate, substitute or estimate *metering data* as the case may be;
 - (4) maintain the physical and logical security of the *metering data services database* and only allow access to *metering data* by those persons entitled to receive *metering data*; and
 - (5) ensure the ongoing performance and availability of the collection process and the *metering data services database* are maintained inclusive of necessary system supports for backup, archiving and disaster recovery.
- (i) The establishment of a quality system which will:
- (1) underpin all operational documentation, processes and procedures;

- (2) facilitate good change control management of procedures, IT systems and software;
 - (3) provide audit trail management of *metering data* and *NMI Standing Data*;
 - (4) maintain a security control management plan;
 - (5) maintain security controls and data integrity; and
 - (6) maintain knowledge and understanding of the *Rules* and relevant procedures, standards and guides authorised under the *Rules*.
- (j) Understanding of the required logical interfaces necessary to support the provision of *metering data services* including the interfaces needed to:
- (1) access *AEMO's* systems for the management and delivery of *metering data*;
 - (2) support *B2B procedures*; and
 - (3) support *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures* for delivery and update of *NMI Standing Data*.

S7.3.4 Capabilities of Metering Data Providers for small customer metering installations

Category 4S *Metering Data Providers* must be able to exhibit, to the reasonable satisfaction of *AEMO*:

- (a) all the capabilities in S7.3.3; and
- (b) the establishment of an appropriate security control management plan and associated infrastructure and communications systems for the purposes of preventing unauthorised local access or remote access to *metering installations*, services provided by *metering installations* and *energy data* held in *metering installations*.

Schedule 7.4 Types and Accuracy of Metering installations

S7.4.1 General requirements

- (a) This Schedule 7.4 sets out the minimum requirements for *metering installations*.

S7.4.2 Metering installations commissioned prior to 13 December 1998

- (a) This clause provides conditions that are to apply to *metering installations* that were commissioned prior to 13 December 1998.
- (b) The use of *metering class current transformers* and *voltage transformers* that are not in accordance with Table S7.4.3.1 are permitted provided that where necessary to achieve the overall accuracy requirements:
 - (1) *meters* of a higher class accuracy are installed; and/or
 - (2) calibration factors are applied within the *meter* to compensate for *current transformer* and *voltage transformer* errors.
- (c) Protection *current transformers* are acceptable where there are no suitable *metering class current transformers* available and the overall accuracy and performance levels can be met.
- (d) Where the requirements of paragraph (b) and (c) cannot be achieved then the *Metering Coordinator* is required to comply with transitional arrangements or obtain an exemption from *AEMO* or upgrade the *metering installation* to comply with this Schedule 7.4.
- (e) The arrangements referred to in paragraph (d) may remain in force while the required accuracy and performance can be maintained within the requirements of the *Rules*.
- (f) The purchase of new *current transformers* and *voltage transformers* must comply with the *Rules*.

S7.4.3 Accuracy requirements for metering installations

Table S7.4.3.1 Overall Accuracy Requirements of Metering Installation Components

Type	Volume limit per annum per connection point	Maximum allowable overall error ($\pm\%$) at full load (Item 7) active reactive		Minimum acceptable class or standard of components	Metering installation clock error (seconds) in reference to EST
1	greater than 1000GWh	0.5	1.0	0.2CT/VT/meter Wh 0.5 meter varh	± 5
2	100 to 1000GWh	1.0	2.0	0.5CT/VT/meter Wh	± 7

Type	Volume limit per annum per connection point	Maximum allowable overall error ($\pm\%$) at full load (Item 7)		Minimum acceptable class or standard of components	Metering installation clock error (seconds) in reference to EST
		active	reactive		
				1.0 <i>meter varh</i>	
3	0.75 to less than 100 GWh	1.5	3.0	0.5CT/VT 1.0 <i>meter Wh</i> 2.0 <i>meter varh</i> (Item 1)	± 10
4	less than 750 MWh (Item 2)	1.5	n/a	Either 0.5 CT and 1.0 <i>meter Wh</i> ; or whole current general purpose <i>meter Wh</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meets requirements of clause 7.8.2(a)(9); and • meets the requirements of clause 7.10.6(d). (Item 1)	± 20 (Item 2a)
4A	less than 750 MWh	1.5	n/a	Either 0.5 CT and 1.0 <i>meter Wh</i> ; or whole current general purpose <i>meter Wh</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meets the requirements of clause 7.8.2(a)(10); and • has the capability of providing the services in table S7.5.1.1; and 	± 20 (Item 2a)

