AEMC Briefing

Architectures for Open Access

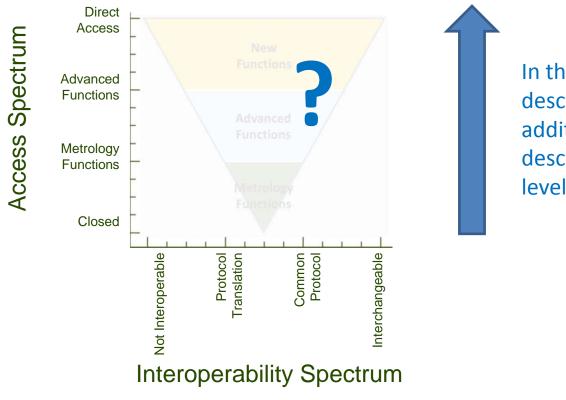
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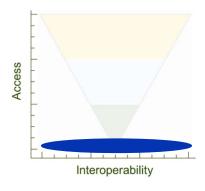
The Power of Choice

What level of Interoperability and Access is required to support the aims of the Power of Choice (PoC)?

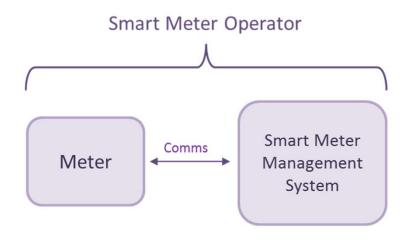


In the following slides the described functionality is additional to that described at the lower levels

Closed

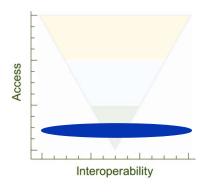


Accredited Parties not given access to the smart meters

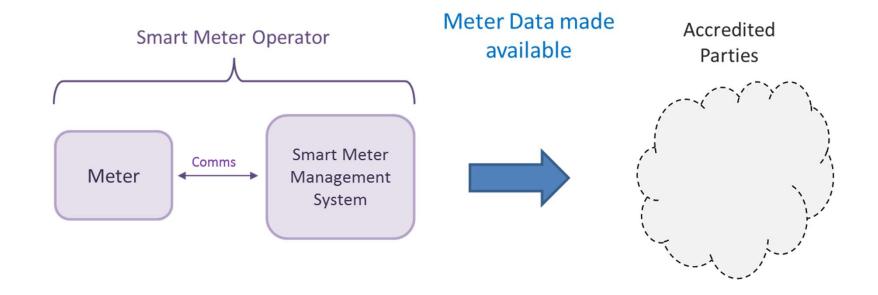




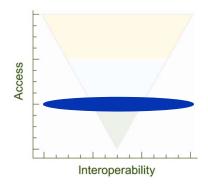
Metrology Functions



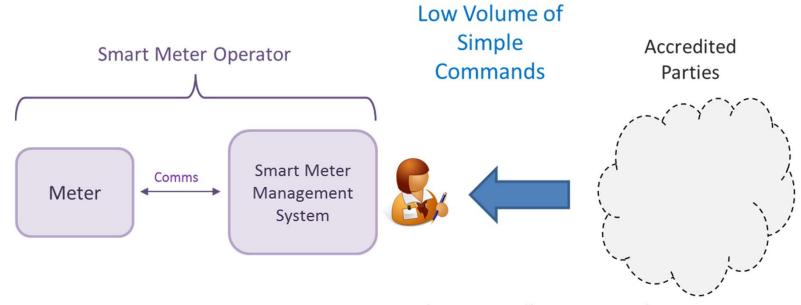
Meter Data made available to Accredited Parties (does not consider who is performing validation and substitution)



