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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1.1. Purpose and Scope

This ~~document~~ National Metering Identifier Procedure (Procedure) is an MSATS Procedure. It sets out the structure for ~~National Metering Identifiers (NMIs)~~ to be used in the National Electricity Market (NEM) and details ~~metering~~ data-streams for each category of metering installation and addresses the matters contemplated in clauses 7.8.2(d)(2), and 7.8.2(ea) (eb) & (ec) of the NER. ~~It does not attempt to address Market Settlement and Transfer Solution (MSATS) issues in relation to network tariffs and billing data-streams.~~

The successful operation of the ~~National Electricity Market~~ NEM ~~is reliant~~ relies on:

- Positive identification of ~~connection points within the registration process;~~
- A verifiable linkage between ~~connection points~~ and ~~relevant metering data;~~ and
- An audit trail for metering data collection and processing ~~operations.~~

The ~~National Metering Identifier (NMI)~~ ~~provides~~ is a unique identifier for each ~~connection point within the National Electricity Market. It provides,~~ an index against which other essential data can be managed and is crucial to the accurate management of ~~customer~~ End User registration, ~~customer~~ and transfer, ~~connection point~~ change control and data aggregation and transfer.

1.2. Definitions and Interpretation

The Retail Electricity Market Procedures – Glossary and Framework:

- is incorporated into and forms part of this document; and
- should be read with this Procedure.

1.3. Related AEMO Documents

<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Retail Electricity Market Procedures – Glossary and Framework</u>	<u>http://aemo.com.au/Electricity/National-Electricity-Market-NEM/Retail-and-metering/Glossary-and-Framework</u>
<u>MSATS Procedures</u>	<u>http://aemo.com.au/Electricity/National-Electricity-Market-NEM/Retail-and-metering/Market-Settlement-and-Transfer-Solutions</u>
<u>Metrology Procedure Part A</u>	<u>http://aemo.com.au/Electricity/National-Electricity-Market-NEM/Retail-and-metering</u>
<u>NMI Allocation List</u>	<u>http://aemo.com.au/-/media/Files/PDF/NMI-Allocation-List-v8-December-2014.ashx</u>

2. RELATED DOCUMENTS

~~“Standing Data for MSATS”, Document No: MT_MA1785.~~

~~MSATS Procedures: CATS Procedures Part 1 Principles and Obligations, Document No. MT_RT1700~~

~~These documents are available from the AEMO website at:~~

~~www.AEMO.com.au~~

2. ALLOCATION AND ISSUE OF NMIS

2.1. NMI Allocation by AEMO

- (a) NMIs are allocated by AEMO for issue by LNSPs (for *connection points*) or ENMs (for *child connection points*) in accordance with this Procedure.
- (b) Blocks of available NMIs are allocated to LNSPs and ENMs by AEMO in accordance with the NMI Allocation List.
- (c) AEMO may allocate blocks of NMIs to LNSPs and ENMs from any unused range.
- (d) The range 5 XXX XXX XXX has been reserved for use within the gas industry. To avoid the risk of confusion, AEMO has agreed not to issue NMIs commencing with 5.
- (e) The range 9 XXX XXX XXX has been reserved as a “break-out” if it becomes necessary to move to an 11 character NMI.

2.2. Issue of NMIs by LNSPs and ENMs

- (a) For each new *connection point*, or *child connection point* (as applicable):
 - (i) The FRMP must apply to the relevant LNSP for a NMI prior to assuming responsibility for the *connection point* and the LNSP must issue a NMI to the FRMP for that *connection point* from the LNSP’s allocated list.
 - (ii) The ENM must apply to AEMO for NMI prior to assuming responsibility for the *child connection point*. AEMO will either issue a NMI to the ENM for that *child connection point* from the ENM’s allocated list or a unique NMI from an available range.
- (b) The LNSP ~~FRMP~~ or ENM (as applicable) must register the NMI for the *connection point* or *child connection point* (as applicable) in MSATS in accordance with the CATS and WIGS Procedures.

3. NMI STRUCTURE

- ~~The NMI is a ten (10) character identifier assigned by Local Network Service Providers (LNSPs) or Embedded Network Managers (ENMs) in the case of child in accordance with this Procedure. The publication of this procedure and assignment of NMIs is authorised by the National Electricity Rules at clause 7.8.23.1(d) (1) and (2), and 7.8.2(ea) (eb)(ec), (da), and (db).~~
- ~~The NMI may be used in conjunction with other identifiers or suffixes. These include:~~
 - ~~The NMI Cchecksum, a single numeral used to assist with data validation when the NMI is manually entered into a computer system.~~
 - ~~The NMI Ddata stream suffix used to identify a particular Ddata stream associated with a connection point.~~
- (a) Generally, the NMI is an all numeric, ~~a ten (10) character~~ identifier. ~~; the limited circumstances under which alpha characters may be used are listed later in this Procedure.~~ The key attributes of the ~~a~~ NMI are:
 - (i) The NMI must embody only numeric characters, except as explicitly provided ~~within~~ this ~~document~~ Procedure, and must not contain spaces.
 - (ii) Character letters “O” and “I” are not permitted in order to avoid confusion with numbers 0 and 1.
 - (iii) “W” is a reserved character to be used as the fifth ~~character~~ digit of the allocated identifier for wholesale *transmission connection metering points* only. It may only be used if the NMI is allocated from an alphanumeric block.
 - (iv) Embedded characters or meanings ~~must~~ should not be used in allocating NMIs.
 - (v) Where AEMO has allocated a block of NMIs to an LNSP ~~or an ENM~~, the LNSP ~~or the ENM (as applicable)~~ must only use numeric characters in the ~~allocated~~ NMIs ~~allocated to the market~~ unless AEMO has directed the block to be alphanumeric.

- (vi) Where AEMO has allocated a block of *NMIs* to an *LNSP* or an *ENM*, and directed the block to be alphanumeric, the *LNSP* or the *ENM* (as applicable) may use ~~all~~-numeric or alphanumeric characters in the *NMIs* allocated to the market.
- ~~The *NMI Allocation List* is published by AEMO at “<http://aemo.com.au/-/media/Files/PDF/NMI-Allocation-List-v8-December-2014.ashx>”~~
- (b) The *NMI* may be used in conjunction with other identifiers or suffixes. These include:
- (i) The *NMI Checksum*, a single numeral used to assist with data validation when the *NMI* is manually entered into a computer system.
- (ii) The *NMI Datastream* suffix used to identify a particular *Datastream* associated with a *connection point*.
- ~~Registered *NSPs* *Network Service Providers* and *ENMs* *Embedded Network Managers* must maintain a register of all allocated *NMIs*. released. AEMO maintains a Register of all “on-market” *NMIs* within AEMO’s market systems.~~
- The base *NMI* is ten characters. In some circumstances the *NMI Checksum* is appended to the *NMI* to form an eleven-character *NMI*, or the two-character *NMI Data-stream* suffix may be appended to form a twelve-character *NMI*. The *NMI Checksum* is not used with the *Data stream* suffix because the *Data-stream* suffix is intended for use only with electronic data transfer.
- (c)
- ~~In the initial allocation of alphanumeric *NMIs* the first character was a jurisdiction indicator. Jurisdiction indicators were abolished in October.~~
- ~~(a) AEMO may allocate blocks of *NMIs* to *LNSPs* and *ENMs* from any unused range.~~
- ~~(a) The range 5 XXX XXX XXX has been reserved for use within the gas industry. To avoid the risk of confusion, AEMO has agreed not to issue *NMIs* commencing with 5.~~
- ~~(a) The range 9 XXX XXX XXX has been reserved as a “break-out” if it becomes necessary to move to an 11 character *NMI*.~~
- 4. All-numeric *NMIs***
- ~~In anticipation of the opening of full retail competition (FRC) in the *NEM* *National Electricity Market* and in accordance with decisions made by NEMSAT (decision 142 — 31 October 2000 & decision 144 — 14 November 2000), All *NMIs* issued for *connection points* which become contestable after 1 January 2001 are required to be all numeric.~~
- (d)
- The all-numeric requirement applies to the basic ten character *NMI*, and not to other suffixes used with the identifier.
- (e)
- (f) *Connection points* that were contestable prior to 1 January 2001 were allocated with an alphanumeric *NMI*.
- ~~*Connection points* which were contestable prior to 1 January 2001 and for which the *LNSP* had allocated an alphanumeric *NMI* weremay be allocated registered in the market with an alphanumeric *NMI*.~~
- (g) ~~*Transmission Network Service Providers* *TNSPs*~~ may continue to allocate alphanumeric *NMIs* from *NMI* blocks supplied to them prior to 1 January 2001. Wholesale *connection points* (LR = POOL-) will continue to have alphanumeric *NMIs* issued.

4. NMI REGISTERS

NSPs and *ENMs* must maintain a register of *NMIs* assigned by them to *connection points* of *child connection points*.