Type	Volume limit per annum per connection point	Maximum allowable overall error ($\pm\%$) at full load (Item 7) active reactive		Minimum acceptable class or standard of components	Metering installation clock error (seconds) in reference to EST
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> meets the requirements of clause 7.10.6(d). 	
5	less than x MWh (Item 3)	1.5 (Item 3b)	n/a	Either 0.5 CT and 1.0 meter Wh; or whole current connected general purpose meter wh: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meets requirements of clause 7.8.2(a)(10); and meets the requirements of clause 7.10.6(d) (Item 1)	
6	less than y MWh (Item 4)	2.0 (Item 4b)	n/a	CT or whole current general purpose <i>meter</i> Wh recording <i>accumulated energy data</i> only. Processes used to convert the <i>accumulated metering data</i> into <i>trading interval metering data</i> and <i>estimated metering data</i> where necessary are included in the <i>metrology procedure</i> . (Item 1)	(Item 4a)
7	volume limit not specified	(Item 6)	n/a	No <i>meter</i> . The <i>metering data</i> is <i>calculated metering data</i> determined in	n/a

Type	Volume limit per annum per connection point	Maximum allowable overall error ($\pm\%$) at full load (Item 7) active reactive	Minimum acceptable class or standard of components	Metering installation clock error (seconds) in reference to EST
	(Item 5)			accordance with the <i>metrology procedure</i> .

- Item 1: (a) For a type 3, 4, 4A and 5 and 6 *metering installation*, whole current *meters* may be used if the *meters* meet the requirements of the relevant *Australian Standards* and International Standards which must be identified in the *metrology procedure*.
- (b) The *metering installation* types referred to in paragraph (a) must comply with any applicable specifications or guidelines (including any transitional arrangements) specified by the National Measurement Institute under the *National Measurement Act*.
- Item 2: *High voltage* customers that require a VT and whose annual consumption is below 750 MWh, must meet the relevant accuracy requirements of Type 3 *metering* for *active energy* only.
- Item 2a: For the purpose of clarification, the clock error for a type 4 *metering installation* may be relaxed in the *metrology procedure* to accommodate evolving whole current technologies.
- Item 3: The following requirements apply in relation to a type 5 *metering installation*:
- (1) the value of "x" must be determined by each *Minister* of a *participating jurisdiction* and:
- (i) the "x" value must be provided to *AEMO*; and
- (ii) *AEMO* must record the "x" value in the *metrology procedure*;
- (2) the maximum acceptable value of "x" determined under subparagraph (2) must be 750 MWh per annum; and
- Item 3a: For the purpose of clarification, the clock error for a type 5 *metering installation* may be relaxed in the *metrology procedure* to accommodate evolving whole current technologies.
- Item 3b: The maximum allowable error of a type 5 *metering installation* may be relaxed in the *metrology procedure* to accommodate evolving

technologies providing that such relaxation is consistent with any regulations published under the *National Measurement Act*.

- Item 4: The following requirements apply in relation to a type 6 *metering installation*:
- (1) a *metrology procedure* must include a procedure relating to converting *active energy* into *metering data*;
 - (2) the value of "y" must be determined by each *Minister* of a *participating jurisdiction* and:
 - (i) the "y" value must be provided to *AEMO*; and
 - (ii) *AEMO* must record the "y" value in the *metrology procedure*;
 - (3) the maximum acceptable value of "y" determined under subparagraph (2) must be 750 MWh per annum;
 - (4) devices within the *metering installation* may record *accumulated energy data* in pre determined daily time periods where such time periods are contained in the *metrology procedure*.
- Item 4a: Any relevant clock errors for a type 6 *metering installation* are to be established in the *metrology procedure*.
- Item 4b: The maximum allowable error of a type 6 *metering installation* may be relaxed in the *metrology procedure* providing that such relaxation is consistent with any regulations published under the *National Measurement Act*.
- Item 5:
- (a) A type 7 *metering installation* classification applies where a *metering installation* does not require a *meter* to measure the flow of electricity in a power conductor and accordingly there is a requirement to determine by other means the *metering data* that is deemed to correspond to the flow of electricity in the power conductor.
 - (b) The condition referred to in paragraph (a) will only be allowed for *connection points* where *AEMO* in consultation with the *Metering Coordinator* determines:
 - (1) the *load* pattern is predictable;
 - (2) for the purposes of *settlements*, the *load* pattern can be reasonably calculated by a relevant method set out in the *metrology procedure*; and
 - (3) it would not be cost effective to meter the *connection point* taking into account:

- (i) the small magnitude of the *load*;
 - (ii) the *connection* arrangements; and
 - (iii) the geographical and physical location.
- (c) The *metrology procedure* must include arrangements for type 7 *metering installations* that have been classified as *market loads*.
- (d) A *connection point* that meets the condition for classification as a type 7 *metering installation* does not prevent that *connection point* from being subject to *metering* in the future.

Item 6: The maximum allowable overall error ($\pm\%$) at different *loads* and *power factors* is set out in Table S7.4.3.2 to Table S7.4.3.6.

