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### 1. GENERAL

This service level procedure details the requirements that *Metering Providers* must comply with when undertaking installation, provision and maintenance services for *metering installation* types 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

### 1.1 Purpose

- 1.1.1 This service level procedure is established under clause 7.14.1A of the Rules and details the obligations, technical requirements, measurement process and performance requirements that are to be performed, administered and maintained by a Metering Provider.
- 1.1.2 This service level procedure details the:
  - (a) Obligations and technical / operational requirements in the provision, installation and maintenance of the metering installation by a Metering Provider, and
  - (b) Obligations assigned to the Metering Provider in support of the responsible person in order to comply with the Rules.
- 1.1.3 This document also refers to the requirements for:
  - (a) Accreditation of Metering Providers (category B);
  - (b) Compliance with the Rules and related procedures under the Rules; and
  - (c) The encouragement of good work practices.
- 1.1.4 This service level procedure relates to category B Metering Providers (MPB), which are Metering Providers who are accredited to undertake the provision, installation and maintenance of various metering installation types as stipulated.
- 1.1.5 While this service level procedure relates to formal obligations under the Rules, they should also be used as a "good practice" guide for all metering installations and operations.
- 1.1.6 This service level procedure sets out the minimum requirements for a Metering Provider to be compliant with the Rules and procedures under the Rules.

### 1.2 Interpretation

- 1.2.1 The definition of a *Metering Provider* is a person who meets the requirements listed in S7.4 of the *Rules* and has been accredited by and is registered with *AEMO* as a *Metering Provider*.
- 1.2.2 In this service level procedure words that are shown in italics have the meaning specified in the *Rules*.
- 1.2.3 A reference in this service level procedure to a provision in the Rules is taken to be a reference to that provision as renumbered from time to time.
- 1.2.4 In this *service level procedure* words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.
- 1.2.5 In this service level procedure diagrams are provided as an overview. If there are ambiguities between a diagram and the text, the text shall take precedence.

### 1.3 Regulatory Framework

1.3.1 In accordance with clause 7.4.1(a) of the *Rules*, the provision of *Metering Provider services* must only be carried out by a *Metering Provider*.

- 1.3.2 In accordance with clause 7.4.2 (a) (2) of the *Rules*, a *Metering Provider* must be accredited by *AEMO* and registered in that capacity in accordance with the qualification process.
- 1.3.3 In accordance with clause 7.4.2 (bb) of the Rules, a Metering Provider must comply with the provisions of the Rules and procedures authorised under the Rules.

### 1.4 References

- 1.4.1 In this service level procedure, a reference to a procedure includes the following:
  - a) NMI Procedure, is a reference to the latest version of the "National Metering Identifier Procedure";
  - b) 'metrology procedure' is a reference to the Metrology Procedure: Part A or Part B;
  - c) 'MSATS Procedures' is a reference to any one or all of the following documents in accordance with the context of the provision;
    - 'CATS Procedure' is a reference to the 'CATS Procedures Principles and Obligations':
      - 'WIGS Procedure' is a reference to the Procedures for the Management of Wholesale, Interconnector, Generator and Sample (WIGS) NMIs; and
      - 'NMI Standing Data' is a reference to the static metering data held within MSATS as detailed in the 'Standing Data for MSATS' document.
  - d) 'B2B Procedures' is a reference to any one or all of the following documents in accordance with the context of the provision:
    - i. 'Customer and Site Details Notification Process'; and
    - ii. 'Service Order Process'.
  - e) \_\_'Meter Data Churn Procedure' is a reference to the 'Motor Churn Data Management Procedure' that Metering Data Providers must comply with
  - (FRMP Churn Procedure' is a reference to the 'Meter Churn Procedures' for financially responsible Market Participants'; and
  - g)f) 'service level procedure' is a reference to this document.
- 1.4.2 The document "The Role of the *responsible person*1" published by *AEMO* should also be referred to as many of the compliance activities for the *responsible person* are undertaken via the *Metering Provider*.

### 1.5 Document Responsibility

- 1.5.1 In accordance with clauses 7.1.3, 7.1.4 and 7.14.1A of the *Rules*, *AEMO* is responsible for:
  - a) Preparing the service level procedure in accordance with Rules consultation procedures;
  - b) Revising the *service level procedure* in accordance with *Rules consultation procedure*; and
  - c) Publishing the service level procedure.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Available from the AEMO website.

- 1.5.2 The service level procedure must be available for public access on the AEMO website
- 1.5.3 Where AEMO considers a proposed amendment to the service level procedure is of a minor or administrative nature, AEMO is not required to undertake consultation in accordance with the Rules consultation procedures but must comply with the requirements of clause 7.1.4 (e) of the Rules.

### 2. METERING PROVIDER OBLIGATIONS

### 2.1 Obligations

- 2.1.1 The Metering Provider is required to provide the metering installation, provision and/or maintenance services for all components of metering installations for which they are contracted and for which they are nominated as a Metering Provider in MSATS.
- 2.1.2 Subject to exclusions that are defined in clause 2.2 of this procedure, all category B Metering Providers must comply with this service level procedure.
- 2.1.3 A Metering Provider must comply with the metrology procedure.
- 2.1.4 The Metering Provider has responsibility for the provision of metering services for all connection points for which they are the nominated Metering Provider in MSATS.
- 2.1.5 The Metering Provider must remain compliant with all applicable MSATS Procedures.
- 2.1.6 The *Metering Provider* must maintain and operate an interface with the MSATS system for delivery of relevant *NMI Standing Data* to the *metering database*.
- 2.1.7 The Metering Provider must conform to AEMO's NMI Procedure.
- 2.1.8 The *Metering Provider* must remain compliant with all applicable *B2B Procedures*.
- 2.1.9 The Metering Provider must comply with the 'FRMP Churn Procedure' and 'Meter Data Churn Procedure'.

### 2.2 Exclusions

- 2.2.1 Metering Providers Category B who perform work on metering installations at wholesale boundary points located within substations, undertaken on behalf of a Transmission Network Service Provider, are exempted from literal compliance with this service level procedure provided the metering work satisfies the performance and quality outcomes of this service level procedure. The complexity of work at these connection points is such that the specialist requirements for undertaking the metering installation work, in addition to the security, test and commissioning processes involved, are considered to match or exceed this service level procedure.
- 2.2.2 For service provision at *connection points* where the *Metering Provider* and the *Metering Data Provider* are part of the same company and *metering installation*, provision or maintenance work is performed using internal processes and procedures, those internal processes and procedures will be deemed to be compliant with this *service level procedure* if the *metering* work satisfies the performance and quality outcomes of this *service level procedure*.