5. NMI CHECKSUM

- (a) To reduce the occurrence of incorrect transfers attributable to *NMI* data entry errors, a one digit *NMI* Checksum has been implemented.
- (b) The *NMI* *C*checksum is a mandatory field whenever a [Change Request is submitted to MSATS](#). ~~by batch or through the browser *NMI* is manually entered into MSATS.~~
- (c) Sample java code for an implementation of the *NMI* Checksum is provided in Appendix [A4](#). A general form of the algorithm used to create the *NMI* *C*checksum is:
 - (i) ~~1.~~ Double the ASCII value of alternate digits ~~within the *NMI*~~ beginning with the right-most digit.
 - (ii) ~~2.~~ Add the individual digits comprising the products obtained in ~~step 1 sub-paragraph (i)~~ to each of the unaffected ASCII value digits in the original number.
 - ~~3.~~ Find the next highest multiple of 10.
 - (iii)
 - (iv) ~~4.~~ The check digit is the value obtained in [sub-paragraph \(ii\)](#) ~~step 2~~ subtracted from the value obtained in [sub-paragraph \(iii\)](#) ~~step 3~~. If the result of this subtraction is 10, ~~then~~ the check digit is 0.
- (d) Appendix [B2](#) provides a worked example of the algorithm ~~and, while Appendix C3 provides~~ a list of thirty *NMIs* with *NMI* Checksums calculated by ~~the AEMO implementation of~~ the algorithm.
- (e) The *NMI* *C*checksum is always a numeric character.
- (f) The *NMI* *C*checksum is not mandatory when transferring *NMI* identified data electronically between Participants ~~and service providers~~. ~~The checksum~~ *It* is focussed on applications where data entry occurs and there is a risk of character transposition, for example, from paper to electronic systems or through an interactive telephone service.
- (g) When publishing a *NMI* for End-Users, ~~customers~~ the *NMI* will appear in its 11-character format, and the *NMI* Checksum will be the final character of the *NMI*.

6. DATA-STREAM SUFFIX

- (a) ~~Settlements of the National Electricity Market is reliant~~ *es* on the collection and delivery of large volumes of *metering data*. For any particular *connection point* there ~~may could~~ be multiple *energy* measurement elements and data recorders with multiple channels. Accurate identification of *D*data-streams is essential. The *D*data-stream suffix provides identification at the measurement element level for all *D*data-streams ~~comprising from~~ the *connection point* identified by the *NMI*.
 - (b) The *D*data-stream suffix is a two-character identifier used in conjunction with a *NMI* to identify a particular *D*data-stream ~~associated with a *NMI*~~. ~~The *D*data stream suffix~~ *It* allows differentiation of measurement quantities at a *metering point*, and differentiation of quantities between different measurement elements or registers at a *connection point*.
 - (c) A twelve-character *NMI* identifies the *connection point* (first ten characters) and associated *D*data-stream (*D*data-stream suffix as the last two characters).
 - (d) The *D*data-stream suffix has retained alpha-numeric characters, even when both characters are numerals, because an all numeric structure could not accommodate the variety of data types or number of *meters* ~~which that could may~~ be required for a *connection point*.
 - (e) The *D*data-stream suffix is only used between Participants ~~and service providers within the National Electricity Market~~, and ~~therefore it~~ is not used in conjunction with the *NMI* *C*checksum. The *D*data-stream suffix allows Participants ~~and service providers~~ to identify data at a sub-*connection point* level and to identify the individual sources of *metering data* to maintain necessary *data*-audit trails.
- ~~The following two sections and tables detail the usage of the characters comprising the *D*data stream suffix.~~

7. DATA-STREAM SUFFIX FOR INTERVAL METERING DATA

- (a) ~~Interval Metering Data is metering data in Tlstrading intervals or sub-intervals of Tlstrading intervals.~~ It may be sourced from metering installations type 1 to 5 or 7. Metering data from a type 6 metering installation ~~which that~~ has been transformed through a profiling algorithm into ~~Tlstrading intervals~~ is also identified as interval metering data.
- (b) Interval metering data is identified in the ~~D~~data-stream suffix by a first character that is alpha [-A to H, J to N, P to Z-].
- (c) Identifiers in the 'Master' column in Table 1 are those normally used ~~within the NEM National Electricity Market.~~ Where ~~a check metering~~ is required (type 1 & 2 ~~metering installations~~), identifiers from the 'Check' column are used for the ~~check installation meter.~~ Where the data from the 'Master' and 'Check' ~~metering installations~~ has been averaged in accordance with the ~~National Electricity Rules NER,~~ then the 'Ave' column identifiers are used. Where only the difference between import and export is required, the 'Net' column identifiers are used.

Net Data Will Be Accepted. Net is $N = (E-B)$.

Table 1 Data-Stream Suffixes for Interval Metering Data

	First character				Second character
	Ave	Master	Check	Net	Meter Numbers or measuring elements are to be 1-9 then A-H, J-N, P-Z
IMPORT kWh	A	B	C	N	
EXPORT kWh	D	E	F		
IMPORT kvarh	J	K	L	X	
EXPORT kvarh	P	Q	R		
KVAh	S	T	U		
Power Factor pF		G			
Q Metering Qh		H	Y		
Par Metering parh		M	W		
VOLTS (or V ² h) or Amps (A ² h)		V	z		

- (d) Where a meter has multiple measurement elements, the convention for the population of the second character of the Data-Stream Suffix is:
- (i) Increment the second character by one if the first character is the same. For example, use E1 and E2 if both elements are export kWh, and B1 and B2 if they are both import kWh.
 - (ii) Use the same second character if the first character is different. For example, use E1 and B1 if they are export kWh and import kWh respectively.

Examples:

2727000011 E2 relates to Export kWh data from either meter no.2 (single element) or element 2 of meter no.1 (twin element) pertaining to the connection point ~~having with~~ the ~~assigned NMI~~ of 2727000011. Refer 113.4 and 113.5 for diagrammatic examples.

TTTTW00015 B1 relates to Import kWh interval metering data from meter no.1 pertaining to a wholesale connection point with the NMI of TTTTW00015.

7.1. Data-Stream Suffix for Accumulated Metering Consumption Energy Data

- (a) If the first character of the ~~D~~data-stream suffix is numeric [-1 to 9-] the attached data is ~~accumulated consumption metering energy~~ data from a type 6 metering installation.
- (b) The ~~D~~data-streams identified by characters 1 to 6 are active energy (kWh). Data-streams identified with 7, 8, or 9 are as defined by the LNSP ~~or the ENM (as applicable).~~

Table 2 Data-Stream Suffixes for Accumulated Metering consumption-energy Data

First Character		Second Character
1	First register Datastream	Meter numbers are to be 1-92 then A-H, J-N, P-Z.
2	Second register Datastream	
3	Third register Datastream	
4	First controlled load register Datastream	
5	Second controlled load register Datastream	
6	Third controlled load register Datastream	
7	First LNSP/ ENM defined register Datastream	
8	Second LNSP/ ENM defined register Datastream	
9	Third LNSP/ ENM defined register Datastream	

Examples:

8877886644 1A relates to consumption energy data from meter A (the 10th meter at the metering installation), register 1 applicable to a *connection point* with the NMI of 8877886644.

8866448877 43 relates to consumption energy data from a controlled circuit register in the 3rd meter at the installation, the data pertaining to a *connection point* with the NMI of 8866448877.

7.2. Wholesale Connection Points

(a) A wholesale *connection point* is a *connection point* where:

<Local-RetailerLR = POOL * > The “*” is a wildcard for the ~~settlement~~-region.

(b) For wholesale connection pointsites, a NMI must be assigned to each individual physical or logical metering point ~~which-that~~ contributes to the wholesale *connection point*. This requirement is to facilitate a drill down to Ddata-streams where AEMO is obliged to audit or otherwise investigate energy data-flows for a wholesale *connection point*.

(c) AEMO assigns the NMIs for *regulated interconnectors*.

(d) When the *metering point* doesn't align with the physical *connection point*, the NMI for the *connection point* is used to identify a logical *metering point*. Each *metering point* ~~which-that~~ contributes to the logical *metering point* must be assigned a separate NMI. The ~~Responsible Person-TNSP~~ is responsible for determining the algorithm used to relate the logical *metering point* for a physical connection to the *metering point*(s) ~~which-that~~ contribute data for the physical connection. ~~Refer section 113.17 for an example~~

(e) Any Participant intending to apply a logical meter to a connection point must contact AEMO's Registration Desk to seek approval prior to entering any data into MSATS.

~~Per clause 9 of the NEM Metering Data Substitution Estimation and Validation Procedure (Document No. MT-MA1680), AEMO appoints the Metering Data Agent responsible for the data collection and validation of Metering Data from wholesale metering points.~~

8. CONNECTION POINTS WITH TYPE 1 METERING

(a) For *connection points* ~~at which energy flows exceed 1000 GWh per year the NERNational Electricity Rules require a~~with a type 1 *metering installation*. ~~In this case a, the~~ NMI must be assigned to every averaged energy flow pertaining to each ~~customer~~-*connection point*.

(b) A type 1 *metering installation* requires a duplication of metering, voltage and current sources in accordance with the NERNational Electricity Rules. The Ddata-streams from one *metering*

installation are designated 'Master' and from the other metering installation are designated 'Check'.¹

- (c) When both Ddata-streams are from measurement systems of identical accuracy standards, the NER National Electricity Rules require that the energy Ddata-stream submitted for settlements be the average of the values from the master meter and check meters. In this case the Ddata stream suffixes will have an initial character A (import) or D (export) or N (net).
- (d) If the check metering is of a lower accuracy standard than the master metering installation only the 'Master'¹ Ddata-stream is submitted, in which case the Ddata-stream suffixes will have an initial character B (import) or E (export) or N (net).

9. CONNECTION POINTS WITH TYPE 2 METERING

- ~~At a connection point where energy flows exceed 100 GWh per year up to 1000 GWh per year the NER National Electricity Rules requires a type 2 metering installation.~~
- The NER National Electricity Rules requires that a type 2 metering installation have partial check metering. The obligations for partial check metering can be met by a check meter, in which case the Ddata-streams will be identified as for a type 1 metering installation.

(a) _____

- (b) Alternatively, the arrangement of a partial check metering may be as agreed between AEMO and the Responsible Person MC. In a partial check metering scheme each Data-stream used needs to be separately identified. It is possible that a number of NMIs will be used in a partial check metering scheme to identify logical metering points, and a particular meter and instrument transformer combination may be a component of more than one partial check metering installation. The actual arrangements will be part of the scheme submitted by the Responsible Person MC to AEMO for approval.