Table S7.4.3.2 Type 1 Installation – Annual Energy Throughput greater than 1,000 GWh

% Rated Load	Power Factor					
	Unity	0.866 lagging		0.5 lagging		Zero
	active	active	reactive	active	reactive	reactive
10	1.0%	1.0%	2.0%	n/a	n/a	1.4%
50	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%	0.7%	1.4%	1.0%
100	0.5%	0.5%	1.0%	n/a	n/a	1.0%

Table S7.4.3.3 Type 2 Installation – Annual Energy Throughput between 100 and 1,000 GWh

% Rated Load	Power Factor					
	Unity	0.866 lagging		0.5 lagging		Zero
	active	active	reactive	active	reactive	reactive
10	2.0%	2.0%	4.0%	n/a	n/a	2.8%
50	1.0%	1.0%	2.0%	1.5%	3.0%	2.0%
100	1.0%	1.0%	2.0%	n/a	n/a	2.0%

Table S7.4.3.4 Type 3 Installation – Annual Energy Throughput from 0.75 GWh to less than 100 GWh

% Rated Load	Power Factor					
	Unity	0.866 lagging		0.5 lagging		Zero
	active	active	reactive	active	reactive	reactive
10	2.5%	2.5%	5.0%	n/a	n/a	4.0%
50	1.5%	1.5%	3.0%	2.5%	5.0%	3.0%
100	1.5%	1.5%	3.0%	n/a	n/a	3.0%

Table S7.4.3.5 Type 4, 4A or 5 Installation – Annual Energy Throughput less than 0.75 GWh

% Rated Load	Power Factor		
	Unity	0.866 lagging	0.5 lagging
	active	active	active
10	2.5%	2.5%	n/a
50	1.5%	1.5%	2.5%
100	1.5%	1.5%	n/a

Table S7.4.3.6 Type 6 Installation – Annual Energy Throughput less than 0.75 GWh

% Rated Load	Power Factor		
	Unity	0.866 lagging	0.5 lagging
	active	active	active
10	3.0%	n/a	n/a
50	2.0%	n/a	3.0%
100	2.0%	n/a	n/a

Note:

All measurements in Tables S7.4.3.2 – S7.4.3.6 are to be referred to 25 degrees Celsius.

- (a) The method for calculating the overall error is the vector sum of the errors of each component part (that is, $a + b + c$) where:

a = the error of the *voltage transformer* and wiring;

b = the error of the *current transformer* and wiring; and

c = the error of the *meter*.

- (b) If compensation is carried out then the resultant *metering data* error shall be as close as practicable to zero.

S7.4.4 Check metering

- (a) *Check metering* is to be applied in accordance with the following Table:

Metering Installation Type in accordance with Table S7.2.3.1	Check Metering Requirements
1	<i>Check metering installation</i>
2	Partial <i>check metering</i>
3	No requirement
4, 5 and 6	No requirement

- (b) A *check metering installation* involves either:
- (1) the provision of a separate *metering installation* using separate *current transformer* cores and separately fused *voltage transformer* secondary circuits, preferably from separate secondary windings: or
 - (2) if in AEMO's absolute discretion it is considered appropriate, in the case of a *metering installation* located at the *facility* at one end of the *two-terminal link*, a *metering installation* located at the *facility* at the other end of a *two-terminal link*.
- (c) Where the *check metering installation* duplicates the *metering installation* and accuracy level, the average of the two validated data sets will be used to determine the *energy* measurement.
- (d) Partial *check metering* involves the use of other *metering data* or operational data available to AEMO in 30 min electronic format as part of a validation process in accordance with the *metrology procedure*.
- (e) The physical arrangement of partial *check metering* shall be agreed between the *Metering Coordinator* and AEMO.
- (f) *Check metering installations* may be supplied from secondary circuits used for other purposes and may have a lower level of

accuracy than the *metering installation*, but must not exceed twice the level prescribed for the *metering installation*.

S7.4.5 Resolution and accuracy of displayed or captured data

Programmable settings available within a *metering installation* or any peripheral device, which may affect the resolution of displayed or stored data, must:

- (a) meet the requirements of the relevant *Australian Standards* and *International Standards* which must be identified in the *metrology procedure*; and
- (b) comply with any applicable specifications or guidelines (including any transitional arrangements) specified by the National Measurement Institute under the *National Measurement Act*.

S7.4.6 General design standards

S7.4.6.1 Design requirements

Without limiting the scope of detailed design, the following requirements must be incorporated in the design of each *metering installation*:

- (a) For *metering installations* greater than 1000 GWh pa per *connection point*, the *current transformer* core and secondary wiring associated with the *meter(s)* shall not be used for any other purpose unless otherwise agreed by *AEMO*.
- (b) For *metering installations* less than 1000 GWh pa per *connection point* the *current transformer* core and secondary wiring associated with the *meter(s)* may be used for other purposes (e.g. local *metering* or protection) provided the *Metering Coordinator* demonstrates to the satisfaction of *AEMO* that the accuracy of the *metering installation* is not compromised and suitable procedures/measures are in place to protect the security of the *metering installation*.
- (c) Where a *voltage transformer* is required, if separate secondary windings are not provided, then the *voltage* supply to each *metering installation* must be separately fused and located in an accessible position as near as practical to the *voltage transformer* secondary winding.
- (d) Secondary wiring must be by the most direct route and the number of terminations and links must be kept to a minimum.
- (e) The incidence and magnitude of burden changes on any secondary winding supplying the *metering installation* must be kept to a minimum.