### 3. METERING PROVIDER SERVICES

### 3.1 Services

- 3.1.1 The Metering Provider is responsible for the provision of metering services to provide, install and maintain a metering installation, which includes, but is not limited to:
  - a) The provision, storage and maintenance of metering register information.
  - Maintain the ongoing metering installation compliance with the Rules, procedures under the Rules and relevant metrology procedure
  - The provision and maintenance of physical metering installation security controls;
  - d) The provision, installation and maintenance of the *metering installation*;
  - The maintenance of metering installation password security;
  - f) The development and maintenance of a Metering Asset Management Plan; and
  - g) The support of the audit process of *metering installations* and centralised review process undertaken by *AEMO*.
- 3.1.2 Even though a *Metering Provider* may perform certain obligations on behalf of the responsible person, the responsible person has overall responsibility for the metering installation.

### 3.2 Engagement of Metering Providers

- 3.2.1 The Rules provide a basis for Metering Providers to be engaged by the responsible person. The responsible person must ensure that all facets of the metering installation are maintained and may engage any number of Metering Providers to undertake the different components of work for each metering installation (e.g. to design the installation; install instrument transformers; install meters; install data communications; conduct tests; conduct ongoing maintenance).
- 3.2.2 Metering Providers are required to be registered with AEMO, and have the specific qualifications and the capability to meet the defined performance standards.

### 3.3 Restrictions on Metering Providers

- 3.3.1 No Market Generator or Market Customer which is involved in the trading of energy may be registered as a Metering Provider for connection points in respect of which the metering data relates to its own use of energy; and
- 3.3.2 If a Market Participant is a Market Customer and also a Network Service Provider, then the Market Participant may register as a Metering Provider for that connection point in accordance with the requirements of clause 7.4.2(d) and 7.4.2(e) of the Rules.

### 3.4 Accreditation

- 3.4.1 *Metering Providers* providing services in the *National Electricity Market* must be accredited by and registered with *AEMO*.
- 3.4.2 The accreditation requirements are set out in the accreditation checklists for each category of *metering installation* and include requirements as set out in:

a) Chapter 7 of the Rules; and

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- b) Authorised procedures under the Rules.
- 3.4.3 Circumstances where *AEMO* may require a *Metering Provider* to review its accreditation and subsequently apply for re-accreditation may include:
  - a) Where a Metering Provider has been de-registered and seeks re-registration;
  - Where a Metering Provider has been suspended from providing services under certain categories and seeks to have the suspension lifted;
  - c) Subsequent changes to Rules requirements, Procedures under the Rules, or service level procedures. This is likely to apply in instances where Rules changes have been made or new versions of the metrology procedure have been issued which require significant functional system, process or procedural changes to be made by Metering Providers.
  - d) Significant changes or upgrades to the *Metering Provider*'s existing systems or a system platform change. The *Metering Provider* must apply and be reaccredited prior to implementing the changes into their production

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environment and accepting or transmitting any *market* transactions, in accordance with the *Metering Service Provider* Accreditation Procedure; and

e) Organisational mergers and acquisitions.

### 3.5 Disputes

3.5.1 If a dispute arises between the *Metering Provider* and *AEMO*, a *Registered Participant*, a *Metering Data Provider* or any other *Metering Provider*, in relation to the provision of *metering* services or this *service level procedure*, then the Dispute Resolution process as detailed in clause 8.2 of the *Rules* shall apply.

### 3.6 Use of Sub-Contractors

- 3.6.1 If an accredited *Metering Provider* intends to engage sub-contractors (who do not have *Metering Provider* accreditation) to perform any of their obligations, they must ensure that auditable processes are in place to certify that all work performed by the sub-contractor on behalf of the *Metering Provider* is compliant with the *Rules* and this *service level procedure*.
- 3.6.2 While the *Metering Provider* may contract out *metering* work, the *Metering Provider* may not delegate any of their responsibilities under the *Rules*. The *Metering Provider* is responsible and liable for all acts and omissions of the subcontractor as if they were acts and omissions of the *Metering Provider*.

### 3.7 Insurance

- 3.7.1 The *Metering Provider* must effect and maintain for the duration of the *Metering Provider*'s registration and accreditation:
  - a) General liability insurance; and
  - b) For a period of seven years after termination of the Metering Providers registration, professional indemnity insurance, for an amount of not less than \$10,000,000 total, covering potential claims against the Metering Provider.
- 3.7.2 The *Metering Provider* must provide *AEMO* with certified copies of the insurance policy required pursuant to this *-service level procedure*, when requested.

### 3.8 Professionalism

- 3.8.1 In order to achieve a common approach to services across *Metering Providers* and *Metering Data Providers* in the *National Electricity Market*, each *Metering Provider* must develop, document and apply its procedures for the services in cooperation with *AEMO* and each relevant *responsible person* and *Network Service Provider* to facilitate the effective management of relevant *NMI Standing Data* and *metering data* information flows.
- 3.8.2 Metering Providers must ensure that sufficient competent people are recruited and maintained in order to meet the Metering Provider's obligations and performance requirements.

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- 3.8.3 Metering Providers must use reasonable endeavours to establish the necessary working relationships with other Metering Providers and Metering Data Providers to ensure that matters affecting customer transfer, meter installation, provision and maintenance, and maintenance of relevant NMI Standing Data are achieved proficiently. Metering Providers must be especially cognisant of connection point meter churn retrospective changes and service provider changes that will require interchanges of service provider information and metering data.
- 3.8.4 Metering Providers must assist AEMO with reasonable requests for the provisioning of metering data and relevant NMI Standing Data information relating to connection points that are part of the market audit process conducted by AEMO.

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#### **PERFORMANCE** 4.