10. NMI RULES

Rule 1. Having the NMI in all functions of the market system reduces any ambiguity of metering point installation identification and fulfils the requirement ~~of for~~ an auditable history trail.

All NMIs ~~must~~shall be allocated to ~~customer~~End User connection points by ~~the respective Local Network Service Providers (LNSPs) or the respective Embedded Network managers (ENMs) (as applicable).~~ The LNSP is required to verify the NMI is associated with the correct transmission node identity (TNI) in AEMO's customer transfer system (MSATS system). The ENM is required to verify that the NMI is associated with the correct embedded network and the correct Parent NMI, and have the same TNI Code as the Parent NMI in AEMO's customer transfer system (MSATS system).

It is recognised that the LNSP is the only party who has the required detailed knowledge of the "local" system to correctly identify the relationship between ~~the respective customer~~an End User connection point and a Transmission Node TNI. ~~It is AEMO's responsibility to issue the NMIs in a "block release" form to the LNSP and the ENM and to maintain a register of the issued NMIs.~~

~~2. Information should not be embedded within the allocated NMIs by LNSPs or ENMs.~~

Rule 2. 3. — A NMI cannot be changed or reallocated~~eassigned~~ to another connection point.

~~It is NOT acceptable to change or reallocate NMIs cannot be changed or reallocated~~ to accommodate changes to Participant IT systems, changes to assumed associations, changes to Network Tariffs, ~~and charges~~, changes to LNSP network boundaries or ENM changes or because ~~the an~~ LNSP's or ENM's allocation system has changed. NMIs can not be changed for situations where a Child NMI becomes a directly connected to the registered a distribution network and or vice versa reverts to an embedded network connection.

While an customer-End User may change their ~~elected~~ FRMP, the NMI for a connection point remains constant throughout its market life. If a connection point is abolished, the NMI becomes extinct, and hence, each NMI has a start date as well as an end date and associated

¹ Refer to Table 1.

change control. ~~Where~~ If an End User customer changes the physical location of the connection point, a new *NMI* must be allocated to the new connection point. ~~unless except when an existing connection point becomes a child connection point.~~ The “old” *NMI* ~~is will be~~ recorded as de-commissioned on AEMO’s metering register and the “new” *NMI* ~~commissioned~~ will be allocated ~~signed~~ accordingly.

If an End User changes or End User details change, the NMI will not be changed.

If an existing connection point becomes a child connection point the NMI will not be changed.

If the *connection point* changes from the LV to the HV side of the service *transformer* there must be a change of *NMI*.

If there is a consolidation of *meters* ~~ing~~ (eg. 3 meters → 2 meters) or a relocation of the *meter* box without changes to the location of the measurement *transformers* the *NMI* will remain unchanged.

A reconstruction of the ~~customer~~ End User service connection (eg. overhead → underground) in which the two services are not concurrently operational, and without a change of the *connection point to the network*, does not require a change of *NMI*.

When a *NMI* is allocated to a builder’s temporary supply, the same *NMI* may be re-used on the permanent supply to the completed building provided:

- (a) the final *supply* arrangements have the same effective connection arrangement to the local network, and
- (b) the temporary *supply* is abolished when the permanent *supply* connection is energised.

~~Rule 3.4. The NMI is does not changed with following a change of consumer~~ End User, consumer End User details or registration of connection point details.

~~Rule 34.5. All communications to and from with Participants and Metering Service Providers inclusive of Financially Responsible Market Participant FRMP accounts must~~ shall include the *NMI* identifier.

All Participants must be aware that the *NMI* is the only identifier to be used for defining specific *connection points* or *metering points*. All formal confirmation notices between Participants, such as official notices of *connection point* transfer between FRMPs and data substitutions, must be clearly identified by inclusion of the *NMI*.

Re-registrations of *connection points* involving status changes, communication, and ~~for meter~~ changes, must include the *NMI* on all communications ~~between affected parties~~.

~~**RULE 56. AEMO'S THE METERING REGISTER MUST HAVE NMIS ATTACHED RECORDED AGAINST TO ALL CONNECTION POINT RECORDS AND BE THE PRIMARY DATABASE SEARCH KEY FOR PROCESSING PURPOSES.**~~

~~**AEMO'S THE METERING REGISTER (INCLUDING SUBSIDIARY METERING REGISTERS MANAGED BY SERVICE PROVIDERS) MUST ALSO HAVE AN ATTACHED RECORD DETAILING THE TNIR RESPECTIVE TRANSMISSION NODE IDENTITY FOR EACH NMI REGISTERED.**~~

~~**RULE 67. TRANSFER OF ALL DATA TO AEMO SHALL BE IN AN AGREED FORMAT THAT INCLUDES NMI IDENTIFICATION.**~~

11. UTILISATION OF NMI FOR AEMO DATA

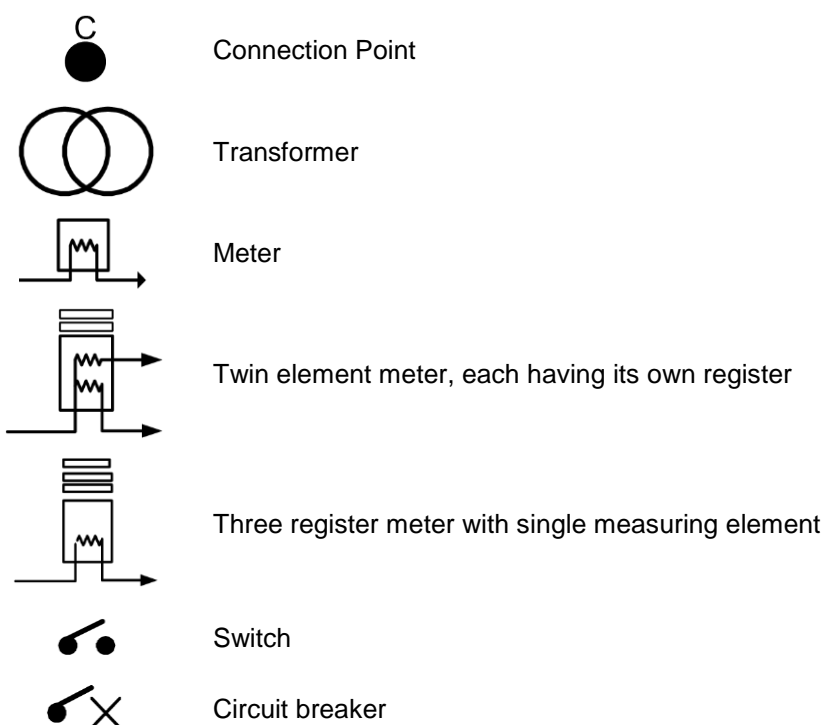
10.1.11.1. Data Delivery to AEMO (MSATS System)

(a) Metering data is always provided on an individual NMI Ddata-stream basis. ~~The metering data is to be provided as individual Ddata streams.~~

(b) Metering data is always provided as net energy flow to MSATS.²

14.12. EXAMPLES OF NMI APPLICATION – INTERVAL METERING DATA

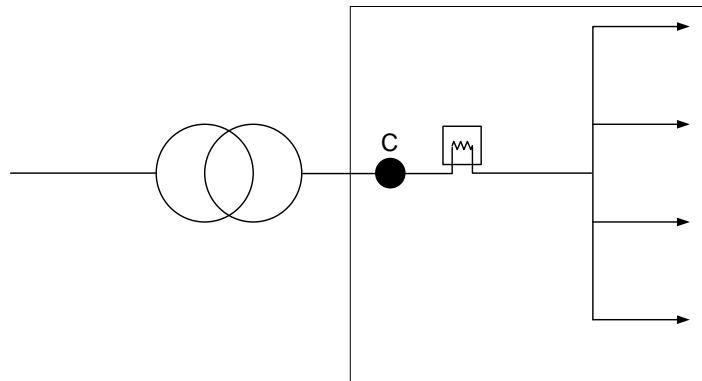
Key to symbols used in sections 12~~13~~ and 13~~24~~.:



² See section 13 for details of the conventions for the direction of energy flows.