- (f) *Meters* must:
 - (1) meet the requirements of relevant *Australian Standards* and *International Standards* which must be identified in the *metrology procedure*; and
 - (2) have a valid pattern approval issued under the authority of the National Measurement Institute or, until relevant pattern approvals exist, a valid type test certificate.
- (g) New *instrument transformers* must:
 - (1) meet the requirements of relevant *Australian Standards* and *International Standards* which must be identified in the *metrology procedure*; and
 - (2) have a valid pattern approval issued under the authority of the National Measurement Institute or, until relevant pattern approvals exist, a valid type test certificate.
- (h) Suitable *isolation* facilities are to be provided to facilitate testing and calibration of the *metering installation*.
- (i) Suitable drawings and supporting information, detailing the *metering installation*, must be available for maintenance and auditing purposes.

S7.4.6.2 Design guidelines

In addition to the above design requirements, the following guidelines should be considered for each *metering installation*:

- (a) The provision of separate secondary windings for each *metering installation* where a *voltage transformer* is required.
- (b) A *voltage* changeover scheme where more than one *voltage transformer* is available.

Schedule 7.5 Requirements of minimum services specification

S7.5.1 Minimum services specification

A *metering installation* meets the *minimum services specification* if it is:

- (a) capable of providing the services listed in table S7.5.1.1 in accordance with the procedures made under clause 7.8.3; and
- (b) connected to a *telecommunications network* which enables remote access to the *metering installation*.

Table S7.5.1.1 Minimum Services Specification – services and access parties

1. Service	2. Description	3. Access Party
(a) remote <i>disconnection</i> service	The remote <i>disconnection</i> of a <i>small customer's</i> premises via the <i>metering installation</i> .	<i>Local Network Service Provider</i> <i>financially responsible Market Participant</i>
(b) remote <i>reconnection</i> service	The remote <i>reconnection</i> of a <i>small customer's</i> premises via the <i>metering installation</i> .	<i>Local Network Service Provider</i> <i>financially responsible Market Participant</i>
(c) remote on-demand meter read service	<p>The remote retrieval of <i>metering data</i> for a specified point or points in time and the provision of such data to the requesting party. The service includes the retrieval and provision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>reactive energy metering data</i> and/or <i>active energy metering data</i> (for imports and/or exports of <i>energy</i> measured by the <i>meter</i>); • <i>interval metering data</i> and cumulative total <i>energy</i> measurement for the <i>metering installation</i>; and • <i>accumulated metering data</i> at the start and the end of the period specified in the request. 	Parties listed in clause 7.15.5(a)
(d) remote scheduled meter read service	The remote retrieval of <i>metering data</i> on a regular and ongoing basis and the provision of such data to	Parties listed in clause 7.15.5(a)

1. Service	2. Description	3. Access Party
	<p>the requesting party. The service includes the retrieval and provision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>reactive energy metering data</i> and/or <i>active energy metering data</i> (for imports and/or exports of <i>energy</i> measured by the <i>meter</i>); • <i>interval metering data</i> and cumulative total <i>energy</i> measurement for the <i>metering installation</i>; and • <i>accumulated metering data</i> at the start and the end of the period specified in the request. 	
(e) <i>metering installation inquiry service</i>	<p>The remote retrieval of information from, and related to, a specified <i>metering installation</i> and the provision of such information to the requesting party. The <i>metering installation</i> must be capable of providing the following information, as a minimum, when requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the status of the switch used to effect the <i>disconnection</i> and <i>reconnection</i> services; • the <i>voltage</i> as measured by the <i>metering installation</i>, with a date and <i>time</i> 	<p><i>Local Network Service Provider</i></p> <p><i>financially responsible Market Participant</i></p> <p>A person to whom a <i>small customer</i> has given its consent under clause 7.15.4(b)(2)</p>

1. Service	2. Description	3. Access Party
	<p><i>stamp</i> for that reading;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the current as measured by the <i>metering installation</i>, with a date and <i>time stamp</i> for that reading; • the power (watts) as measured by the <i>metering installation</i>, with a date and <i>time stamp</i> for that reading; • the supply frequency (Hertz) as measured by the <i>metering installation</i>, with a date and <i>time stamp</i> for that reading; • the average <i>voltage</i> and current over a nominated <i>trading interval</i> for one or more nominated <i>trading intervals</i>; • the contents of the <i>meter</i> log (or logs) including recorded information in the tamper detection alarm, reverse energy flow alarm and <i>metering</i> device temperature alarm. 	
(f) advanced <i>meter</i> reconfiguration service	<p>The remote setting of the operational parameters of the <i>meter</i>.</p> <p>The operational parameters that must be capable of being set are, as a</p>	<p><i>Local Network Service Provider</i></p> <p><i>financially responsible Market Participant</i></p>

1. Service	2. Description	3. Access Party
	<p>minimum, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the activation or deactivation of a data stream or data streams; • altering the method of presenting <i>energy data</i> and associated information on the <i>meter</i> display; • thresholds for the tamper detection alarm, reverse energy flow alarm and <i>metering</i> device temperature alarm referred to in the <i>meter installation</i> inquiry service; and • the parameters that specify how the <i>voltage</i>, current, power, supply frequency, average <i>voltage</i> and average current measurements are calculated. 	