#### 4.1 **Metering Processes**

#### 4.1.1 Metering Provider General Requirements

- a) Operation of the National Electricity Market requires the installation, provision, and maintenance of metering installations for the purposes of providing accurate recording of energy flows to facilitate associated financial transactions. These energy flows are metered using equipment provided, installed and maintained by Metering Providers; and
- Metering register information and relevant NMI Standing Data management is to be updated and maintained and communicated to AEMO, as well as to Market Participants who have rights of access under the Rules.
- Note: For the purpose of clarification, any clauses in this document that relate to a type 1, 2, 3 and 4 metering installation are taken to also apply to an interval metering installation with remote acquisition for a small customer (except for Victorian Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Rollout) until the metrological requirements are formalised through the National Smart Meter process.

#### 4.1.2 Regulatory Knowledge

The Metering Provider is required to maintain current knowledge on the Rules, metrology procedure(s), Australian Standards, relevant International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards, and all other relevant

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standards and codes (e.g. wiring regulation, jurisdictional documents, SIRs, etc.).

#### 4.1.3 Registration Process

The Metering Provider role is essential to the successful collection of relevant NMI Standing Data and allocation of the relevant NMI Standing Data to Market Participants for registration processing purposes.

#### Metering Provider Processes 4.1.4

- For the services that they provide, the Metering Provider must have processes and systems in place in the following areas:
  - Purchasing of metering equipment;
  - ii. Provision of metering equipment;
  - iii. Installation of *metering* equipment;
  - Commissioning and verification of *metering* equipment; iv.
  - Testing and inspection of metering equipment; ٧.
  - Maintenance of metering equipment; vi.
  - vii. Programming of metering equipment;
  - Asset management planning; viii.
  - Security of metering installations and energy data; ix.
  - Relevant NMI Standing Data management; х.
  - Management of MSATS interface; xi.
  - Management of meter churn; xii.
  - Support Management of B2B processes where required; xiii.
  - Communication links to AEMO, Market Participants and other service xiv. providers;
  - Quality system certification;
  - Processes for the maintenance and update of relevant Rules, Licences, Procedures and Standards; and
  - Training and maintenance of resource skills. xvii.

#### 4.2 **Registration of Metering Installations**

The metering registration process is to be coordinated by the Metering Provider 4.2.1 in cooperation with the responsible person.

#### 4.3 **Connection Point Transfer**

- The Metering Provider is required to facilitate the timely commissioning of the 4.3.1 metering installation and the confirmation of the metering installation details. The Metering Provider is required to conform to AEMO's procedures as amended from time to time.
- In order to support the retail transfer of a connection point, the Metering Provider 4.3.2 must comply with the appropriate provisions of the following procedures:
  - 'MSATS Procedures: CATS Procedures Principles and Obligations'. This document contains the principles governing consumer transfer, metering installation registration and NMI Standing Data management. The document

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- also defines the identities and obligations placed on *Market Participants* arising from these principles;
- b) 'NMI Standing Data for MSATS'. This document contains information relating to NMI Standing Data requirements in MSATS; and
- 'NMI Procedure' is a reference to the latest version of the "National Metering Identifier Procedure".

### 4.4 NMI Standing Data Requirements

- 4.4.1 The *Metering Provider* is to establish and maintain a register of site details and parameters (relevant *NMI Standing Data*) for each specified *metering installation* as follows:
  - Adhere to the assignment protocol of the NMI for all connection point details and data streams;
  - Conform to the requirements of the 'MSATS Procedures: CATS Procedures
     Principles and Obligations' with respect to the transfer of a connection point
     and the update and maintenance of relevant NMI Standing Data information
     within MSATS system;
  - Conform to the requirements of the B2B Procedures where applicable for the provision of relevant NMI Standing Data and metering installation services;
  - Forward a sub-set of the relevant NMI Standing Data information to MSATS in support of the NMI Discovery process;
  - Store the relevant NMI Standing Data in a manner that facilitates an auditable process and an efficient exchange of information with MSATS, AEMO, Market Participants and other service providers; and
  - f) Maintain and update the MSATS system with the required relevant NMI Standing Data information as detailed within the MSATS Procedures.
- 4.4.2 *AEMO* will undertake performance monitoring on the quality of relevant *NMI Standing Data*, and compliance of *Metering Providers* to this *service level procedure*.
- 4.4.3 The character and syntax details relating to relevant *NMI Standing Data* information is listed in the latest version of the *AEMO* document 'Standing Data for MSATS'. This document is available from the *AEMO* website.

### 4.5 Metering Register

- 4.5.1 The *Metering Provider* is required to maintain a *metering register* to contain the details as listed in S7.5.2 (b) sub clauses (5), (6) and (7) of the *Rules*.
- The Metering Provider is required to provide the metering register information, as detailed above, on request to the respective Market Participants who have the right of access to the metering register information. Information held in the metering register is to be accessible on-line for a minimum of 13 months and may be archived after this period. The information must be retained for seven years. Archiving facilities are required to transfer data, no longer required, on-line at regular intervals (e.g. monthly) into a longer-term, but accessible storage. Retrieval mechanisms are required that allow the data to be recovered and reevaluated for review purposes. It is not a requirement that the information be retrieved to the original storage facility, but the retrieval mechanism must facilitate manual analysis and manipulation using the same processing rules as for the original metering register information.

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4.6.1 The Metering Provider must meet the obligations and performance requirements of the Metering Provider's role and functions as defined within the 'MSATS Procedures: CATS Procedures Principles and Obligations'.

### 4.7 B2B Procedures

4.7.1 The Metering Provider must meet the obligations and performance requirements of the Metering Provider's role and functions as defined within the Business to Business Procedures.

### 4.8 Meter Data Churn Management

- 4.8.1 The Metering Provider is must provide required to facilitate communication of the relevant NMI Standing Data and metering register information to support the requirements of the FRMP Churn Procedure.
- 4.8.1 The Metering Provider must only undertake meter churn when the request to do so has been provided by a responsible person, or a financially responsible Market Participant in accordance with the FRMP Churn Procedure. other respective Metering Providers and Metering Data Providers having the right of access as a result of a transfer of the connection point.
- 4.8.2 The Metering Provider is required to inform the (new) Metering Data Provider of the commissioning time of the new metering installation and the identity of the existing (current) Metering Data Provider. This is to facilitate the new Metering Data Provider providing the 'Meter Data Churn' to the current Metering Data Provider.
- 4.8.3 The Motering Provider is required to provide to the new Motering Data Provider formal confirmation of the above metering installation details and commissioning times. Refer section 4.14 for meter change process performance requirements and Attachment 1 for example forms.

