

Notice of First Stage of Consultation

National Electricity Rules – Rule 8.9

1.1. 2025 Metering Services Review – Package 2

Date of Notice: 10 March 2025

This Notice informs all Registered Participants, Metering Providers, Metering Data Providers, Embedded Network Managers, Ministers and the AER (Consulted Persons) that AEMO has published an Issues Paper to consider changes to the Retail Electricity Market Procedures under the National Electricity Rules (NER), which relate to the Accelerating Smart Meter Deployment (ASMD) rule. This consultation considers:

- Development of an asset management strategy to ‘reliably test metering installation accuracy and identify metering installation condition faults in a reasonable period, regarding costs and benefits to consumers’.
- Modifying the Metering Installation Malfunction Exemption procedure and changing the Metering Installation Exemption Guideline procedure for metering installation malfunctions to comply with the new requirements of the ASMD rule.

This consultation is being conducted in accordance with the Rules consultation requirements under Rule 8.9 of the National Electricity Rules.

Matters under Consultation

Development of an asset management strategy

Under the NER, an MC must test and inspect metering installations according to a time-based schedule or an approved Asset Management Strategy. The ASMD Rule requires AEMO to develop an Asset Management Strategy guideline document. AEMO is consulting on the development of this guideline.

Metering Installation Malfunctions

The ASMD rule introduces two separately defined categories for small customer meter malfunctions:

- Individual failures with a 15-business day replacement timeframe
- Family failures (statistical testing) with a 70-business day replacement timeframe

The newly defined category for small customer metering installation malfunctions requires a review of AEMO’s Metering Installation Malfunction Exemption Procedure and the Exemption process in MSATS.

Consultation Process

The consultation process is outlined below. The dates are indicative only and subject to change.

PROCESS STAGE	INDICATIVE DATE
Issues paper published	10 February 2025
Submissions due on issues paper	24 March 2025
Draft report published	28 April 2025
Submissions due on draft report	6 June 2025
Final report published	1 July 2025

Invitation to Make Submissions

AEMO invites written submissions on the matter(s) under consultation, including any alternative or additional proposals you consider may better meet the objectives of this consultation and the national electricity objective in section 7 of the National Electricity Law.

Please identify any parts of your submission that you wish to remain confidential and explain why. AEMO may still publish that information if it does not consider it to be confidential but will consult with you before doing so.

Please note that material identified as confidential may be given less weight in the decision-making process than material that is published.

Meetings

In your submission, you may request a meeting with AEMO to discuss the matter under consultation, stating why you consider a meeting is necessary or desirable.

If appropriate, meetings may be held jointly with other Consulted Persons. Subject to confidentiality restrictions, AEMO will generally make details of matters discussed at a meeting available to other Consulted Persons and may publish them.

Closing Date and Time

Submissions in response to this Notice should be sent by email to NEM.Retailprocedureconsultations@aemo.com.au, to reach AEMO by no later than 5.00pm (AEDT) on Friday, 24 March 2025.

All submissions must be forwarded in electronic format (both pdf and Word). Please send any queries about this consultation to the same email address.

Submissions received after the closing date and time will not be valid, and AEMO is not obliged to consider them. Any late submissions should explain the reason for lateness and the detriment to you if AEMO does not consider your submission.

Publication

All submissions will be published on AEMO's website, other than confidential content.