11.1.12.1. One End User metered on the secondary ~~lower voltage~~ side of transformer

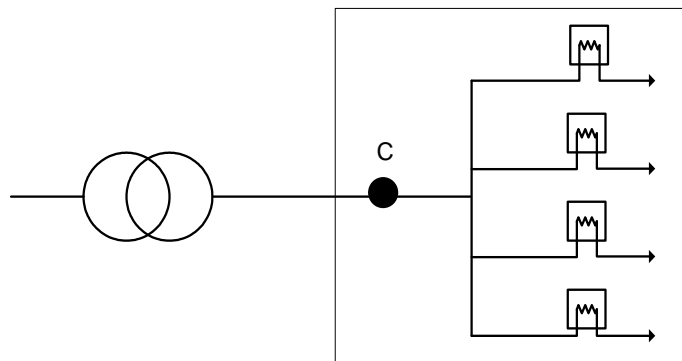
- One *connection point*
- One ~~customer~~ End User
- One *meter* ~~-/-~~ measurement element
- One *NMI*



- Allocated NMI: 2424242424
- Identity of interrogated *metering* data: 2424242424 E1

11.2.12.2. One End User ~~Contestable Customer~~, multiple metered on the secondary ~~lower voltage~~ side of transformer

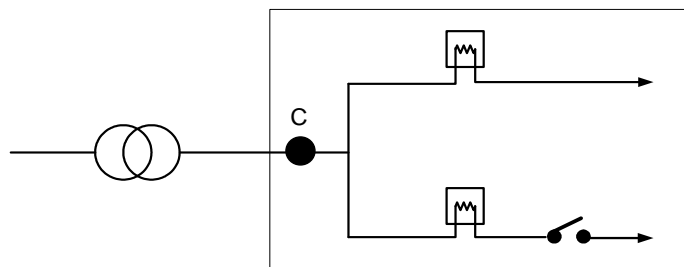
- One *connection point*
- One End User ~~customer~~
- Four *meters* ~~-/-~~ measurement elements
- One *NMI*



- Allocated NMI: 3131313131
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data:
 - 3131313131 E1
 - 3131313131 E2
 - 3131313131 E3
 - 3131313131 E4

11.3.12.3. One End User~~Contestable Customer~~, previously two tariff metering, eg general supply &+ off-peak on secondary~~low voltage~~ side of transformer

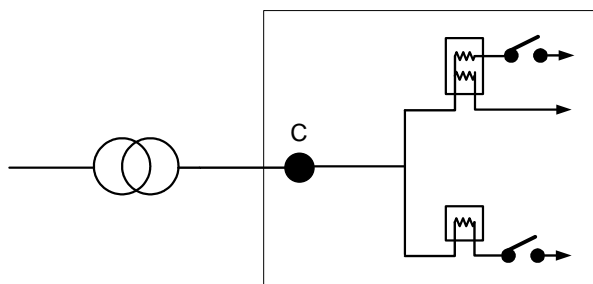
- One *connection point*
- One End User~~customer~~
- Two *meters*~~-~~ measurement elements
- One *meter* with a load control device
- One *NMI*



- Allocated *NMI*: 5656565656
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data: 5656565656 E1
5656565656 E2

11.4.12.4. One End User, two controlled loads, one twin element meter

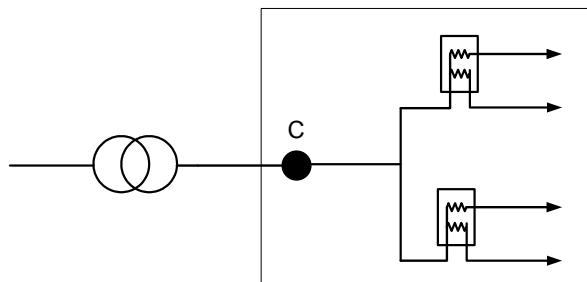
- One *connection point*
- One End User~~customer~~
- Two *meters*: one twin element with a Controlled Load and one single element with a Controlled Load
- One *NMI*



- Allocated *NMI*: 5656565656
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data: 5656565656 E1
5656565656 E2
5656565656 E3

11.5.12.5. One End User, two twin element meters

- One *connection point*
- One End User~~customer~~
- Two twin element *meters*
- One *NMI*

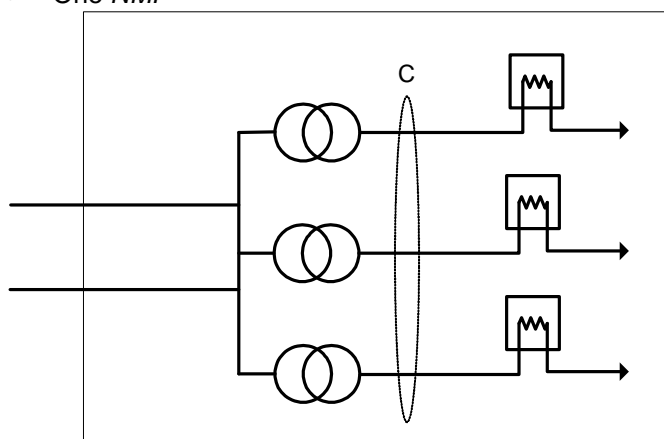


- Allocated *NMI*: 5656565659
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data:

5656565659	E1
5656565659	E2
5656565659	E3
5656565659	E4

11.6.12.6. One End User, multiple meters on secondary~~low-voltage~~ side of multiple transformers in the same substation building an LV switchboard in common switchroom

- One *connection point*
- One End User~~customer~~
- Three *meters*-/-measurement elements
- One *NMI*

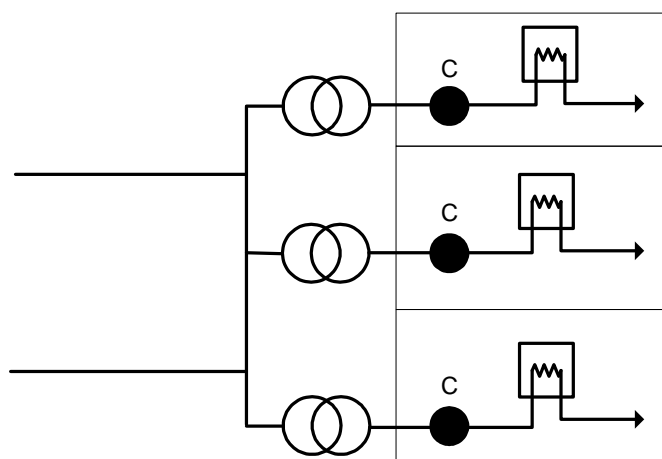


- Allocated *NMI*: 5656565656
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data:

5656565656	E1
5656565656	E2
5656565656	E3

11.7.12.7. ~~Three Contestable Customers~~ End Users, metered on secondary ~~low voltage~~ side of multiple transformers in the same substation building

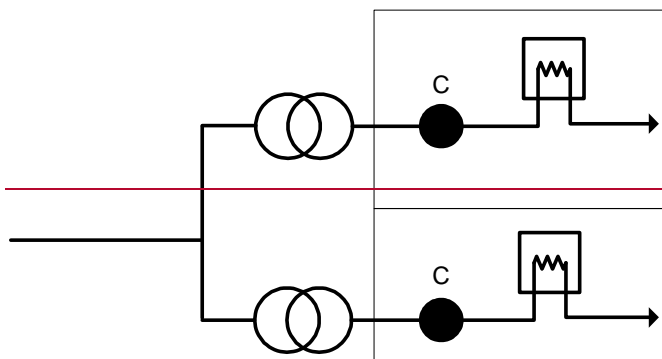
- Three *connection points*
- Three End Users ~~customers~~
- One *meter/-* measurement element per connection point
- Three *NMIs*

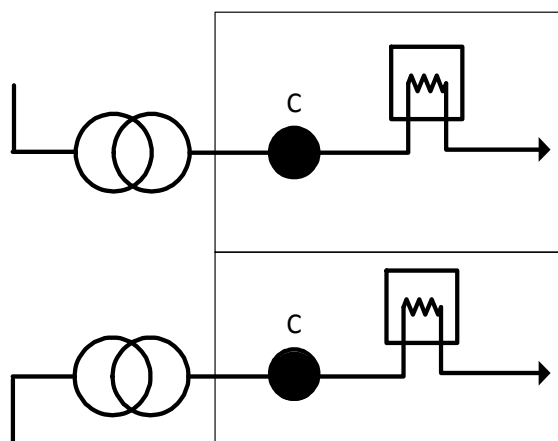


- Allocated *NMIs*:
5656565656
5656565657
5656565658
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data:
5656565656 E1
5656565657 E1
5656565658 E1

11.8.12.8. One End User, two separate HV supplies to two separate substations, both metered on secondary side of the transformers ~~LV-side~~

- Two ~~contestable~~ LV *connection points*
- One End User ~~customer~~
- One *meter/-* measurement element per *connection point*
- Two *NMIs*

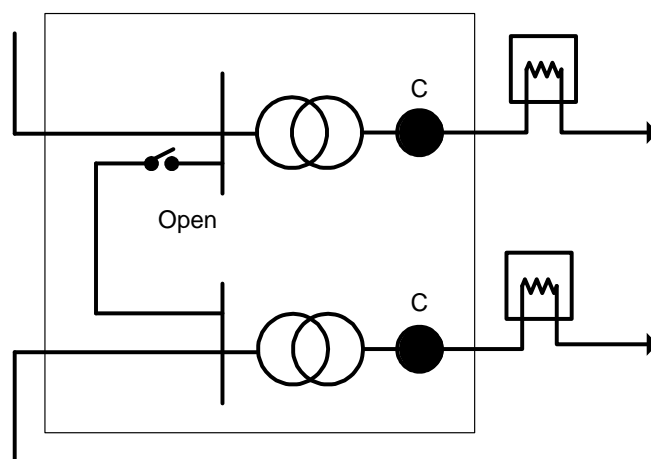




- Allocated *NMIs*: 5656565656
5656565657
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data: 5656565656 E1
5656565657 E1

11.9.12.9. One Contestable Customer End User, two separate substations adjacent to each other or one single substation with two separate transformers in a single substation, with a “normally open” point separating the **HV** high-voltage supplies into two sources