Schedule 7.6 Inspection and Testing Requirements

S7.6.1 General

- (a) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that equipment comprised in a purchased *metering installation* has been tested to the required class accuracy with less than the uncertainties set out in Table S7.6.1.1.
- (b) The *Metering Coordinator* must ensure appropriate test certificates of the tests referred to in paragraph (a) are retained.

- (c) The *Metering Coordinator* (or any other person arranging for testing) must ensure that testing of the *metering installation* is carried out:
- (1) in accordance with clause 7.9.1 and this Schedule 7.6; or
 - (2) in accordance with an asset management strategy that defines an alternative testing practice (other than time based) determined by the *Metering Coordinator* and approved by *AEMO*,
- and:
- (3) in accordance with a test plan which has been registered with *AEMO*;
 - (4) to the same requirements as for new equipment where equipment is to be recycled for use in another site; and
 - (5) so as to include all data storage and processing components included in the *metrology procedure*, including algorithms used to prepare agreed *load* patterns.
- (d) *AEMO* must review the prescribed testing requirements in this Schedule 7.6 every 5 years in accordance with equipment performance and industry standards.
- (e) The testing intervals may be increased if the equipment type/experience proves favourable.
- (f) The maximum allowable level of testing uncertainty (\pm) for all *metering* equipment must be in accordance with Table S7.6.1.1.

Table S7.6.1.1 Maximum Allowable Level of Testing Uncertainty (\pm)

Description		Metering Equipment Class				
		Class 0.2	Class 0.5	Class 1.0	General Purpose	Class 2.0
In Laboratory	CTs ratio	0.05%	0.1%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	phase	0.07 crad	0.15 crad			
	VTs ratio	0.05%	0.1%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Phase	0.05 crad	0.1 crad			
	Meters Wh	0.05/cos ϕ %	0.1/cos ϕ %	0.2/cos ϕ %	0.2/cos ϕ %	n/a
	Meters	n/a	0.2/sin ϕ %	0.3/sin ϕ %	n/a	0.4/sin ϕ %

Description		Metering Equipment Class				
		Class 0.2	Class 0.5	Class 1.0	General Purpose	Class 2.0
	varh					
In Field	CTs ratio	0.1%	0.2%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Phase	0.15 crad	0.3 crad			
	VTs ratio	0.1%	0.2%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Phase	0.1 crad	0.2 crad			
	Meters Wh	0.1/cosφ%	0.2/cosφ%	0.3/cosφ%	0.3/cosφ%	n/a
Meters varh	n/a	0.3/sinφ%	0.4/sinφ%	n/a	0.5/sinφ%	

Where $\cos\phi$ is the *power factor* at the test point under evaluation.

Table S7.6.1.2 Maximum Period Between Tests

Unless the *Metering Coordinator* has developed an asset management strategy that defines practices that meet the intent of this Schedule 7.6 and is approved by *AEMO*, the maximum period between tests must be in accordance with this Table S7.6.1.2.

Description	Metering Installation Type				
	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4 & 4A	Types 5 & 6
CT	10 years	10 years	10 years	10 years	10 years
VT	10 years	10 years	10 years		n/a
Burden tests	When <i>meters</i> are tested or when changes are made				
CT connected Meter (electronic)	5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years
CT connected Meter (induction)	2.5 years	2.5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years
Whole current Meter	The testing and inspection requirements must be in accordance with an asset management strategy. Guidelines for the development of the asset management strategy must be recorded in the <i>metrology</i>				

Description	Metering Installation Type				
	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4 & 4A	Types 5 & 6
	<i>procedure.</i>				

Table S7.6.1.3 Period Between Inspections

Unless the *Metering Coordinator* has developed an asset management strategy that meets the intent of this Schedule 7.6 and is approved by *AEMO*, the period between inspections must be in accordance with this Table S7.6.1.3.

Description	Metering Installation Type			
	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4, 4A, 5 & 6
<i>Metering installation equipment inspection</i>	2.5 years	12 months (2.5 years if <i>check metering installed</i>)	> 10 GWh: 2 years 2 ≤ GWh ≤ 10: 3 years <2 GWh: when <i>meter</i> is tested.	When <i>meter</i> is tested.