### 4.9 Metering Provider (MPA) Interfaces

- 4.9.1 Metering Providers category A (MPA) are Metering Providers who are accredited to undertake installation only of type 5 and 6 whole current meters. The responsible person is required to engage a Metering Provider or Metering Providers to undertake the provision, installation and maintenance of a metering installation. Where a Metering Provider category A is engaged by the responsible person to perform installation work only, the Metering Provider category B must, on behalf of the responsible person, ensure that processes are in place to ensure that interfaces with the Metering Provider category A are established to ensure that:
  - a) Provision of *metering* equipment is undertaken in a timely manner;
  - Transition of relevant metering installation relevant NMI Standing Data information into systems and processes are carried out; and
  - c) The *metering* equipment is maintained by inclusion in the relevant test strategy within the associated Metering Asset Management Plan.

### 4.10 Compliance

- 4.10.1 While the overall responsibility lies with the *responsible person*, *Metering Providers* are required to provide copies of test or commissioning details to any new *Metering Provider* or *responsible person* upon request.
- 4.10.2 The *Metering Provider* must ensure that the *metering installation* is installed and maintained in accordance with the *metrology procedure*.

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### 4.11 General Commissioning Requirements

4.11.1 The Metering Provider must use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the metering installation is compliant and carry out the following metering installation commissioning checks.

#### 4.11.2 Wiring checks

- a) The Metering Provider must verify that the:
  - Metering installation equipment and associated wiring is correct;
  - Metering installation complies with manufacturer requirements, relevant standards and jurisdictional documents;
  - iii. All wiring terminations are tight and correctly terminated;
  - Cable type and sizes used are correct; and iv.
  - Phase sequence and polarity are correct.

#### 4.11.3 Accuracy requirements

- The Metering Provider must establish that the accuracy class of all the metering equipment associated with an metering installation and any documentation verifying the errors of current transformers, voltage transformers and meters show compliance with the Rules. The name plate data reflects the design accuracy class of the metering equipment.
- The Metering Provider must carry out all reasonable directions of the responsible person to establish metering installation compliance.

#### 4.11.4 Multiplier Validation

For metering installations that utilise instrument transformers, (voltage transformers and/or current transformers), the Metering Provider must verify the connected ratios of all instrument transformers on site and calculate the constant to be applied to the meter readings and metering data.

#### 4.11.5 Metering Transformer Burden Measurement

a) For metering installations that utilise instrument transformers, (voltage transformers and/or current transformers), the Metering Provider must undertake measurements of the actual secondary burdens of the instrument transformers pertaining to the metering installation to ensure that the burdens applied to the instrument transformers are within the rated burden specified on the nameplate.

#### 4.11.6 Phase Sequence

The Metering Provider must verify that the metering installation voltage phase sequence relationships are correct unless the Metering Provider can verify to the satisfaction of AEMO the accuracy of the meter type when nonstandard phase sequence is applied.

#### Vector Relationships 4.11.7

For metering installations that utilise instrument transformers, (voltage transformers and/or current transformers), the Metering Provider must verify that the combined current and voltage phase relationships at the meter terminals are correct.

#### 4.11.8 Meter Validation

For all metering installation types, the Metering Provider must verify that the meter programming parameters, display and error functions are all correct in accordance with manufacturer specifications. This includes the measurement

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- of the forward rotation of energy applied to the *meter*, and verifying that the correct pulse rates (for interval meters) have been programmed into the *meter* for the best possible resolution of *energy data* measurement and recording.
- b) For metering installations that involve the use of instrument transformers, the Metering Provider must validate register readings to the measured customer load where applicable and possible. The validation process may also include a timing check by comparing the output on the meter display and/or pulse indicators against load and time.
- c) For sites involving remote acquisition of metering data, the Metering Provider must have processes in place to aid in the validation of interval metering data with the responsible person and/or Metering Data Provider.
  - This process must confirm that remote communication with the meter is established and is of sufficient quality to support communication and metering data transfer.
  - ii. This verification is to be done at the time of *meter installation*, *meter* change, meter test or meter reprogramming. Refer also to section 4.12 relating to the meter change process for Type 1, 2, 3 and 4 sites.
  - iii. The Metering Provider must also aid any end to end verification of the measured and stored interval metering data within the meter's buffer with the interval metering data value(s) as remotely read and stored within the Metering Data Provider's metering data services database.
  - iv. The Metering Provider must have processes in place to aid in the validation of metering data with the responsible person and/or Metering Data Provider. Where a validation failure has occurred, the Metering Provider is required to have a process in place to verify metering installation compliance.

### 4.11.9 Sites that cannot be validated

- a) For sites that cannot be fully validated, the Metering Provider must inform the Metering Data Provider and the responsible person that the metering installation cannot be fully validated. The Metering Provider is required to liaise with the responsible person to undertake other alternative measurements and commissioning checks that enable the responsible person to agree that the metering installation is compliant.
- b) The Metering Provider must undertake one or more of the following checks:
  - Utilisation of meter energy measurement to calculate load / demand and that this value is reflective of expected magnitude;
  - Use of a dummy load or phantom load box to verify correct meter energy measurement;
  - iii. Wiring checks which visibly verify correct connection and phase relationships of voltage and current circuits; or
  - Compare meter measurement of energy / load with an alternative measurement of demand, current etc.

### 4.11.10 Alarm settings

- a) Where the meter supports alarm functionality as an attachment to the interval metering data, the Metering Provider is required to enable the following alarms:
  - i. Power failure;

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- ii. Voltage failure;
- iii. Pulse or interval data overflow;
- iv. Checksum error; and
- v. Time reset.
- b) Where there are alarm sensitivity settings, these must be set at appropriate levels to ensure meaningful alarm outputs (e.g. for contestable customer supplies a Voltage drop of -15% is nominally appropriate).

