

NOTICE OF FIRST STAGE OF CONSULTATION

METER DATA FILE FORMAT SPECIFICATION NEM12 & NEM13

This notice informs all Registered Participants, Intending Participants, Metering Data Providers, Metering Providers and interested parties (**Consulted Persons**) that AEMO is conducting a consultation on the following procedure;

Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 & NEM13.

This consultation is being conducted in accordance with the National Electricity Rules (**Rules**) consultation requirements detailed in clause 8.9 of the Rules.

Date of Notice

This Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation was issued on 1st August 2013.

Objectives of the Consultation

The objectives of the consultation are:

- To provide Consulted Persons with the opportunity to be involved in the improvement of the Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 & NEM13
- To comply with the requirements of the National Electricity Rules version 56.
- To ensure Consulted Persons are properly informed about the proposed and the final outcome.
- To provide Consulted Persons with an opportunity to submit comments.

Scope of Consultation

This Meter Data File Format (MDFF) specification has had minor textual changes to provide better clarification for some clauses within the document.

It has been updated to implement solutions from the Small Generation and Standing Data (SGSD) project;

- solution ID 3J – Next Scheduled Read Date (NSRD) within MDFF
 - This solution requires changes to the MDFF Specification to define the use of the NSRD field in the MDFF as being for information only and is not to be used for billing purposes.
 - Currently the NSRD is available in both the MDFF and MSATS. Retailers have built systems using either value to identify the correct NSRD. Sometimes the MDFF NSRD is not the most up to date value (i.e. the NSRD has moved, but the MDP will update MSATS and not issue another version of the MDFF to update it).

and

- solution ID 7D - Review of MDFF Reason Codes.
 - This solution requires a rationalisation of the existing Reason Codes contained within Appendix E of the MDFF Specification. Analysis work was undertaken to determine if new are required, and whether there is any value in having a 'free text description' for each code. This work would ensure retailers are able

to interpret and convey this information (where necessary) to end use customers. Many obsolete Reason Codes exist, and current codes need to be reviewed to determine whether they are still relevant.

Matter under Consultation

The matter under consultation is in respect to Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 & NEM13 and the proposed implementation date/s of the document.

AEMO has provided 2 options:

1. Implement the document in its totality with an effective date of 13th November 2013 (includes both solution ID's)
2. Implement solution ID 3J with an effective date of 13th November 2013, with solution 7D having an effective date of May 2014
3. Implement the document in its totality with an effective date of May 2014.

The Consultation Process

The following table contains an outline of the consultation process, including key dates. Please note that these dates are proposed dates and may be subject to change by *AEMO*.

PROCESS	DATE
Closing date for submissions received in response to this Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation	5 th September 2013
Publication of the Draft Determination and Report and invitation to make submissions in response to the Draft Determination	Currently, proposed date is 26 th September 2013
Closing date for submissions received in response to the Draft Determination and Report	Currently, proposed date is 10 th October 2013
Publication of the Final Determination and Report	Currently, proposed date is 31 st October 2013

Invitation to make Submissions

AEMO invites written submissions on the draft Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 & NEM13

All submissions should use the participant response pack published with this notice of consultation.

Consulted Persons are invited to provide their preferred option of implementation of this document.

Comments are also invited on any other issues relating to the subject matter of the consultation.

Please identify any information in your submission that you consider to be confidential and provide the reasons why you wish that information to be treated as confidential. *AEMO* reserves the right to publish material that it does not consider to be confidential, despite your submission as to its confidentiality.

You should also note that material identified as confidential may be accorded less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published.

Closing Date for Submissions

Submissions in response to this Notice of First Stage of Rules Consultation should reach *AEMO* by 5:00pm EST on 5th September 2013.

AEMO has discretion to consider late submissions. Any late submission should explain:

- The reason for the lateness; and
- The detriment to you if *AEMO* fails to consider your submission.

Meetings

In your submission, you may request a meeting and specify the reasons why you consider such a meeting is necessary or desirable.

Please note that details of matters discussed at a meeting may be made available to other Consulted Persons.

Further Information

The draft Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 & NEM13 is published with this notice.

Contact Details

AEMO prefers that submissions be forwarded in electronic format (both pdf and Word), using the participant response pack, as they will be published on the *AEMO* website.

Please send all email submissions Jackie Krizmanic at NEM.MDP@AEMO.com.au.

Alternatively, you may post submissions to:

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