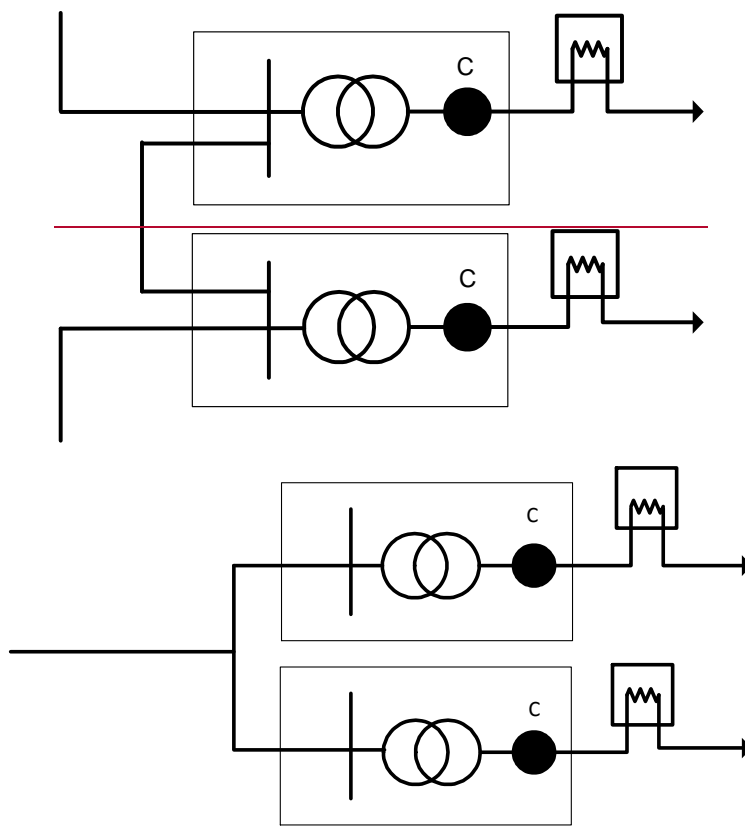
- Two *connection points*
- One **End User** customer
- One meter/-measurement element per *connection point*
- Two *NMIs*



- Allocated *NMIs*: 5656565656
5656565657
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data: 5656565656 E1
5656565657 E1

11.10.12.10. One ~~Contestable Customer~~ End User, two separate substations adjacent to each other or one single substation with two separate transformers, with the **HV** high-voltage supply originating from a single source ~~and LV switchboard in common switch room~~

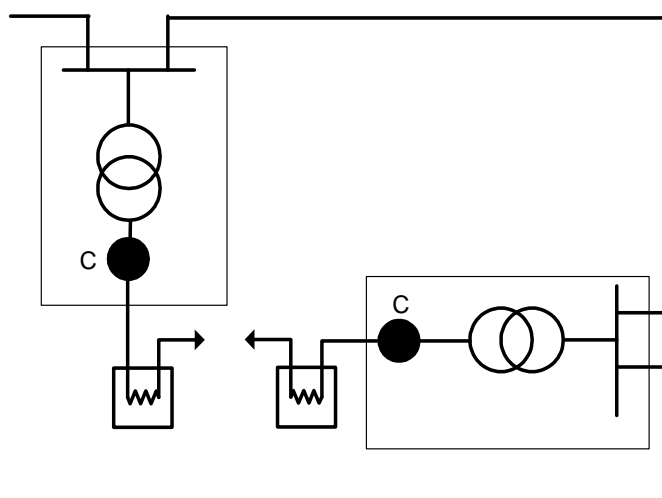
- Two *connection points*
- One **End User** ~~customer~~
- One *meter/-measurement element per connection point*
- Two *NMIs*



- Allocated *NMIs*:
5656565656
5656565657
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data:
5656565656 E1
5656565657 E1

11.11.12.11. One End User, two separate substations not adjacent to each other but on same premises

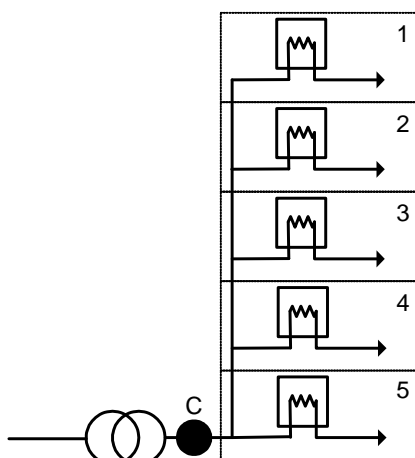
- Two *connection points*
- One End User~~customer~~
- One *meter/-measurement element per connection point*
- Two *NMIs*



- Allocated *NMIs*:
5656565656
5656565657
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data:
5656565656 E1
5656565657 E1

11.12.12.12. Multiple ~~Contestable Customers~~ End Users, High rise building

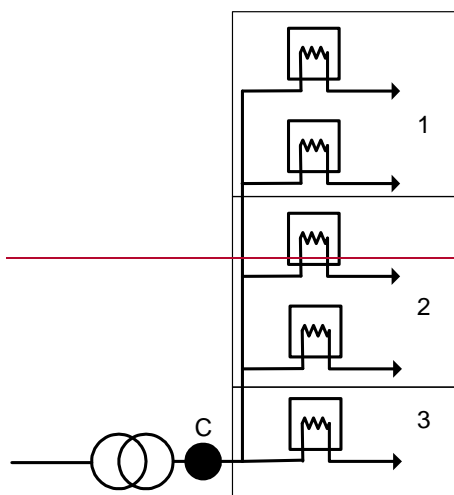
- Multiple physical *connection points*, with all deemed to be at point c in the diagram~~customer connection points referencing the same point.~~
- Five individually metered End Users~~customers~~
- One *meter/-measurement element per connection point*
- Five *NMIs*



- Allocated *NMIs*:
 PPPP567801
 PPQQ987652
 PRRR000043
 PRRR000044
 PRRR000045
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data:
 PPPP567801 E1
 PPQQ987652 E1
 PRRR000043 E1
 PRRR000044 E1
 PRRR000045 E1

11.13. Multiple Contestable Customers End Users, high rise building

- Multiple physical connection points, with all deemed to be at point c in the diagram. customer connection points reference the same point.
- Three End Users customers
- Multiple motors / measurement elements per End User customer
- Three *NMIs*

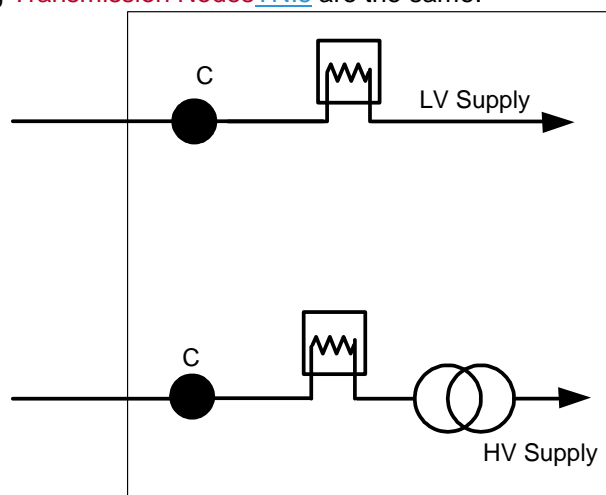


- Allocated *NMIs*:
 Customer 1 NNN3456789
 Customer 2 NNN8976548
 Customer 3 NNN0576839
- Identity of interrogated *metering* data:
 Customer 1 NNN3456789 E1, NNN3456789 E2
 Customer 2 NNN8976548 E1, NNN8976548 E2
 Customer 3 NNN0576839 E1

LNSPs should take a pragmatic approach to allocating *NMIs* at a multi-storey sites such as this. If it is expected that regular changes in tenancies may will occur, it may might be more efficient to allocate separate *NMIs* per floor (or other tenanted area).

11.14.12.13. One ~~Contestable Customer~~ End User with multiple supply points

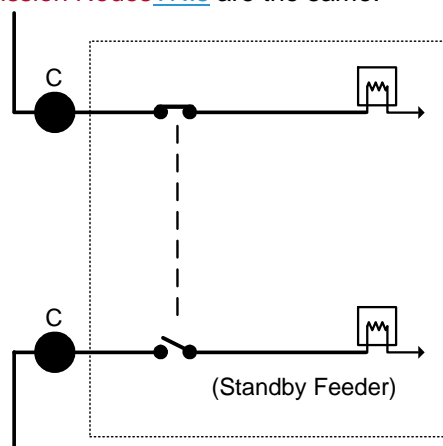
- Two *connection points*
- One End User~~customer~~
- One *meter/-*measurement element per *connection point*
- Two *NMIs*. The *NMI* for the LV *supply* was allocated after the introduction of numeric *NMIs*.
- There are two separate *connection points*, therefore, two separate *NMIs* irrespective of whether the DLFs and supplying ~~Transmission Nodes~~ TNIs are the same.



- Allocated *NMIs*:
8899778999
NTTT123456
- Identity of interrogated *metering* data:
8899778999 E1
NTTT123456 E1

11.15.12.14. One ~~Contestable Customer~~ End User with Standby Supply

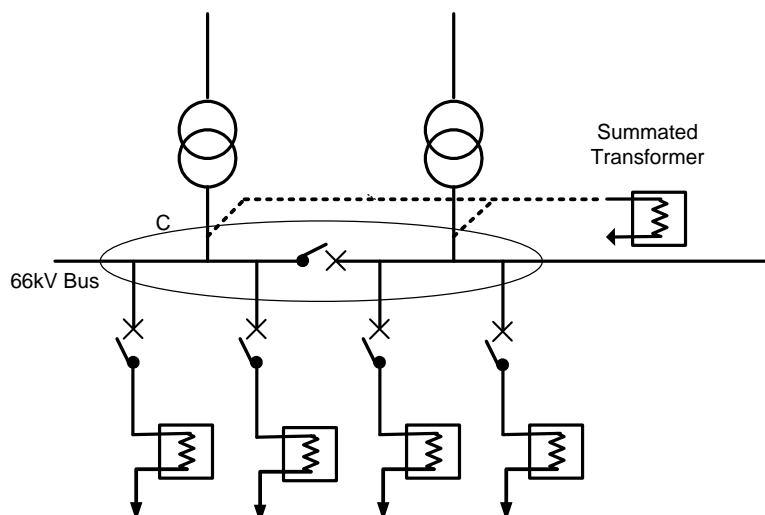
- Two *connection points*
- One End User~~customer~~
- One *meter/-*measurement element per *connection point*
- Two *NMIs*
- There are two separate *connection points*, therefore, two separate *NMIs* irrespective of whether the DLFs and supplying ~~Transmission Nodes~~ TNIs are the same.



