

Customer transfer rule change requests Stakeholder Workshop

AEMC Office Level 6, 201 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 24 June 2016

Time	Item	Facilitator
9.30am	Registration, tea/coffee	
10.00am	Welcome and introduction	Richard Owens
	SESSION 1	
	Using estimated reads for customer transfers	
10:15am	Introduction to key issues	Ed Chan
10:30am	Period in which this rule change could be beneficial	Ed Chan
	 The rollout of advanced meters would impact the benefits of the proposed rule change 	
	 What is your view on the speed of the roll out of advanced meters given the recent rule change on metering contestability? 	
10:45am	Changes to systems required – if estimates on transfer applied to both Type 5 and Type 6 meters (as proposed in the rule change request)	Ed Chan
	 What changes to systems will be required for the following scenarios relating to <u>Type 5</u> meters? Scenario 1: Estimates not replaced with actual data – at both wholesale and retail levels Scenario 2: Estimates used for customer final bill only, actual data used for corrections in wholesale market and network billing Scenario 3: Actual data used for corrections in retail, wholesale and network billing. Outgoing retailer to send customer a refund or additional bill if difference is greater than a specified amount. Alternatively, outgoing retailer could wait to bill the customer until actual data is available. 	
11:30am	Changes to systems required – if restrictions on estimates on transfer were imposed (as suggested in submissions to the Consultation Paper) • What changes to systems will be required if the following types of customers are excluded? • Customers with Type 5 meters • Victorian customers • Customers with solar panels	Ed Chan

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12:10am	Other options to reduce transfer times	Ed Chan
	 Apart from using estimates on transfers, what other options can be used to reduce transfer times? (Prior to the roll out of smart meters) Increasing use of special reads? Increasing use of customer reads (with system change to treat customer reads as actual reads rather than estimates)? 	
12.30pm	Lunch	
	SESSION 2	
	Improving the accuracy of customer transfers: Address standard	
1.00pm	Introduction to key issues	Lily Mitchell
1.15pm	Reducing address mismatches	Lily Mitchell
	 Improving the NMI matching process by including address validation How should MSATS be updated with validated addresses? What additional or alternative steps would help to reduce address mismatches at low cost? 	
	SESSION 3	
	Improving the accuracy of customer transfers: Resolving erroneous tra	nsfers
2.00pm	Introduction to key issues	Lily Mitchell
2.10pm	Practical implications: Responsibilities of retailer <u>to</u> which customer was erroneously transferred	Lily Mitchell
	 If contacted first, determine whether customer wishes to return to original retailer, and if so, promptly contact original retailer. If customer has paid a bill issued by this retailer, pay that amount to original retailer in accordance with s41 of the Retail Law. What timeframes would be appropriate for these obligations? 	
2.25pm	Practical implications: Responsibilities of retailer <u>from</u> which customer was erroneously transferred	Lily Mitchell
	 Promptly upon becoming aware of the erroneous transfer, contact the customer and seek consent to a new contract on the same financial terms as the original contract. If the customer consents, initiate a transfer in MSATS retrospective to the date of the erroneous transfer. Credit the customer for any amount paid by the customer to the other retailer, in accordance with s41 of the Retail Law. What timeframes would be appropriate for these obligations? 	
2.40pm	Discussion: would any additional guidance be required?	Lily Mitchell
2.50pm	Closing remarks	Richard Owens