### 4.11.11 In situ testing of type 1, 2, 3 and 4 metering installations

- a) Where a Metering Provider undertakes to perform in situ testing of a type 1, 2, 3 and 4 metering installation, the Metering Provider must note the start and end times of the meter test and any applicable register readings and record these on the relevant test sheet.
- b) On completion of the tests the Metering Provider must ensure that the following is undertaken before the Metering Provider leaves the site:
  - Ensure that the metering installation is commissioned into service and that all connections are correct, tight and that the measurement system is operating correctly. Adherence to section 4.11, General Commissioning Requirements, is required;
  - ii. The Metering Provider is required to contact the relevant Metering Data Provider and verify that the Metering Data Provider still has operational communications with the meter and that the communications are of sufficient quality to support metering data transfer; and
  - iii. The Metering Provider is required to inform the Metering Data Provider of the start and end times of the test and the metering details concerned. (This is to facilitate the Metering Data Provider validating and substituting out any erroneous metering data as a result of the meter test).
- c) On completion of the metering installation test, the Metering Provider is required to provide to the relevant Metering Data Provider, by formal communication, confirmation of the above details and test times. Refer section 4.14 for meter change process performance requirements and Attachment 1 for example forms. These forms are available from AEMO's website.

### 4.12 Meter Change Process From Installation Types 1, 2, 3 or 4

- 4.12.1 Where a *Metering Provider* undertakes to perform *metering installation* changes from a type 1, 2, 3 or 4 to a type 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 *metering installation* (and to a type 6 subject to the jurisdictional reversion policy in the *metrology procedure*), the *Metering Provider* must undertake the following activities before carrying out any installation change:
  - a) The Metering Provider must make everyreasonable endeavours to first contact the current Metering Data Provider prior to undertaking any change of metering and is required to:
    - i. Inform-Provide the current Metering Data Provider with the details of and the current Metering Provider of the new Metering <u>Data</u> Provider and new Metering Provider dentity and that a meter change is to be carried out;

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- Request and verify that the current Metering Data Provider undertakes a final read to recover any metering data since the meter was last interrogated; and
- iii. Note the *metering installation* details and times on the relevant Meter Change Installation Notice or site commissioning test sheet.
- 4.12.2 On completion of the *metering installation* the *Metering Provider* must ensure that the following is undertaken before the *Metering Provider* leaves the site:
  - Ensure that the metering installation is commissioned into service and that all connections are correct, tight and that the measurement system is operating correctly. Adherence to section 4.11, General Commissioning Requirements, is required; and
  - b) For a site remaining a type 1, 2, 3 or 4 installation, the Motoring Provider is required to-verify that there are operational communications with the metering installation and that the communications are of sufficient quality to support the remote acquisition of metering data.
- 4.12.3 The Metering Provider is required to inform the (new) Metering Data Provider of the commissioning time of the meter installation and the identity of the existing (current) Metering Data Provider. This is to facilitate the new Metering Data Provider providing the 'Meter Data Churn' to the current Metering Data Provider.
- 4.12.44.12.3 The Metering Provider is required to provide to the new Metering Data Provider formal confirmation of the above metering installation details and commissioning times. Refer section 4.14 for meter change process performance requirements and Attachment 1 for example forms.

### 4.13 Meter Change Process From Installation Types 5 or 6

- 4.13.1 Where a *Metering Provider* undertakes to perform *metering installation* changes from a type 5 or 6 to a type 1, 2, 3 or 4 *metering installation*, the *Metering Provider* must undertake the following before carrying out any installation change:
  - a) The Metering Provider must first contact the current Metering Provider and/or Local Network Service Provider and is required to:
    - Inform the current Metering Provider and/or Local Network Service Provider of the Metering Provider's identity and that a meter change is to be carried out; and
    - Note the metering installation details and times on the relevant site commissioning test sheet.
- 4.13.2 On completion of the *metering installation* the *Metering Provider* must ensure that the following is undertaken before the *Metering Provider* leaves the site:
  - Ensure that the metering installation is commissioned into service and that all connections are correct, tight and that the measurement system is operating correctly. Adherence to section 4.11, General Commissioning Requirements, is required; and
  - b) For a site remaining a type 1, 2, 3 or 4 installation, verify that there are operational communications with the metering installation and that the communications are of sufficient quality to support the remote acquisition of metering data.
  - b) The Motoring Provider is required to inform the (new) Motoring Data Provider of the commissioning time of the motor installation and the identity of the existing (current) Motoring Data Provider. This is to facilitate the new Motoring Data Provider providing the 'Meter Data Churn' to the current Motoring Data Provider).

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4.13.3 The *Metering Provider* is required to provide to the new *Metering Data Provider* by formal confirmation of the above *metering installation* details and commissioning times. Refer section 4.14 for meter change process performance requirements and Attachment 1 for example forms.

### 4.14 Metering Installation Change Process

4.14.1 In relation to the performance requirements tabulated below, and shown in Figure 1 'Performance Requirements -Time Schedule' in section 1.1.14.14.2, the following details apply to the performance of a *metering installation* by a *Metering Provider*.

TASK ID (AS IN FIG 1)	REQUIREMENT	DETAIL
1	Process MSATS Change Request notification (one business day) Accept/Reject Work.	The Metering Provider must process the MSATS notification that nominates them as an MPB for a connection point. This notification should be also taken as a metering installation advice.
2	Receive advice from responsible person / B2B Process (one business day).	The Metering Provider is required to acknowledge the receipt of notification or otherwise within one business day of receipt of any metering installation advice via formal communication.
3	Notify Metering Data Provider and/or responsible person by formal communication, advising of the metering installation change (one business day).	The Metering Provider must give the notified party a period to comment on the proposed meter change (i.e. password availability, compatibility issues if any etc).
4	Await notified party comment (two business days).	The Metering Provider must wait two business days for any comment from the Metering Data Provider and/or responsible person re the proposed meter change.
5	Obtain site information from current <i>Metering Provider</i> , LNSP and MSATS (two business days).	The Metering Provider is required to request all necessary installation and site information from the current Metering Provider, Local Network Service Provider, financially responsible Market Participant and MSATS where available.
6	Provision of requested Installation Information (two business days).	The current <i>Metering Provider</i> is required to provide the requested <i>metering installation</i> information for a <i>connection point</i> to a New <i>Metering Provider</i> .