S7.6.2 Technical Guidelines

- (a) *Current transformer* and *voltage transformer* tests are primary injection tests or other testing procedures as approved by *AEMO*.
- (b) The calculations of accuracy based on test results are to include all reference standard errors.
- (c) An “estimate of testing uncertainties” must be calculated in accordance with the ISO “Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty for Measurement”.
- (d) Where operational *metering* is associated with *settlements metering* then a shorter period between inspections is recommended.
- (e) For $\sin\phi$ and $\cos\phi$ refer to the ISO “Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement”, where $\cos\phi$ is the *power factor*.
- (f) A typical inspection may include:
 - (1) check the seals;
 - (2) compare the pulse counts;

- (3) compare the direct readings of *meters*;
- (4) verify *meter* parameters and physical connections; and
- (5) *current transformer* ratios by comparison.

Schedule 4 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 6)

[1] Chapter 10 Omitted Definitions

Omit the definition of "*unmetered connection point*".

[2] Chapter 10 Substituted Definitions

In Chapter 10, substitute the following definitions:

Accredited Service Provider category

A category of registration of a *Metering Provider* established by AEMO under S7.2.2(b) as a consequence of requirements of a *participating jurisdiction* to install *metering installations*.

check meter

An additional *meter* used as a source of *check metering data* for Type 1 and Type 2 *metering installations* as specified in schedule 7.4.

communications interface

The modem and other devices and processes that facilitate the connection between the *metering installation* and the *telecommunications network* for the purpose of the *remote acquisition of energy data*.

Information Exchange Committee

The committee established under clause 7.17.2(a).

jurisdictional metrology material

Jurisdictional metrology matters that are to be included in the *metrology procedure* for one or more of the *participating jurisdictions* and which is submitted by the *Ministers of the MCE* to AEMO under clause 7.16.4.

Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures

The procedures from time to time *published* by AEMO under clause 7.16.2 which include those governing the recording of financial responsibility for *energy flows* at a *connection point*, the transfer of that responsibility between *Market Participants* and the recording of *energy flows* at a *connection point*.

Metering Data Provider

A person who meets the requirements listed in schedule 7.3 and has been accredited and registered by AEMO as a *Metering Data Provider*.

metering data provision procedures

Procedures for the provision of *metering data* requested under clause 7.15.5(a)(8), developed and *published* by AEMO.

metering data services database

The database established and maintained by the *Metering Data Provider* that holds *metering data* and relevant *NMI Standing Data* relating to each *metering installation* for which the *Metering Coordinator* or the *financially responsible Market Participant* or AEMO (as the case may be) has engaged the *Metering Data Provider* to provide *metering data services*.

metering database

A database of *metering data* and *settlements ready data* maintained and administered by AEMO in accordance with clause 7.11.

metering installation

The assembly of components including the *instrument transformer*, if any, measurement element(s) and processes, if any, recording and display equipment, *communications interface*, if any, that are controlled for the purpose of metrology and which lie between the *metering point(s)* and the point at or near the *metering point(s)* where the *energy data* is made available for collection.

Note:

- (1) The assembly of components may include the combination of several *metering points* to derive the *metering data* for a *connection point*.
- (2) The *metering installation* must be classified as being for revenue purposes and/or as a *check metering installation*.

metering installation malfunction

The full or partial failure of the *metering installation* in which the *metering installation* does not:

- (a) meet the requirements of schedule 7.4; or
- (b) record, or incorrectly records, *energy data*; or
- (c) allow, or provides for, collection of *energy data*.

Metering Provider

A person who meets the requirements listed in schedule 7.2 and has been accredited by and registered by AEMO as a *Metering Provider*.

metering register

A register of information associated with a *metering installation* as required by schedule 7.1.

metering system

The collection of all components and arrangements installed or existing between each *metering point* and the *metering database*.

metrology procedure

The procedure developed and *published* by *AEMO* in accordance with rule 7.16.

NMI

A National Metering Identifier as described in clause 7.8.2(c).

Registered Participant

A person who is registered by *AEMO* in any one or more of the categories listed in rules 2.2 to 2.7 (in the case of a person who is registered by *AEMO* as a *Trader*, such a person is only a *Registered Participant* for the purposes referred to in rule 2.5A). However:

- (a) as set out in clause 8.2.1(a1), for the purposes of some provisions of rule 8.2 only, *AEMO*, *Connection Applicants*, *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers* who are not otherwise *Registered Participants* are also deemed to be *Registered Participants*; and
- (b) as set out in clause 8.6.1A, for the purposes of Part C of Chapter 8 only, *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers* who are not otherwise *Registered Participants* are also deemed to be *Registered Participants*.

remote acquisition

The acquisition of *interval metering data* from a *telecommunications network* connected to a *metering installation* that:

- (a) does not, at any time, require the presence of a person at, or near, the *interval metering installation* for the purposes of data collection or data verification (whether this occurs manually as a walk-by reading or through the use of a vehicle as a close proximity drive-by reading); and
- (b) includes but is not limited to methods that transmit data via:
 - (1) fixed-line telephone ('direct dial-up');
 - (2) satellite;
 - (3) the internet;

- (4) wireless or radio, including mobile telephone networks;
- (5) power line carrier; or
- (6) any other equivalent technology.