- Allocated *NMIs*: SHHH333322
SHHH444441
- Identity of interrogated *metering data* is: SHHH333322 E1
SHHH444441 E1

~~11.16.~~12.15. One End User or Participant, Wholesale Metering at Transmission Node

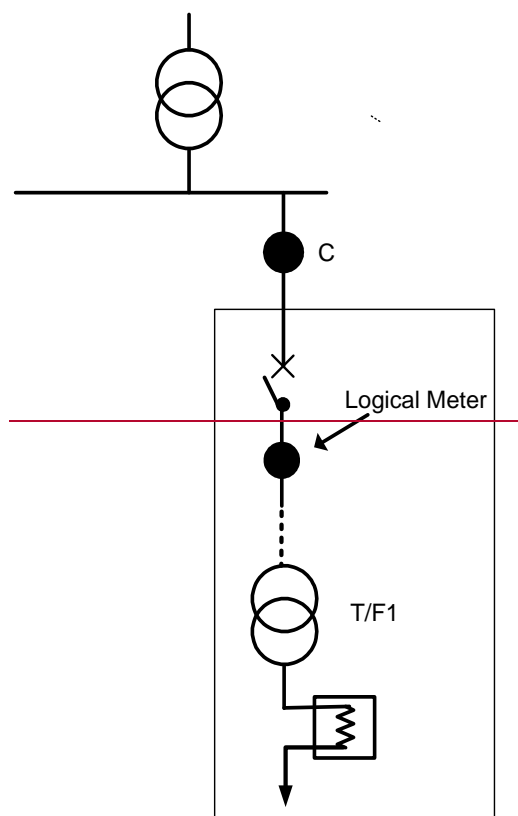
- One *connection point*
- One End User ~~customer~~ or Participant
- Five *meters* (one *meter*-/measurement element per *metering point*, with summated *transformer check metering*). Four of the *meters* are official billing *meters*, the other *meter* is for data checking and validation purposes.
- Five *NMIs*

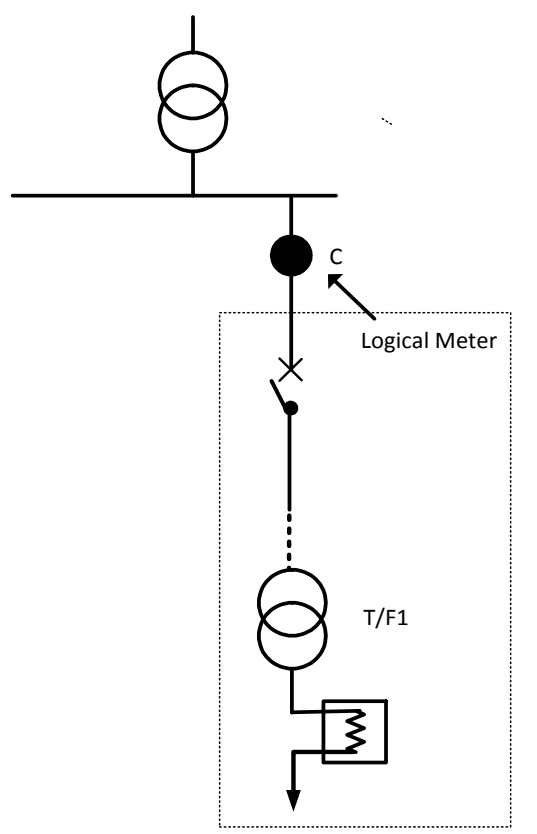


- Allocated *NMIs*: VVVVW00001
VVVVW00002
VVVVW00003
VVVVW00004
VVVVW00005
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering data*: VVVVW00001 E1
VVVVW00002 E1
VVVVW00003 E1
VVVVW00004 E1
VVVVW00005 F1

11.17.12.16. One End User or Participant, Wholesale Metering at Transmission Node

- One *connection point*
- One End User ~~customer~~ or Participant
- One physical *meter* ~~meter~~-measurement element installed at different location to the wholesale boundary *connection point*.
- One logical *meter* ~~meter~~-measurement element. The logical *meter* corrects the physical *meter* for *transmission line* and *transformer (T/F1)* losses.
- Two *NM*'s. Only the logical *meter* is recorded against the connection point in MSATS ~~registered in the market~~.





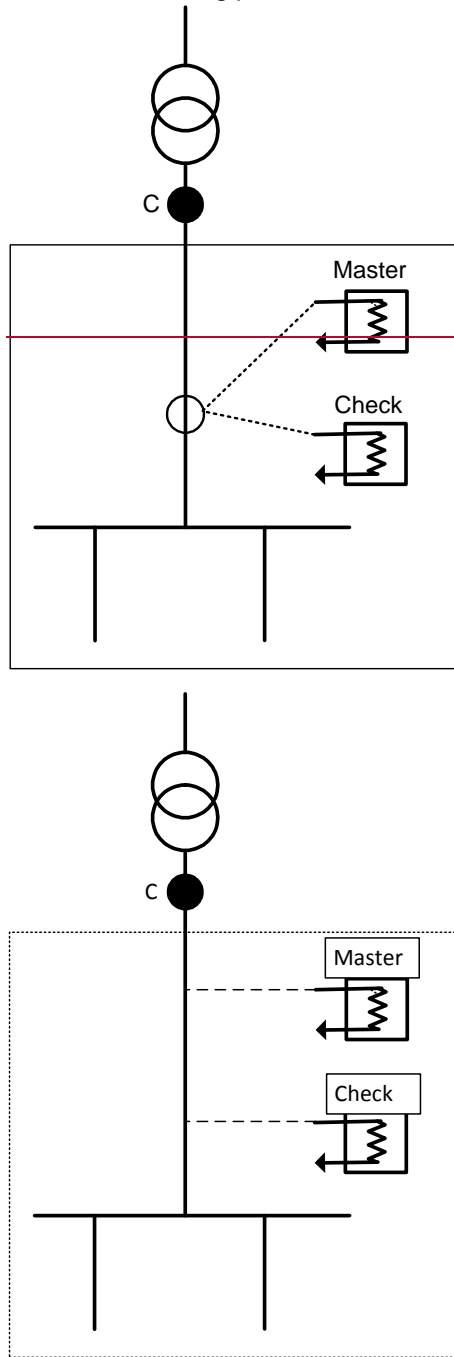
- Allocated *NMIs*: TTTTW00001
TTTTWL0002
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data: TTTTW00001 E1
TTTTWL0002 E1

The audit trail of the logical *meter* is maintained through the algorithm and its reference to ~~the~~ *metering* data from the physical *meter*.

Any Participant intending to apply a logical *meter* to a *connection point* must contact AEMO's Registration Desk to seek approval prior to entering any data into MSATS. This configuration is subject to acceptance by AEMO through the registration process. The revenue *metering point* must be located as close as practicable to the *connection point* (refer Rules 7.8.73.2(a)(1)).

11.18.12.17. One End User, Wholesale Metering at Transmission Node

- One *connection point*. This is a type1 *metering installation* at a wholesale boundary point.
- One *End User*~~customer~~
- Two *meters*~~-~~ measurement elements
- One *NMI*. The *NMI* is assigned to the *metering point*.

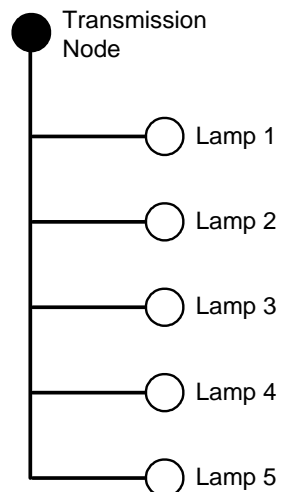


- Allocated *NMI*: TTDDW00015
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data:

Master <i>meter</i> (Import)	TTDDW00015 B1
Check <i>meter</i> (Import)	TTDDW00015 C1

11.19.12.18. Street Lighting (Type 7 Metering Installation)

- Multiple unmetered ~~physical~~ connections, one *market connection point*.
- One ~~End User~~customer.
- One type 7 *metering installation*.
- One *NMI*.
- All lamps are supplied from a single *transmission node*.
- ~~All lamps have the same Host retailer.~~
- All lamps have the same ~~Distribution Loss factor~~DLF, FRMP and LNSP.
- ~~All lamps have the same Financially Responsible Market Participant.~~
- ~~All lamps have the same LNSP.~~

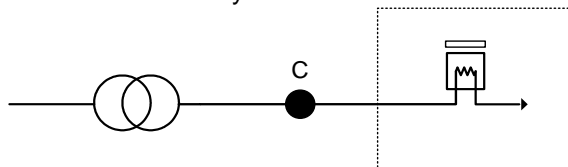


- Allocated *NMI*: 5555565656
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data: 5555565656 E1

12.13. EXAMPLES OF NMI APPLICATION – ACCUMULATED CONSUMPTION ENERGY DATA

12.1.13.1. Single Meter with Single Datastream Register

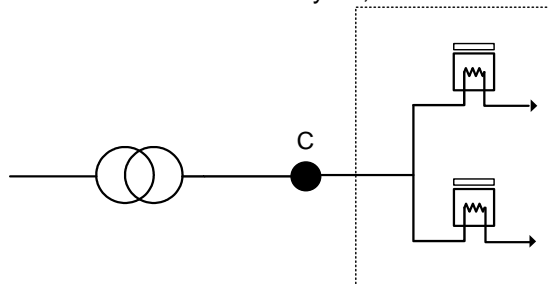
- Only one Data-stream available, identified by 11. Only one Datastream register, denoted by first character 1, and only one meter denoted by second character 1.