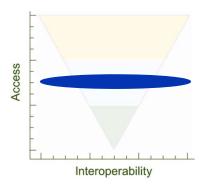
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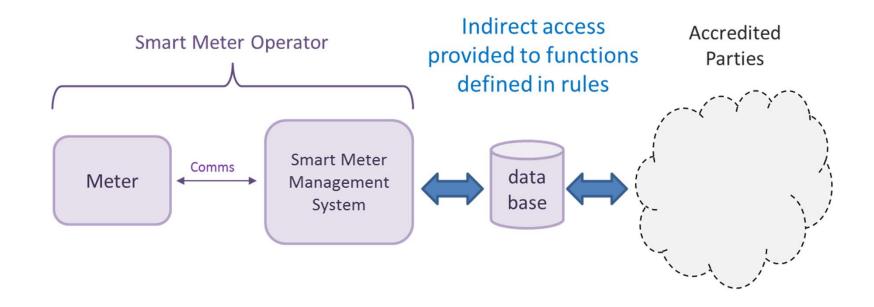
Supports low volume of simple commands e.g. re/dis-connect
Commands may be processed manually



Advanced Functions

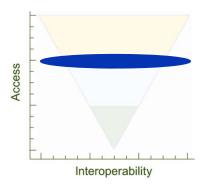


Accredited Parties provided with indirect access to functions defined in the rules. e.g. status of the supply contactor is read from the database (not direct from the meter)

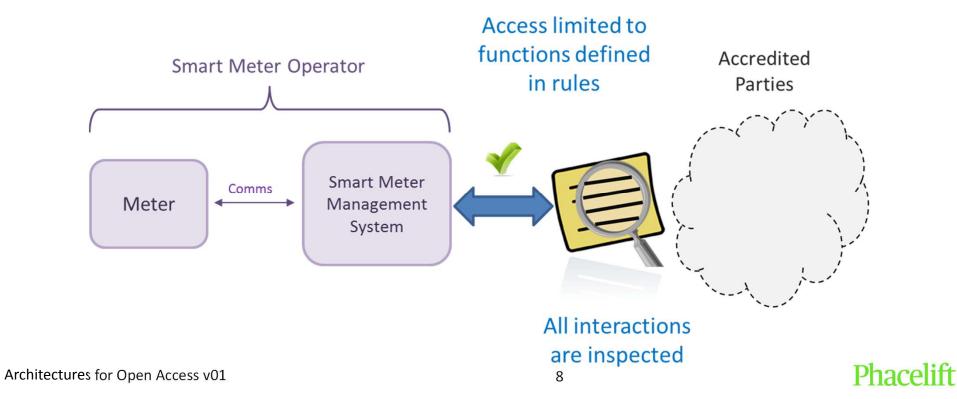


AEMC Workshop Architectures (6)

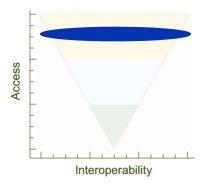
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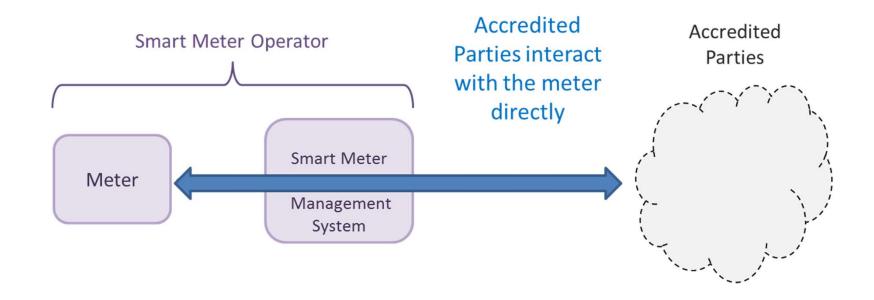
Access provided to all functionality defined in the rules
Automated two way exchange



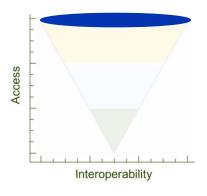
Direct Access



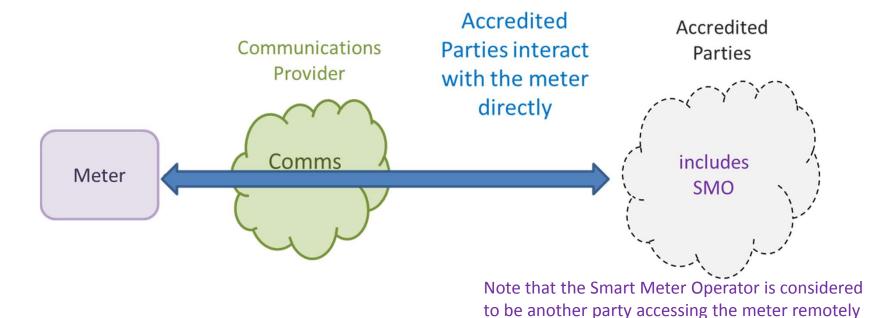
Smart meter operator checks security credentials of Accredited Party then provides direct access to all functionality supported by the meter



