

Communications Guideline Procedure Consultation

Participant Response Template

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1. Context

This template is to assist stakeholders in giving feedback about the changes detailed in the amended draft procedures associated with the Communications Guideline consultation.

The consultation is being conducted for the amendments to the NT Communications Guideline and associated procedures.

2. Participant comments

Changes to the MSATS Procedures

1. Do you support the inclusion of fields in MSATS for the Metering Coordinator to record metering defects against a site?

Jacana Energy can support the inclusion of the fields in MSATS allowing the Metering Coordinator to record metering defects, noting that the MSATS changes are mandatory for ongoing participation in the National Electricity Market (NEM).

Jacana Energy note that the proposed changes may offer limited benefit to Jacana Energy relative to the effort involved in the change.

Whilst the technical changes appear straight forward, Jacana Energy will not be able to fully assess the full impact until we understand the operational B2B processes proposed by the Metering Coordinator.

2. Are there any other comments on the minor changes through the rest of the MSATS Procedures and Standing Data for MSATS documents?

Jacana Energy have no other comments on the minor changes made to the MSATS procedures and Standing Data for MSATS documents.

Changes to the B2B Procedures

3. Do the participants support the proposed changes to the business-to-business procedures?

Jacana Energy note that the proposed changes may offer limited benefit to Jacana Energy relative to the effort involved. While recognising the importance of these updates for market participants, Jacana Energy has identified the following risks:

- Insufficient lead time to implement changes
 - Jacana Energy anticipate a minimum of 6 months will be required to implement the changes, taking into consideration the necessary impact assessment, solution design, testing, change management and deployment activities.
 - With the revised go live date of 1 July 2025 for MIS and the 8-week hyper-care period, this leaves Jacana Energy with 2 months to implement these changes.
- Limited resource capacity
 - Jacana Energy resourcing is insufficient to adequately support the MIS hyper-care period and commence a new project to adopt the new changes within the required timeline
- Work in Progress
 - Jacana Energy have yet to transact via MSATS due to delays with the MIS go live and system testing and agreement on B2B operational processes are still work in progress. Therefore, any impact assessment or planning for the proposed changes will be limited until the completion of the MIS go live and hyper care period.
- Market participants dependencies
 - As noted with the MIS project, Jacana Energy anticipate these changes will have a dependency on other market participants' ability to adopt the changes within the required time.
 - Jacana Energy would like to understand what assurances can be made to mitigate delays across all participants to meet the required time to mitigate delays and additional costs to Jacana Energy.

4. Do the participants support the proposed changes to the Meter Data File Formats?

Jacana Energy supports the proposed changes to the Meter Data File Formats. We understand that this is to align the NEM12 file format as per the rest of the market.

aseXML Schema

5. Do the participants understand the impacts on the aseXML schema being used to submit transactions via MSATS?

Jacana Energy understands the requirement associated with version alignment, including the minus one requirement and the expectation that retailers operate within current supported versions.

Jacana Energy also acknowledges that there is no other option but to adopt the new schema to mitigate system issues and failures for transacting via MSATS.

Other issues related to consultation subject matter

6. Do you have any other suggestions, comments or questions regarding this consultation?

Jacana Energy request NTESMO to provide a consolidated summary of changes in future consultations to enable quicker responses.

For future consultations relating to MSATS change releases, Jacana Energy would like to understand the expected lead time NTESMO will provide to Market Participants. This will enable Jacana Energy to better align strategic planning and budget requirements.