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TASK ID (AS IN FIG 1)	REQUIREMENT	DETAIL					
7	Accept / Reject work (one business day).	The Metering Provider is required to advise the financially responsible Market Participant and/or responsible person whether the Metering Provider accepts responsibility for the installation work etc.					
		This includes, where relevant, submitting any objection 'OBJ' code into MSATS, which must be provided within five <i>business days</i> of the MSATS notification.					
		An action of not objecting constitutes acceptance.					
8	Schedule and undertake work (up to 10 business days).	The Metering Provider must ensure that the installation work is scheduled and completed within this time frame. This item includes:					
		Program and readiness of installation equipment;					
		Site access and any outage arrangements in accordance to jurisdictional regulatory requirements;					
		Change of required metering installation equipment;					
		Test and commissioning of installation in conjunction with <i>Metering Data Provider</i> where applicable; and					
		Preparation and submission of relevant advices.					
9	Update systems (up to five <i>business days</i> ). The <i>Metering Provider</i> is required to commence this	The Metering Provider is required to ensure that all relevant NMI Standing Data information for the connection point is updated. This process includes:					
	update within five business days of the completion of item 8.4 above (test and commissioning of	Entry and update of relevant NMI     Standing Data information into the     Metering Provider's systems and     databases;					
	installation).	Provision of Meter Change installation     Notice to the respective responsible     person and Metering Data Provider(s) for     the connection point; and					
		3. Entry of relevant NMI Standing Data into MSATS- If the new Metering Provider role is not immediately effective within MSATS.					
		then the updates in MSATS must occur within five business days of the Metering Provider role for the connection point becoming effective within MSATS.					

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TASK ID (AS IN FIG 1)	REQUIREMENT	DETAIL
10	Return removed metering installation component(s) (up to ten business days).	The Metering Provider is required to return any removed metering installation component(s) to its owner. Reasonable endeavours are required in the packaging of the equipment to ensure its return in good order.
11	Provide / support registration validation test data (up to three business days)	Where support is still required to the responsible person and/or Metering Data Provider in the validation process of the metering data, the Metering Provider must ensure that this is carried in an effective manner.

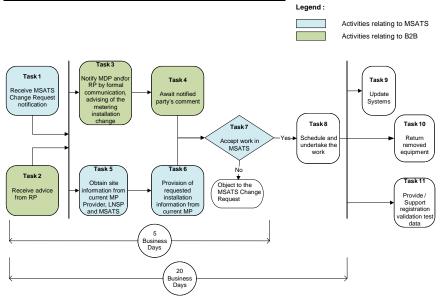
- 4.14.2 For metering installation changes that involve a retail transfer, the Metering Provider must use reasonable endeavours to perform the metering installation change prior to, but no earlier than 20 business days before the proposed date of transfer. The Metering Provider must not undertake changes to a:
  - a) Type 5 or 6 metering installation until receipt of the relevant MSATS notification in accordance with clause 7.3.4 (i) and clause 7.2.5 (e) of the Rules: or
  - b) Type 1, 2, 3 or 4 metering installation until the receipt of the relevant MSATS notification. This requirement within this service level procedure is stipulated for consistency for the requirement of clause 7.14.1A (e) of the Rules.

### 4.15 Performance Requirements

- 4.15.1 The Metering Provider must complete all metering installation changes within the following timeframes, unless the Metering Provider is carrying out a metering installation change to meet a Network Service Provider (NSP) regulated obligation. For metering installation changes to meet a NSP regulated obligation, the installation period will be established in agreements between the NSP and the Metering Provider to reflect the NSP's regulatory obligations.
  - a) The Metering Provider must use reasonable endeavors to complete Tasks 1 to 8 inclusive (as listed in the above table) within a maximum period of 20 business days.
  - b) The performance requirements for Tasks 1 to 8 inclusive apply to all contestable metering installation changes for which the Metering Provider must obtain:
    - A minimum performance requirement of 95% for all metering installation changes (within the maximum period); and
    - ii. A 100% compliance for all *metering installation* changes within twice the stated maximum time frame, unless a separate time frame has been agreed to in writing with the *responsible person*.
  - e) Note: This service level procedure does not imply that a metering installation change must take place pre-transfer as it is recognised that this process would impinge on the ability for the current responsible person to ensure metering installation compliance. However, it is also recognised that a number of contractual and compliance requirements of the prospective Retailer or responsible person may necessitate that a metering installation change be undertaken in readiness for transfer.

- 4.15.2 The Motering Provider must use reasonable endeavours to ensure that metering installation changes are only made before transfer if:
  - a) A fixed date for the transfer is necessitated; and
  - b) It is unreasonable to expect that the metering installation be changed or reconfigured on the transfer date.

Figure 1: Performance Requirements - Time Schedule



Refer to sections 4.12, 4.13 and 4.14 for clarification of Task items.

Although the tasks have been shown as sequential activities some of the tasks may overlap with one another

### 4.16 Reporting

- 4.16.1 AEMO will undertake to provide regular reports to the Metering Provider relating to quality and timeliness of deliverables as part of AEMO's performance monitoring and benchmarking processes.
- 4.16.2 The content of the Metering Provider reports will reflect performance monitoring across all Metering Providers with respect to the deliverables of this service level procedure.
- 4.16.3 The frequency of the *Metering Providers* reports provided by *AEMO* will be nominally monthly, unless otherwise advised.

### 4.17 Corrective Action

- 4.17.1 The *Metering Provider* is required to take corrective action on:
  - a) Any reported instances of non-compliance documented within either the monthly reporting process or through the scheduled *Metering Provider* audit process: and
  - b) Any reported or found *metering installation* faults for which that *Metering Provider* has been engaged by the *Responsible Person* to maintain, in accordance with clause <u>4.264.21</u> of this procedure.

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### 4.18 Meter Change Information Requirements

4.18.1 The Metering Provider must provide, where applicable to the specified metering installation, the following information in an electronic format to the responsible person, relevant Market Participants or any other Metering Providers and Metering Data Providers who have a right of access to the information, as a minimum, pertaining to any metering installation changes.