- Allocated NMI: 5656565656
- Identity of individual interrogated metering data: 5656565656 11

12.2.13.2. Two Meters each with Single Datastream Register

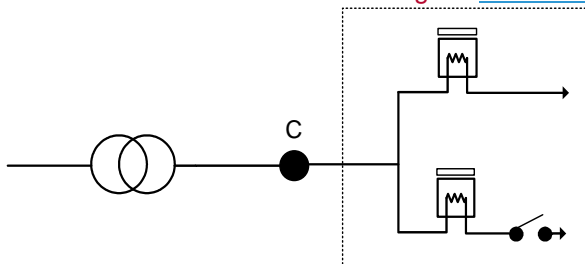
- The Data-stream from the first meter is identified by 11, and from the second meter by 12.



- Allocated NMI: 5656565656
- Identity of individual interrogated metering data: 5656565656 11
5656565656 12

12.3.13.3. Two Meter Installation, One Meter Recording Consumption for a Controlled Load

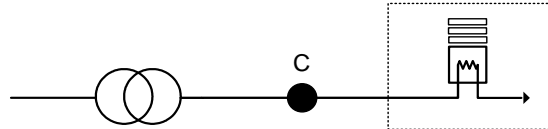
- The data for meter one is from the first register Datastream, hence suffix 11.
- The data for meter two is from the first Controlled Load register Datastream, hence suffix 42.



- Allocated NMI: 5656565656
- Identity of individual interrogated metering data: 5656565656 11
5656565656 42

12.4.13.4. Three ~~Datastream~~Register Meter with Single Measurement Element

- The *meter* has a three-rate ~~Datastream~~register (high, shoulder, and low rates). As there is only one *meter*, each of the suffixes will have the final character set to 1 to denote that the metering data has originated from the same *meter*.
- Each ~~register~~Datastream is numbered as the reader loads metering data from them – for a mechanical three-rate ~~register~~Datastream, from top to bottom, or left to right, and for an electronic ~~register~~Datastream in the order in which they scroll.

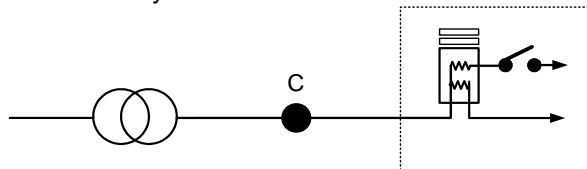


- Allocated *NMI*: 5656565656
- Identity of individual interrogated metering data:

5656565656	11
5656565656	21
5656565656	31

12.5.13.5. Multi-function Meter

- Multi-function *meter* with two measurement elements.
- Each measurement element has a single *energy* ~~Datastream~~register, which requires two data suffixes. As there is only one *meter*, each of the suffixes will have the final character set to 1 to denote that the metering data has originated from the same *meter*. The Controlled Load data will be denoted by a 41 as originating from the first Controlled Load ~~Datastream~~register, and the continuous circuit will be denoted by 11.

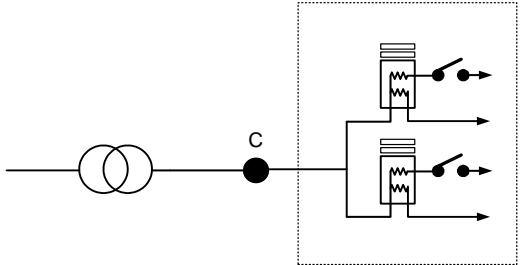


- Allocated *NMI*: 5656565656
- Identity of individual interrogated metering data:

5656565656	11
5656565656	41

12.6.13.6. Two Multi-function Meters

- Two multi-function *meters* where the controlled circuits have the same switching control.
(Timeclock or AF relay) -



- Allocated *NMI*: 5656565656
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data (*meter 1*):
5656565656 11
5656565656 41
- Identity of individual interrogated *metering* data (*meter 2*):
5656565656 12
5656565656 42

13.14. ENERGY DIRECTION FLOWS

The following conventions are used in the ~~National Electricity Market~~ NEM:

(a) ~~(a)~~ All flows are ~~in relation~~ specified by reference to ~~to~~ their direction to or ~~from~~ the ~~pool~~ market.

Hence:

(i) ~~1.~~ All ~~energy~~ from the ~~pool~~ market is considered export (i.e. ~~energy~~ consumed by an customer ~~End User~~ is export) (Export).

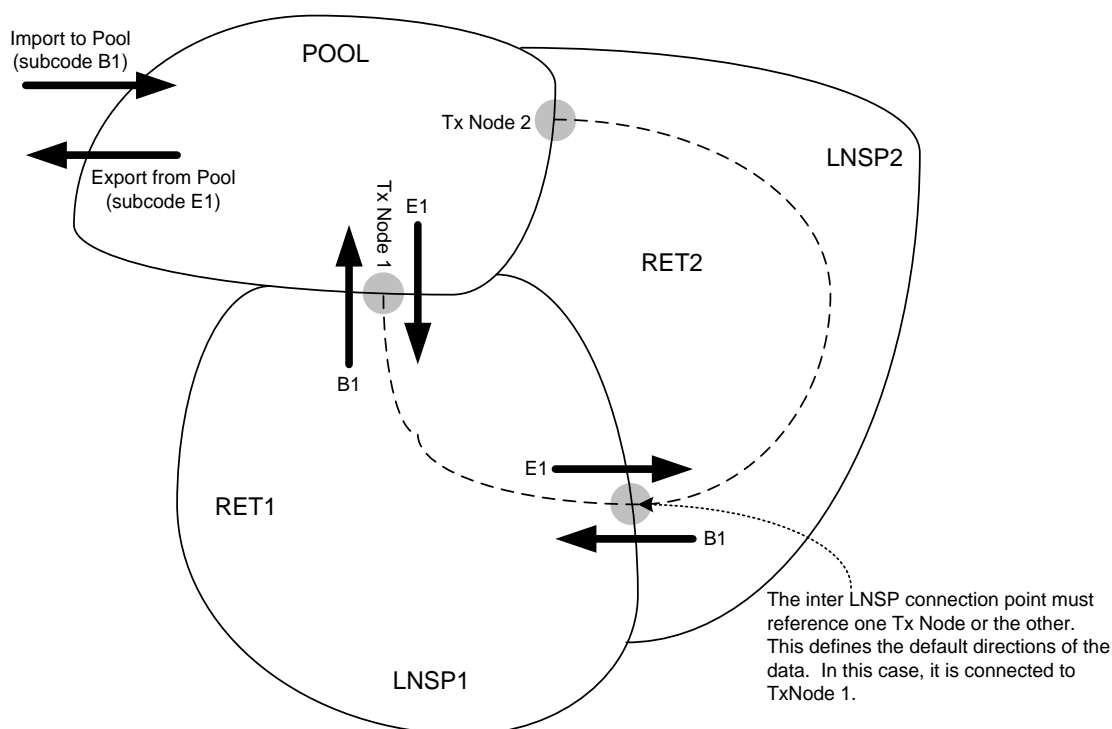
(ii) ~~2.~~ All ~~energy~~ into the ~~pool~~ market is considered import (i.e. the ~~energy~~ generated into the ~~pool~~ market is import) (Import).

(b) ~~(b)~~ For ~~interconnector~~ flows, AEMO shall define the import and export energy flows for interconnectors on a case-by-case basis.

(c) ~~(c)~~ For the purposes of MSATS, 'Net' energy is derived as: Net = Export - Import

Hence, the net energy for ~~generation~~ energy is negative (in a net quantity) and an customer ~~End User~~'s energy is positive (in a net quantity).

Placeholder: fFor Basic Accumulation Meter Datastreams, this means that the energy values for import (generation) must be negative.



The same convention is used for kvarh's, i.e.:

kvarh's supplied to an customer ~~End User~~ are export kvarh's; and

kvarh's received from an customer ~~End User~~ are import kvarh's.

14.15. ALLOCATION OF NMIS FOR TYPE 7 METERING INSTALLATIONS

Schedule 7.42 of the ~~NER National Electricity Rules~~ and section 12 of Metrology Procedure: Part B establishes the framework for type 7 metering installations. ~~The requirements for a type 7 metering installation are:~~

- ~~(a) The Metrology Coordinator and AEMO must agree that a metering installation does not require a meter to measure the flow of electricity in a power conductor before that installation may be classified as a type 7; and~~
- ~~(b) The market load that is supplied with electricity has a load pattern which is the same as or similar to one of four specified arrangements.~~

