



Draft National Electricity Amendment (Meter installation - advanced meter communications) Rule 2019 No. [##]

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;
- (g) the National Electricity (Northern Territory)(National Uniform Legislation) Act 2015; and
- (h) the Australian Energy Market Act 2004 of the Commonwealth.

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

John Pierce
Chairman
Australian Energy Market Commission

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1 Title of Rule

This Rule is the *Draft National Electricity Amendment (Meter installation - advanced meter communications) Rule 2019 Rule No. [##]*.

2 Commencement

This Rule commences operation on 21 March 2019.

3 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

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

Schedule 1 Amendment to the National Electricity Rules

(Clause 3)

[1] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

Omit clause 7.8.4(d) and substitute:

- (d) A *Metering Coordinator* is not required to comply with clause 7.8.3(a), or to ensure that the remote access capabilities of an installed type 4 *metering installation* remain active, where:
 - (1) in the *Metering Coordinator's* reasonable opinion, the *small customer* has communicated its refusal to the proposed installation of a type 4 *metering installation*, or to the continued use of an installed type 4 *metering installation*, at a *connection point* in accordance with paragraph (e); and
 - (2) the *Metering Coordinator* has informed the *small customer* or is aware that the *financially responsible Market Participant* has informed the *small customer*:
 - (i) about the differences between a type 4 *metering installation* and a type 4A *metering installation*; and
 - (ii) of the upfront costs and indicative ongoing expenses associated with a type 4A *metering installation* that will be payable by the *small customer* in the circumstances described, as applicable, in paragraph (h)(1) or (h1)(1); and
 - (3) the *Metering Coordinator* accepts the *small customer* refusal.

[2] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

Omit the opening paragraph of clause 7.8.4(e) and substitute:

- (e) For the purposes of paragraph (d) a *small customer* refusal to the proposed installation of a type 4 *metering installation*, or to the continued use of an installed type 4 *metering installation*, must be communicated:

[3] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

In clause 7.8.4(g), after "*small customer* refusal", insert "that it has accepted".

[4] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

In clause 7.8.4(g), omit "paragraph (e) and substitute "subparagraph (d)(3)".

[5] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

In clause 7.8.4(g), omit "7 years" and substitute "2 years".

[6] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

Omit the opening paragraph of clause 7.8.4(h) and substitute:

- (h) Where the conditions in paragraph (d) have been met for new *metering installations*, or for the replacement of *metering installations* other than where paragraph (h1) applies:

[7] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

In clause 7.8.4(h)(2), omit "or proposed installation".

[8] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

After clause 7.8.4(h), insert:

- (h1) Where the conditions in paragraph (d) have been met in respect of the continued use of an installed type 4 *metering installation*:
- (1) the *Metering Coordinator* must ensure that the installed type 4 *metering installation* at that *connection point* is replaced with a type 4A *metering installation*, which may be done by deactivating the remote access capabilities of the installed type 4 *metering installation*; and
 - (2) clause 7.8.3(a) will apply to any subsequent installation of a new or replacement *metering installation* at that *connection point*, subject to the reapplication of paragraph (d).

[9] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

In clause 7.8.4(i), omit "paragraph" and substitute "paragraphs".

[10] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

In clause 7.8.4(i), after "paragraphs (h)", insert "or (h1)".

[11] Clause 7.8.4 Type 4A metering installation

In clause 7.8.4(i), after "activating", insert "or reactivating".