### 4.18.2 Equipment installation

INFORMATION CATEGORY	DETAILS					
NMI details	NMI					
	Check Sum					
NMI address	Street					
	State					
	Postcode					
Market Participants	Financially Responsible Market Participant					
	Responsible Person					
	Local Retailer					
	Metering Provider B					
	Metering Provider C					
	Metering Data Provider					
	Local Network Service Provider					
Modem details	Modem Make					
	Modem Type					
	Modem Plant					
	Modem Phone					
	Modem Baud					
	Modem Carrier					
Meter details	Meter Make					
	Meter Type					
	Meter Rating					
	Meter Serial Number					
	Meter Pulse Rate					
	Meter Multiplier					
	Unit Address					
	Load Survey Interval					
	Programmed Current Transformer Ratio					
	Programmed Voltage Transformer Ratio					

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INFORMATION CATEGORY	DETAILS
Current Transformer(s)	Current Transformer Make
	Current Transformer Type
	Current Transformer Class
	Current Transformer Ratios
	Current Transformer Tap
	Current Transformer Rated Burden
	Current Transformer Serial Number Phase 1
	Current Transformer Serial Number Phase 2
	Current Transformer Serial Number Phase 3
	Current Transformer Secondary Wiring Size
	Current Transformer Secondary Wiring Route Length
	Primary Current
	Secondary Current
Voltage Transformer(s)	Voltage Transformer Make
	Voltage Transformer Type
	Voltage Transformer Class
	Voltage Transformer Ratios
	Voltage Transformer Tap
	Voltage Transformer Rated Burden
	Voltage Transformer Serial Number Phase 1
	Voltage Transformer Serial Number Phase 2
	Voltage Transformer Serial Number Phase 3
	Voltage Transformer Secondary Wiring Size
	Voltage Transformer Secondary Wiring Route Length

### 4.21.1 Equipment Removal

INFORMATION CATEGORY	DETAILS					
NMI details	NMI Check Sum					
NMI address	Street State Postcode					
Market Participants	Old Metering Data Provider ID Old Metering Provider ID					
Meter details	Meter Make(s) Meter Type(s) Meter Rating Meter Serial number(s)					
Current Transformer(s)	Removed Current Transformer Serial number(s) Removed Current Transformer Type(s) Removed Current Transformer Make(s)					

INFORMATION CATEGORY	DETAILS					
Voltage Transformer(s)	Removed Voltage Transformer Serial Number(s) Removed Voltage Transformer Type(s) Removed Voltage Transformer Make(s)					
Removal details	Service Order Number Work Order Number Meter Remove Date Meter Remove Time					
Meter reading(s)	Meter Reading(s) Data downloaded (Type 1, 2, 3 and 4) Date/time of download					

### 4.23.1 Forms

 Sample forms are provided in Attachment 1, a Microsoft Excel version of these forms is available from AEMO on request.

### 4.24 Asset Management Plans

4.24.1 The *Metering Provider* must develop, maintain and execute a Metering Asset Management Plan (MAMP) for all *metering installation* assets for which the *Metering Provider* has been engaged to provide maintenance and testing services by the *responsible person*, which is to be approved by *AEMO*.

### 4.25 Testing and Inspection

- 4.25.1 The *Metering Provider*, where engaged by the *responsible person* to carry out testing and inspection services of *metering installations*, must do so in accordance with S7.3 of the *Rules*.
- 4.25.2 The Metering Provider is required to provide on request test results for metering installation equipment to relevant Market Participants of the connection point or any other Metering Providers pertaining to the connection point.

### 4.26 Management of Metering Installation Faults

- 4.26.1 A Metering Provider who identifies a metering installation malfunction must advise the Metering Data Provider and responsible person within two business days.
- 4.26.2 In accordance with clause 7.3.7 of the *Rules*:
  - a) If a metering installation malfunction occurs, repairs must be made to the metering installation as follows:
    - For a type 1, 2 or 3 metering installations, within two business days of detection. The Metering Provider must notify the Metering Data Provider so that any relevant substitutions can be made to the metering data.
    - ii. For a type 4, 5 or 6 metering installations, within 10 business days of detection. The Metering Provider must notify the Metering Data Provider so that any relevant substitutions can be made to the metering data.
  - b) If the repairs cannot be made within the time specified as in clause 4.26.24.21.2 a) subsection (i) and (ii), the *Metering Provider* must notify the

responsible person, so that the responsible person can apply to AEMO for an 'Exemption'.

### 4.27 Telecommunications

- 4.27.1 The *Metering Provider* must notify the *Metering Data Provider* and *responsible person* if communications equipment is to be temporarily disconnected such that it may affect the *remote acquisition* of *metering data*.
- 4.27.2 The Metering Provider must assist the responsible person and/or the Metering Data Provider with the manual collection of metering data from the metering installation where remote acquisition becomes unavailable.
- 4.27.3 The application of clause 4.27.24.22.2 of this procedure excludes instances of a telecommunication network failure where the logistics of manual collection of metering data from significant volumes of metering installations is not practical. This does not remove the obligation of the responsible person to resolve the instance of the telecommunication network failure.

### 4.28 Systems

4.28.1 Systems procured or used by the Metering Provider to provide the services specified in this service level procedure shall be maintained in reasonable working condition in an accessible and auditable manner.

### 4.29 Quality systems

- 4.29.1 In accordance with the *metrology procedure* requirements and S7.4 of the *Rules*, the *Metering Provider* must:
  - a) For services in relation to type 1, 2, 3 and 4 metering installations have and retain AS/NZS ISO 9002 Quality Certification or achieve same within 12 months of accreditation as a Metering Provider with AEMO; and
  - b) For services in relation to type 5 and 6 metering installations, have and retain a quality system that meets clause S7.4.4 of the Rules and relevant clauses of metrology procedure Part A to the satisfaction of AEMO. AEMO has traditionally accepted quality accreditation to the ISO9001 or ISO 9002 standard, subject to the respective business system design and level of accreditation, as meeting this requirement.

### 4.30 Disaster Recovery

- 4.30.1 The Metering Provider must have a 'Disaster Recovery Plan' in place that, in the event of an IT system failure, the system is returned to normal operational service within five business days. Recovery to operational service is measured by evidence that:
  - The software and the most recent back-up of data has been restored to operational service within the five business days; and
  - b) That there is no outstanding processing or delivery of relevant NMI Standing Data to AEMO and Market Participants.
- 4.30.2 It is a requirement of the *Metering Provider* to demonstrate evidence to the effect that:
  - Detailed documentation of a Disaster Recovery Plan is maintained fully up to date. The documentation to show revisions and 'last check date';
  - The Disaster Recovery Plan is witnessed and dated at least annually by the Metering Provider as being current for the systems and processes in place; and

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c) The Disaster Recovery Plan has been subjected to an annual end-to-end test that facilitates both a 'fail-over' from and 'recovery' back to the production system.

