



Draft National Electricity Amendment (Victorian jurisdictional derogation, advanced metering infrastructure) Rule 2013

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.

John Pierce
Chairman
Australian Energy Market Commission

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1 Title of Rule

This Rule is the *Draft National Electricity Amendment (Victorian jurisdictional derogation, advanced metering infrastructure) Rule 2013*.

2 Commencement

This Rule commences operation on [1 January 2014].

3 Amendment of 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] 9.9B Advanced Interval Meter Roll Out

Omit rule 9.9B and substitute "[Deleted]"

[2] 9.9C Metering services for residential and small business customers

After rule 9.9B insert:

9.9C Metering services for residential and small business customers

9.9C.1 Definitions

- (a) In this clause 9.9C:

AMI Cost Recovery Order means the Order in Council made on 28 August 2007 under sections 15A and 46D of the EI Act and published in the Victoria Government Gazette S200 on that day as amended by the Order in Council made 12 November 2007 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette S286 on that day, the Order in Council made 25 November 2008 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette S314 on that day, the Order in Council made on 31 March 2009 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette G14 on 2 April 2009, the Order in Council made 19 October 2010 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette G42 on 21 October 2010, and the Order in Council made on 21 December 2011 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette G51 on 22 December 2011, and as further amended from time to time.

relevant metering installation means a *metering installation* for a *connection point* located in Victoria in respect of which the volume consumption of the customer is less than 160 MWh per annum of energy excluding any such *metering installation* that:

- (a) was installed prior to 1 July 2009 and in respect of which, as at that date, a retailer was the *responsible person*; or
- (b) was installed on or after 1 July 2009, by a retailer as part of that retailer's ordinary replacement cycle of those *metering installations* and in respect of which the retailer was, as at 1 July 2009, the *responsible person* ;
- (c) is a type 1 *metering installation*;

- (d) is a type 2 *metering installation*; or
- (e) is located at a *high voltage connection point*.

retailer has the same meaning as in the EI Act.

volume consumption means the volume of *energy* consumed by a customer at the relevant *connection point* calculated in accordance with clause 2.4.17 of the *metrology procedure*.

9.9C.2 Expiry Date

This clause 9.9C expires on the earlier of:

- (a) the commencement in Victoria of:
 - (1) a framework for the competition in metering and related services for residential and small business customers under the *Rules*; and
 - (2) regulatory arrangements that provide for an orderly transfer of the regulation of relevant metering installations under this clause 9.9C to the regulation of *metering installations* under the *Rules*; and
- (b) 31 December 2016.

9.9C.3 Designation as responsible person

Despite anything to the contrary in clause 7.2.2 and 7.2.3, the *Local Network Service Provider* is the *responsible person* for a relevant metering installation.

9.9C.4 Classification of relevant metering installations

A relevant *metering installation* which, but for it being capable of *remote acquisition*, would be a type 5 or type 6 *metering installation*, is taken to be a type 5 or type 6 *metering installation* respectively.

9.9C.5 Cost recovery of AMI rollout

Clause 7.3A(a) does not apply to the recovery of costs by a *Local Network Service Provider* that are associated with the provision, installation, maintenance, routine testing and inspection of relevant metering installations, to the extent that these costs can be recovered by the *Local Network Service Provider* in accordance with the AMI Cost Recovery Order.

9.9C.6 Capability for remote acquisition of metering data

For the purposes of clause 7.11.1(d), a relevant metering installation is taken not to have the capability for *remote acquisition* of actual *metering data*.