Direct Access



All Accredited Parties interact directly with the smart meter



Example

Example of communication details

National Electricity Rules Section 7.5.2 Metering register information



Responsible Person



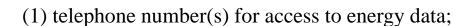
Details added to the metering register



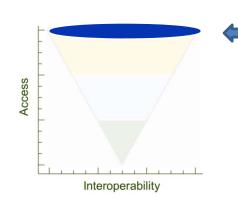
NMI, Communications Details including phone number, etc

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

(c) Data communication details, including:



- (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



Smart Meter communication details

Using the Metering Register to contact a meter



Accredited Parties can refer to the metering register to obtain the Number needed to contact the meter



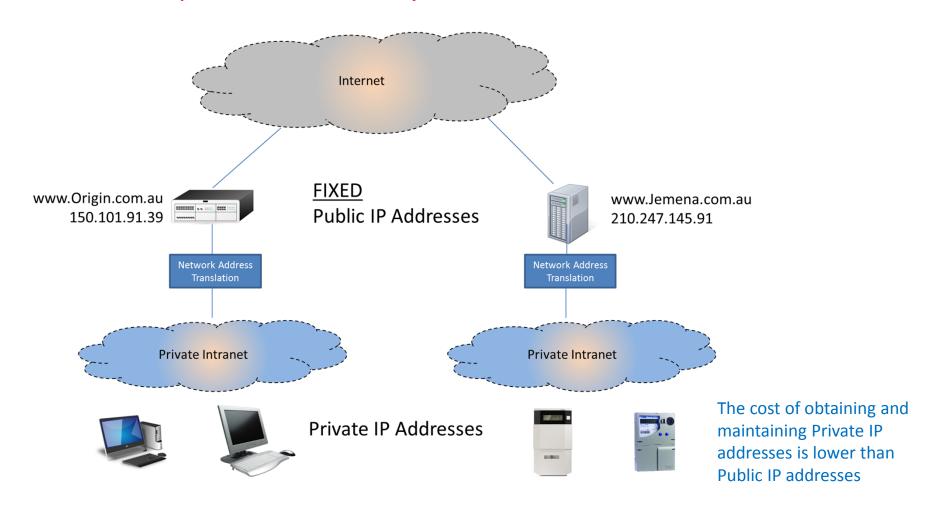
In modern communications the phone number is replaced by the meter's IP address



It may not be possible for Accredited Parties to use the meter's IP address to contact the meter

Smart Meter communication details (cont)

It is not possible to directly contact Private IP Addresses



Questions



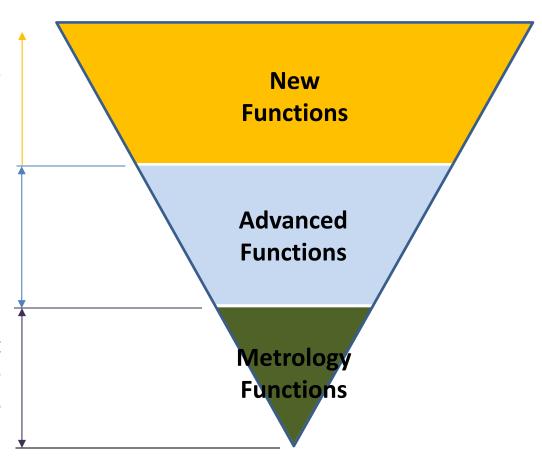
Appendix

Smart Meter Functionality

New (and specialist) Functions e.g. Inverter Power Factor control

Advanced Functions typically found in Smart Meters and recognised in the Rules e.g. Enabling HAN devices

Functionality required to support the market and sufficiently stable to be documented in the Rules



Access to Meter Functionality