### 4.31 Security Requirements

- 4.31.1 The *Metering Provider* is to manage security services for each specified *metering installation* in accordance with the *Rules* and *metrology procedure* requirements.
- 4.31.2 The Metering Provider has obligations with respect to the security of metering installations. These obligations relate to:
  - a) Physical Security of the metering installation;
  - b) Metering installation locks, seals and notices;
  - c) IT security of metering equipment;
  - d) Metering equipment passwords;
  - e) Metering Providers IT systems and databases;
  - f) Management of data access; and
  - g) Management of security equipment.
- 4.31.3 Clause 7.4.1(b) of the *Rules* requires the *Metering Provider* to be responsible for providing and maintaining security controls of a *metering installation* in accordance with clause 7.8.2 of the *Rules*. Security controls relate to:
  - The selection and use of metering equipment (e.g. multi-password level meters);
  - b) Metering installation site security (locks, seals, access etc);
  - c) Protection of calibration in the meter, and
  - d) Protection of internal energy data in the meter.
- 4.31.4 The *Metering Provider* must carry out all security obligations as required and requested by the *responsible person* and *AEMO*.

### 4.32 Rights of Access to Data

- 4.32.1 The *Metering Provider* must facilitate access to the *metering installation* in accordance with clause 7.7 of the *Rules*.
- 4.32.2 Note: Notwithstanding rights of access to data, the *responsible person* will be the final authority to allow physical access to the *meter* beyond those controlled by the *Metering Provider* and the *Metering Data Provider*.

### 4.33 Metering Installation Security

- 4.33.1 Revenue Protection issues
  - a) The Metering Provider shall not remove an asset if there is evidence of tampering or electricity theft. The Metering Provider must inform the existing Metering Provider and/or responsible person, and the metering installation shall remain as is until the responsible person has investigated. The new metering equipment can only be installed once the responsible person has given permission.

### 4.34 Safety

4.34.1 *Metering Providers* must maintain appropriate levels of OH&S policies according to jurisdictional and legislative requirements. Minimum requirements include the

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- identification of risks and hazards and application of control measures prior to any work being performed on site.
- 4.34.2 It is expected that relevant site safety information is openly shared amongst Metering Provision businesses, including the dispatch of safety alerts where applicable.
- 4.34.3 The *Metering Provider* must satisfy / perform any site induction requirements as required by the customer.

### 4.35 Work Standards

- 4.35.1 The *Metering Provider* must comply with the *Rules* and all relevant procedures under the *Rules* and the current:
  - a) AS3000 Wiring Rules;
  - b) ACA Communications Cabling requirements (where applicable); and
  - c) jurisdictional and Network Service Provider requirements.
- 4.35.2 In circumstances where the *Metering Provider* identifies an installation that does not comply with clause <u>4.35.14.30.1</u> of this procedure, it is expected that the *Metering Provider* will inform the *responsible person*, appropriate jurisdictional administrator and/or the NSP (as appropriate).

### 4.36 Embedded Networks

4.36.1 The *Metering Provider* must provide embedded network functionality where required as defined in the *Rules* and authorised procedures under the *Rules*.

### 4.37 Time Synchronisation

- 4.37.1 The *Metering Provider* when installing, testing and maintaining the *metering installation* must ensure the time setting of the *metering installation* is referenced to *Eastern Standard Time* in accordance with clause 7.12 and S7.2 of the *Rules*.
- 4.37.2 The *Metering Provider* must provide passwords to the *Metering Data Provider* as required by clause 7.8.2 (j) of the *Rules*.

### 4.38 Audits

- 4.38.1 The *Metering Provider* must undertake all services in a manner that is auditable by *AEMO*.
- 4.38.2 AEMO will carry out periodic random audits of metering installations in accordance with clause 7.6.3 (d) of the Rules. These audits are conducted by AEMO appointed auditors which are currently undertaken on an annual basis.
- 4.38.3 The Metering Provider must undertake to provide all reasonable assistance to AEMO in discharging its obligations under the Rules in relation to metering installations, including co-operating with and providing assistance to AEMO when AEMO periodically reviews each metering installation and the qualifications of each Metering Provider.
- 4.38.4 AEMO will undertake periodic review certification, to a negative assurance level of the Metering Provider's system, process and procedures to assess the Metering Provider's compliance to the Rules, Procedures under the Rules, this service level procedure and implementation of any approved Metering Asset Management Plan.
- 4.38.5 All scheduled reviews will be through a centralised review process established by *AEMO* and will be undertaken at the *Metering Provider's* own costs.

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- 4.38.6 Where a review is conducted under this service level procedure, the Metering Provider must, at its own cost, provide all reasonable assistance including making databases, equipment and premises available for inspection, making personnel available for questioning, and providing copies of any data or information as requested.
- 4.38.7 Scheduled reviews of the Metering Provider's system will be as follows:
  - The first audit to be nominally 24 months after accreditation at a time that suitably coincides with AEMO's market audit report.
  - Further and subsequent audits are to be every 24 months and at a time that suitably coincides with AEMO's market audit report, or
  - At AEMO's direction based on previous satisfactory audit reviews. c)
- 4.38.8 The Metering Provider is required to establish with AEMO the business days for audit reviews in advance. A minimum of 15 business days notice will be given to the Metering Provider for the provision of any specific data requests as part of the audit.

### 4.39 Non Compliance and Deregistration

- 4.39.1 The 'Service Provider Compliance Assessment and Deregistration Procedure' (established under clause 7.4.3 (a) of the Rules) shall be used by AEMO to assess a non-conformance or breach by a Metering Provider.
- 4.39.2 Subject to the assessed breach level as defined within the 'Service Provider Compliance Assessment and Deregistration Procedure', actions that may be taken by AEMO in the event that the Metering Provider has failed to take corrective action, includes:
  - Loss of accreditation of the Metering Provider; a)
  - Deregistration from categories of accreditation;
  - Suspension from operation in the National Electricity Market,
  - Other applied limitation or level of restriction; or
  - e) Any combination of the above.

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