14.1.15.1. Common Requirements Common across the National Electricity Market ~~NEM~~

- ~~(a) Each type 7 metering installation comprises~~ applies to a set of the entire unmetered load with a unique combination of FRMP, End-User ~~customer~~, TNI, DLF, and LNSP.
- ~~(b) The NMI may contain different agreed market loads and/or different Unmetered Device types. One NMI is required for each type 7 metering installation. Individual loads may be added to and removed from the NMI without the need to change NMIs.~~
- ~~(c) For each TNI there will be one or more NMIs representing municipal lighting loads, and then several other NMIs which represent the various utilities (gas, telephone, roads, water, etc) who have unmetered loads serving in that geographical area serviced by the TNI. An exception to this approach is when an unmetered load is included in the NMI for a related metered load, where the number of devices is small, for example when security lighting (known as watchman or night watch in some jurisdictions), the energy consumption of those devices is immaterial relative to the total energy consumption for that NMI, and the Financially Responsible Market Participant FRMP, end-use customer, LNSP, Marginal loss factor (or TNI) and Distribution loss factor DLF are the same.~~
- ~~(a)(d) New NMIs must~~ should only be created where one or more unmetered loads with a unique and previously unregistered set of attributes (FRMP, End-User ~~customer~~, TNI, DLF, LNSP) are to be put into service.
- ~~(b)(e) A NMI may be abolished if the load is removed (eg. street turned into park, and lighting removed) or the load is transferred to another NMI. (eg. due to network re-arrangements).~~
- ~~(c)(f) A change of one attribute (FRMP, TNI, DLF, LNSP), or a change of End-User customer, would will not of its own result in require an~~ abolition of the NMI.
- ~~(d)(g) The NER National Electricity Rules and the Metrology Procedure³: Part B provide for the allocation of NMIs to broad classes of unmetered connection points provided that certain attributes required for settlements remain unique. In assigning an individual unmetered connection point to a NMI, the LNSP must exercise judgement regarding the scope and materiality of any uncertainty in the allocation of a NMI for an unmetered load.~~
 For example, AEMO expects that each LNSP has a procedure for the allocation of NMIs for unmetered supplies, ~~and that procedure is available~~ which will be available for review by the Jurisdiction or AEMO ~~as required on request~~.
- ~~(e)(h) A procedure for the initial allocation of NMIs for street and public lighting across a geographic area might follow the following basic steps:~~
 - ~~(i) Define the geographic area supplied from a transmission node.~~
 - ~~(ii) Sub-divide the unmetered supplies within this geographic area according to End-Users customers.~~

³—During 2006 it is expected that the jurisdictional Metrology Procedures will be replaced by the NEM Metrology Procedure. Pending this change, references to the Metrology Procedure mean the relevant applicable Metrology Procedure (jurisdictional or NEM)

(ii) If necessary, sub-divide these unmetered supplies to take account of variations of ~~distribution loss factor~~ DLF which ~~that~~ may apply across the area.

(iii) If necessary, sub-divide these unmetered supplies according to FRMP.

(f)(i) ~~In-When~~ considering materiality, the LNSP may allocate streetlights by geographic area ~~mapping cell~~, or postcode, or by some other available grouping where the majority of that load is supplied from a single *transmission* node.

(g)(i) Where *distribution* feeders are commonly supplied from one *transmission* node, but are regularly moved to a another nearby ~~transmission~~ node for maintenance or seasonal reasons, ~~AEMO will accept registration at the~~ NMI can be recorded in MSATS against the ~~-transmission~~ node through which the majority of the energy is ~~traded~~ delivered. This approach is supported by the fact that the calculation of ~~Transmission Loss Factors (TLFs)~~ marginal loss factors takes account of seasonal flows at *transmission* nodes, and that the marginal loss factors ~~TLFs~~ for adjacent TNIs where *load* sharing is possible are unlikely to be significantly different.

14.2. Individual Jurisdiction Requirements

~~(a) The National Electricity Rules requires AEMO and the Metrology Coordinator for each jurisdiction to reach agreement on the generic load types which may be traded through type 7 metering installations. The types of load which have been considered include:~~

- ~~• Street lighting, traffic lights, telephone box illumination, illuminated street and advertising signs, tram/bus shelter lights, ice warning lamps, and security lights.~~
- ~~• Noise monitoring station, electronic parking meter, ticket dispensing machine, microcells for cellular phone networks, power outlets for X-ray and outside broadcast vans, sprinkler control systems, cathode protection units, flow monitoring equipment, telemetry stations, traffic counter stations, weather stations, and cable amplifiers.~~

~~(b) The actual loads approved for type 7 metering installations may vary between jurisdictions.~~

APPENDIX A. SAMPLE JAVA CODE FOR NMI CHECKSUM

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/**
 * Calculates a LUHN-10.
 * <PRE>
 * 1. Double the value of alternate digits beginning with the rightmost digit
 * 2. Add the individual digits comprising the products obtained in step 1 to
 *    each of the unaffected digits in the original number.
 * 3. Find the next highest multiple of 10
 * 4. The check digit is the value obtained in step 2 subtracted from the value
 *    obtained in step 3.
 * 5. END
 * </PRE>
 */
public class LUHN10
{
    /**
     * Value to indicate we have not calculated the luhn yet.
     */
    private static final int NULL_VALUE = -1;

    /**
     * Buffer holding the sequence of digits to use in the calculation.
     */
    private StringBuffer _buffer;

    /**
     * The cached value for the luhn.
     */
    private int _luhn;

    /**
     * Constructor.
     */
    public LUHN10()
    {
        reset();
    }

    /**
     * Resets the calculator to its initial values.
     */
    public void reset()
    {
        _buffer = new StringBuffer();
        _luhn = NULL_VALUE;
    }

    /**
     * Updates the LUHN-10 with specified digit.
     */
    public void update(char d)
    {
        // Append the character
        _buffer.append(d);

        // And, reset the cached luhn
    }
}

```



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    _luhn = NULL_VALUE;
}

/**
 * Returns the current LUHN-10 value.
 */
public int getValue()
{
    if (_luhn == NULL_VALUE)
    {
        int v = 0;
        boolean multiply = true;
        for (int i = _buffer.length(); i > 0; i--)
        {
            int d = (int)_buffer.charAt(i - 1);

            if (multiply)
            {
                d *= 2;
            }
            multiply = !multiply;

            while (d > 0)
            {
                v += d % 10;
                d /= 10;
            }
        }
        _luhn = (10 - (v % 10)) % 10;
    }
    return _luhn;
}

public static void main(String[] args)
{
    if (args.length == 0)
    {
        System.out.println("USAGE: LUHN10 nmi");
    }
    else
    {
        LUHN10 luhn = new LUHN10();

        String nmi = args[0];

        for (int j = 0; j < nmi.length(); j++)
        {
            luhn.update(Character.toUpperCase(nmi.charAt(j)));
        }

        System.out.println(nmi + "/" + luhn.getValue());
    }
}
}

```

APPENDIX B. ~~WORKED EXAMPLES~~ FOR NMI CHECKSUM

This Appendix contains a worked example of the NMI Checksum calculation. An alphanumeric *NMI* is used in the example to illustrate the algorithm's ability to handle all characters that have an ASCII equivalent.

The logic of the algorithm can be summarised as:

Process each character in the *NMI* individually, starting with the right most. For each character:

- (a) Convert the character to its ASCII value
- (b) For the right most character and every second ~~each alternate~~ character reading left, double the ASCII value obtained in Step (a) ~~3. above.~~
- (c) Add the individual digits of the ASCII value to a register holding the total added value for the NMI Checksum.

Subtract the total added value register from the next highest multiple of 10. If the result is 10, the checksum is 0, otherwise the result is the NMI Checksum.

The *NMI* for the following worked example is: 1234C6789A

Step 1. Initialise variables used by the process.

Double_This_Char

is a boolean that indicates whether the character currently being processed should be doubled.

Char

is the character currently being processed, as it appears in the *NMI*.

ASCII_Char

is the ASCII value of Char

Total

is the running sum of the digits generated by the algorithm.

NMI Checksum

is the final result. At the start of the process:

Double_This_Char = True

because the right most character, and then every second ~~alternate~~ character, is doubled by the algorithm.

Total = 0

Checksum = NULL

Step 2. Read the *NMI* character by character, starting with the right most character.

Char = A

Step 3. Convert the character to its ASCII value.

ASCII_Char = 65

Step 4. Double the ASCII value if the character is the right most of the *NMI* or an alternate.

ASCII_Char = 130

Double_This_Char = Not Double_This_Char

Step 5. Add the individual digits of the ASCII value to the Total After.

Total = Total + 1 + 3 + 0 (i.e. Total = 4)

Performing steps 2 ~~through~~ to 5 for each character in our example *NMI* gives the following results:

Table 3 Example NMI Results

Character	Total Before	ASCII Value	Double?	Doubled Value	Total After
A	0	65	Y	130	4 (0+1+3+0)
9	4	57	N	57	16 (4+5+7)
8	16	56	Y	112	20 (16+1+1+2)
7	20	55	N	55	30 (20+5+5)
6	30	54	Y	108	39 (30+1+0+8)
C	39	67	N	67	52 (39+6+7)
4	52	52	Y	104	57 (52+1+0+4)
3	57	51	N	51	63 (57+5+1)
2	63	50	Y	100	64 (63+1+0+0)
1	64	49	N	49	77 (64+4+9)

The value of 'Total After' processing the ~~entire~~ *NMI* is 77.

The next highest multiple of 10 is 80.

$$\text{Checksum} = 80 - 77 = 3.$$

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Further examples: NMIs and Associated Checksums

The following thirty NMI Checksums were calculated by AEMO from the ~~listed~~ *NMIs* listed in Table 4. The *NMIs* and NMI Checksums are provided to assist Participants in checking their implementation of the NMI Checksum algorithm.

Table 4 NMI~~S~~ and NMI Checksums

<u>NMI</u>	<u>NMI</u> Checksum	<u>NMI</u>	<u>NMI</u> Checksum
2001985732	8	QAAA\ZZZZZ	3
2001985733	6	QCDWW00010	2
3075621875	8	SMVEW00085	8
3075621876	6	VAAA000065	7
4316854005	9	VAAA000066	5
4316854006	7	VAAA000067	2
6305888444	6	VAAASTY576	8
6350888444	2	VCCCX00009	1
7001888333	8	VEEEX00009	1
7102000001	7	VKTS786150	2
NAAAMYS582	6	VKTS867150	5
NBBBX11110	0	VKTS871650	7
NBBBX11111	8	VKTS876105	7
NCCC519495	5	VKTS876150	3
NGGG000055	4	VKTS876510	8

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