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ROLE OF THE METERING COORDINATOR



WHAT IS A METERING COORDINATOR?

The Metering Coordinator role is a newly created role under AEMO's Power of Choice Implementation Program.

The Metering Coordinator is a registered participant role within the National Electricity Market (NEM), with the overall responsibility for metering services at a customer's connection point within a distribution or transmission system.

The role was established to encourage metering competition in the NEM by creating a party who is independent from Retailers and Distributors.

There are three categories of registration for Metering Coordinators:

- Metering Coordinator – this is a contestable party who engages service providers to perform metering functions in the NEM.
- Initial Metering Coordinator – this is the distribution company for their local area for all of the existing type 5 meters (manually read interval) and type six meters (basic).
- Metering Coordinator (Type 7 – contestable unmetered supply) - this is the distribution company for their local area but the rules do not allow this type of metering to fall under the Initial Metering Coordinator registration.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A METERING COORDINATOR?

The responsibilities are the same for all Metering Coordinator categories. They include:

- The appointment of metering service providers (meter data providers and metering providers).
- The provision of metering services.
- Ensure metering installations are provided, installed and maintained in accordance with the National Electricity Rules (NER) and relevant procedures.
- Ensure components, accuracy and testing of the metering installations complies with the NER and procedures.
- Ensure security control of the metering installation.
- Ensure interfaces are installed and maintained where remote acquisition is used or will be used to facilitate connection to a telecommunications network.
- Ensure interval meters are not replaced with basic meters.
- Ensure metering data services are provided in accordance with the NER and procedures.
- Ensure access to the metering installation, the services provided and metering data held in the metering installation is only granted to persons entitled to access to that metering installation.
- Ensure disconnections and reconnections are only performed as per the NER and relevant procedures.

WHO NEEDS TO APPOINT A METERING COORDINATOR?

The Financially Responsible Market Participant (FRMP) (typically the retailers) is responsible for appointing a Metering Coordinator.

A large customer also has the ability to appoint their own Metering Coordinator.

The appointment of the Metering Coordinators needs to be effective from 1 December 2017 and should be processed as soon as possible after 1 December 2017.

In Victoria, the distribution companies will be the exclusive metering coordinators for small customers connected to their network.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE REGISTERED AS A METERING COORDINATOR?

Anybody can register as a Metering Coordinator with exceptions to market customers. Market customers can become Metering Coordinators if they meet the requirements of rule 2.4A.2 (b) of the NER (see below).

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- (1) a person who is only appointed, or is proposed to be only appointed, as *Metering Coordinator* in respect of one or more *connection points* or proposed *connection points* on a *transmission network*; or
- (2) a *Generator* who is only appointed, or is proposed to be only appointed, as *Metering Coordinator* in respect of one or more *connection points* or proposed *connection points* that connect a *Generator's* *generating unit* to a *distribution network*.

HOW DO I APPLY TO BE REGISTERED AS A METERING COORDINATOR?

Complete the application form on AEMO's website and provide all of the relevant supporting documentation. Applications can be received at any time, however, your application must be received by 31 October 2017 to operate in the market by the 1 December 2017. One of the conditions for registration is that your application is completed and your supporting documentation meet AEMO's requirements.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

See AEMO's website and supporting information on NEM Metering Coordinators.

Further information on NEM Metering Coordinators is [available here](#).

Further information on the Power of Choice Implementation Project is [available here](#).

Information on the Power of Choice rule changes is available on the [AEMC's website](#).

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