Note:

For the requirements of clause 7.8.9(b) *remote acquisition* may collect data other than *interval metering data*.

responsible person

For the purposes of the *National Energy Retail Law*, the *Metering Coordinator*.

Note:

References to 'responsible person' in the *Rules* or a document produced under the *Rules* are deemed to be references to the *Metering Coordinator* under clause 11.78.4.

retail customer

A *small customer* or a *large customer*.

Note:

In the context of Chapter 5A, the above definition has been supplemented by a definition specifically applicable to that Chapter, See clause 5A.A.1.

service level procedures

The procedures established under the *Rules consultation procedures* by *AEMO* in accordance with clause 7.16.6.

telecommunications network

A telecommunications network that provides access for public use or an alternate telecommunications network that has been approved by *AEMO* for the *remote acquisition of energy data*.

[3] Chapter 10 New Definitions

In Chapter 10, insert the following new definitions in alphabetical order:

access party

In respect of a service that is listed in column 1 of Table s7.5.1.1, the party listed in column 3 of Table s7.5.1.1.

emergency priority procedures

The procedures developed and *published* by *AEMO* in accordance with clause 7.8.5(b).

large customer

Has the meaning given in the *National Energy Retail Law*.

meter churn procedures

The procedures established by *AEMO* under clause 7.8.9(f).

Metering Coordinator default event

In relation to a *Metering Coordinator*, means any of the following events or circumstances:

- (a) the *Metering Coordinator* ceases to be registered by *AEMO* as a *Metering Coordinator* under Chapter 2;
- (b) an *insolvency official* is appointed in respect of the *Metering Coordinator* or any property of the *Metering Coordinator*; or
- (c) an order is made for the winding up of the *Metering Coordinator* or a resolution is passed for the winding up of *Metering Coordinator*; or
- (d) a breach of the *Rules* or applicable procedures made under the *Rules* in relation to which *AEMO* has issued a *Metering Coordinator default notice* under clause 7.7.3(c)(3).

Metering Coordinator default notice

A notice issued by *AEMO* under clause 7.7.3(c)(3).

minimum services specification

The requirements in respect of a *metering installation* set out in Schedule 7.5.

network device

An item of apparatus or equipment associated with the provision or the monitoring of *network services* which may include circuit breakers and control equipment and which may be housed within a facility that was previously used by the relevant *Local Network Service Provider* as a *metering installation*.

reconnect, reconnected, reconnection

The operation of switching equipment or other action so as to enable the flow of electricity at a *connection point* following a *disconnection*.

small customer

- (a) In a *participating jurisdiction* where the *National Energy Retail Law* applies as a law of that *participating jurisdiction*, has the meaning given in the *National Energy Retail Law*.

- (b) Otherwise, has the meaning given in *jurisdictional electricity legislation*.

small customer metering installation

A *metering installation* in respect of the *connection point* of a *small customer* which meets the *minimum services specification* or which is required to meet the *minimum services specification* under clause 7.8.3(a) or (b) or clause 7.8.4(c).

Schedule 5 Savings and Transitional Amendments to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 7)

[1] Chapter 11 New Part ZZF

In Chapter 11, after Part ZZE, insert:

Part ZZF Expanding competition in metering and metering related services

11.78 Rules consequent on making of the National Electricity Amendment (Expanding competition in metering and related services) Rule 2015

11.78.1 Definitions

Subject to this rule 11.78, in this rule 11.78:

Amending Rule means the National Electricity Amendment (Expanding competition in metering and metering related services) Rule 2015.

effective date means [1 July 2017] .

old Chapter 7 means the Chapter 7 of the *Rules* as in force immediately before the effective date.

new Chapter 7 means the Chapter 7 of the *Rules* as in force immediately after the effective date.

new clause 2.4A means the new clause 2.4A of Chapter 2 of the *Rules* as in force immediately after the commencement of Schedule 1 of the Amending Rule.

new clause 2.4A.1(b) means the new clause 2.4A.1(b) of Chapter 2 of the *Rules* as in force immediately after the commencement of Schedule 1 of the Amending Rule.

11.78.2 References to old Chapter 7

Unless the context otherwise requires, on and from the effective date every reference to old Chapter 7 in the *Rules* or a document produced under the *Rules* is deemed to be a reference to the new Chapter 7.

11.78.3 References to provisions of the old Chapter 7

Unless the context otherwise requires, on and from the effective date every reference to a provision of the old Chapter 7 in the *Rules* or a

document produced under the *Rules* is deemed to be a reference to the corresponding provision of the new Chapter 7 (if any).

11.78.4 References to responsible person

Unless the context otherwise requires, on and from the effective date every reference to a *responsible person* in the *Rules* or a document produced under the *Rules* is deemed to be a reference to a *Metering Coordinator*.

11.78.5 Continued operation of old Rules until the effective date

Subject to this rule 11.78, old Chapter 7:

- (a) continues to apply until the effective date; and
- (b) ceases to apply on and from the effective date.

