

National Electricity Amendment (Victorian Jurisdictional Derogation, Advanced Metering Infrastructure Roll Out) Rule 2009 No. 2

under the National Electricity Law as applied by:

- (a) the National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996;
- (b) the Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997 of the Australian Capital Territory;
- (c) the National Electricity (New South Wales) Act 1997 of New South Wales;
- (d) the Electricity National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997 of Oueensland;
- (e) the Electricity National Scheme (Tasmania) Act 1999 of Tasmania;
- (f) the National Electricity (Victoria) Act 2005 of Victoria; and
- (g) the Australian Energy Market Act 2004 of the Commonwealth.

The Australian Energy Market Commission makes the following Rule under the National Electricity Law.

John Tamblyn Chairman

Australian Energy Market Commission

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1. Title of Rule

This Rule is the *National Electricity Amendment (Victorian Jurisdictional Derogation, Advanced Metering Infrastructure Roll Out) Rule 2009 No. 2.*

2. Commencement

This Rule commences operation on 1 July 2009.

3. Amendment of the National Electricity Rules

The National Electricity Rules are amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment of National Electricity Rules

(Clause 3)

[1] New Rule 9.9B Advanced Interval Meter Roll Out

After rule 9.9A, insert:

9.9B Advanced Interval Meter Roll Out

9.9B.1 Definitions

In this rule 9.9B:

AMI rollout means the rollout of advanced metering infrastructure provided for in the cost recovery order.

cost recovery order means the order dated 28 August 2007 made by the Governor in Council under section 15A and section 46D of the EI Act and published in the Victorian Government Gazette, as amended by the order dated 25 November 2008 made by the Governor in Council under section 15A and section 46D of the EI Act, and by any subsequent Order in Council under section 46D of the EI Act.

relevant *metering installation* means a *metering installation* for a *connection point* located in Victoria (other than a type 1 or type 2 *metering installation*) in respect of which the volume consumption of the customer is less than 160 MWh per annum of *energy* and which:

- (a) is installed on or after 1 July 2009, unless the *Market Participant* is the *responsible person* for the *metering installation* which has been installed in accordance with the ordinary replacement cycle of the *Market Participant*; or
- (b) was installed prior to 1 July 2009, unless the *Market Participant* is the *responsible person* for the *metering installation* at 1 July 2009,

and which is not a metering installation located at a high voltage connection point.

volume consumption means the volume of *energy* consumed by a customer at the relevant *connection point* calculated in accordance with Schedule 2 of the *metrology procedure*.

9.9B.2 Expiry date

This rule 9.9B expires on the earlier of:

- (a) 31 December 2013; and
- (b) the commencement under the *National Electricity Law* of amendments to the *Rules* that:
 - (1) facilitate the roll out of smart meters, advanced metering or similar metering installations of at least the equivalent scope and purpose of the AMI rollout; and
 - (2) provide for an orderly transfer of the regulation of relevant *metering installations* under this rule 9.9B to the regulation of *metering installations* under the *Rules*.

9.9B.3 Designation as responsible person

Despite clauses 7.2.2 and 7.2.3, the *Local Network Service Provider* is the *responsible person* for a relevant *metering installation*.

9.9B.4 Classification of relevant metering installations

- (a) A relevant *metering installation* which is capable of *remote acquisition* but otherwise would be a type 5 or type 6 *metering installation*, is taken to be a type 5 or type 6 *metering installation* respectively.
- (b) For the purposes of this rule 9.9B, the definition of *remote acquisition* in Chapter 10 of the *Rules* is taken to include the transmission of *metering data* from the site of the *metering point* to the *metering database* via the *metering installation database*.

9.9B.5 Cost recovery of AMI roll out

Clause 7.3.6(a) does not apply to the recovery of costs by a *Local Network Service Provider* that are associated with the provision, installation, maintenance, routine testing and inspection of relevant *metering installations*, to the extent that these costs can be recovered by the *Local Network Service Provider* in accordance with the cost recovery order.

9.9B.6 Agency data collection systems and agency metering databases

- (a) If *NEMMCO* uses:
 - (1) agency data collection systems under clause 7.3.5(c); or
 - (2) *agency metering databases* to form part of the *metering database* under clause 7.9.1(b),

in respect of *metering data* from a relevant *metering installation*, the person engaged by *NEMMCO* under clause 7.9.1(b1) to provide the

agency data collection systems and the agency metering databases must be selected by the responsible person for the relevant metering installation.

(b) Paragraph (a) applies despite anything to the contrary contained in any contractual or other arrangement between a *Market Participant* and *NEMMCO*.

9.9B.7 Remote acquisition of data by the responsible person

For the purposes of clause 7.9.2(a):

- (a) the *responsible person* for a relevant *metering installation*, rather than *NEMMCO*, is responsible for the *remote acquisition* of *metering data* from a relevant *metering installation*;
- (b) *NEMMCO* is responsible for storing the *metering data* referred to in paragraph (a) as *settlements ready data* in the *metering database*; and
- (c) the *responsible person* for a relevant *metering installation* must provide the *metering data* remotely acquired under paragraph (a) to *NEMMCO*.

9.9B.8 Capability for remote acquisition of metering data

For the purposes of clause 7.11.1(d), a relevant *metering installation* is taken not to have the capability for *remote acquisition* of actual *metering data*.

END OF RULE AS MADE