11.78.6 New and amended procedures

- (a) By 1 April 2016, *AEMO* must amend and *publish* the following procedures to take into account the Amending Rule:
 - (i) *service level procedures*;
 - (ii) *Market Settlement and Transfer Solution Procedures* ;
 - (iii) *metrology procedure*;
 - (iv) *meter churn procedures*; and
 - (v) *RoLR Procedures*.
- (b) By 1 April 2016, *AEMO* must develop and publish the following procedures to take into account the Amending Rule:
 - (i) *emergency priority procedures*; and
 - (ii) procedures relating to the *minimum service specification* in accordance with clause 7.8.3(c) of new Chapter 7.
- (c) *AEMO* in its complete discretion may amend the *service level procedures* to make provision for the procedures listed in paragraph (b) instead of developing new procedures.
- (d) By 1 October 2016, *AEMO* must develop and *publish* information relating to the process by which persons can apply for registration as *Metering Coordinators* under rule 2.4A to take into account the Amending Rule.

- (e) The *Information Exchange Committee* must ensure that the *B2B Procedures* are amended to take into account the Amending Rule and published by 1 April 2016.

11.78.7 Metering Coordinator for type 5 or 6 metering installation from effective date

- (a) On and from the effective date, a *Local Network Service Provider* that was the *responsible person* for a type 5 or 6 *metering installation* connected to, or proposed to be connected to, the *Local Network Service Provider's network* under clause 7.2.3(a)(2) or clause 9.9C.3 immediately before the effective date must be appointed as the *Metering Coordinator* by the *financially responsible Market Participant*.
- (b) At least 3 months prior to the effective date, the *Local Network Service Provider* must provide each *financially responsible Market Participant* with a standard set of terms and conditions on which it will agree to act as the *Metering Coordinator* with respect to a type 5 or type 6 *metering installation* referred to in paragraph (a).
- (c) Unless the *financially responsible Market Participant* and *Local Network Service Provider* agree other terms and conditions to apply to the *Local Network Service Provider's* appointment as the *Metering Coordinator* under paragraph (a) prior to the effective date, the *Local Network Service Provider* will be deemed to be appointed as the *Metering Coordinator* on the standard terms and conditions of appointment referred to in paragraph (b) on and from the effective date.
- (d) The terms and conditions on which a *Local Network Service Provider* is appointed as *Metering Coordinator* under paragraph (a) or deemed to be appointed as *Metering Coordinator* under paragraph (c) must:
 - (1) include terms as to price which are consistent with Chapter 6 and, where relevant, Chapter 11;
 - (2) include a scope of services which is consistent with the responsibilities of the *Metering Coordinator* with respect to the *connection point* under Chapter 7;
 - (3) provide that the *financially responsible Market Participant* may terminate the appointment or deemed appointment on reasonable notice to the *Metering Coordinator*; and
 - (4) subject to paragraph (e), must not prevent, hinder or otherwise impede a *financially responsible Market Participant* from appointing a person other than the *Local Network Service Provider* as *Metering Coordinator* on any day following the effective date.

- (e) Subparagraph (d)(4) does not prevent the terms and conditions on which a *Metering Coordinator* is appointed under paragraph (a) from including a requirement for the *financially responsible Market Participant* to pay the *Local Network Service Provider* an exit fee when the appointment ceases, provided that the exit fee is consistent with Chapter 6 and, where relevant, Chapter 11.
- (f) An agreement between a *Local Network Service Provider* and the *financially responsible Market Participant* relating to the appointment of the *Local Network Service Provider* as *Metering Coordinator* under paragraph (a) may include agreed terms and conditions that are in addition to those required by paragraph (d), provided the additional terms and conditions are consistent with paragraph (d).
- (g) For the avoidance of doubt:
 - (1) any *Metering Coordinator* appointed under paragraph (a) or deemed to be appointed under paragraph (c) must comply with Chapter 2 of the *Rules*, including the requirement that a *Metering Coordinator* be accredited and registered with AEMO as a *Metering Coordinator* under new clause 2.4A.1(a) of Chapter 2 of the *Rules*; and
 - (2) to the extent of any inconsistency between this clause 11.78.7 and clause 7.6.1(a), this clause 11.78.7 prevails.
- (h) An appointment under paragraph (a) or a deemed appointment under paragraph (c) will continue until the earlier of:
 - (1) the services provided with respect to the *metering installation* ceasing to be classified by the AER as *direct control services*; and
 - (2) another *Metering Coordinator* being appointed with respect to that *connection point* under new Chapter 7.

Note:

The consequence of this provision is that the appointment or deemed appointment (as the case may be) will come to an end when a new or replacement *metering installation* is installed in accordance with clause 7.8.3 or 7.8.4, provided that the AER does not classify services provided by *small customer metering installations* as *direct control services*.

11.78.8 Distribution Ring Fencing Guidelines

- (a) AER must by 1 July 2016 *publish Distribution Ring-Fencing Guidelines*.