

Communications Guideline and MSATS Procedures v1.5 Final Report

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Executive Summary

Date of Notice: 18 July 2025

The publication of this Final Report and Determination (Final Report) concludes the Northern Territory National Electricity Rules (NT NER) consultation process conducted by NTESMO in respect of proposed amendments to the following documents and procedures:

- NTESMO Communications Guideline
- NTESMO MSATS Procedures Principles and Obligations for all connection points
- NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Service Order Process
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Meter Data Process
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 NEM13
- NTESMO B2B Procedure One Way Notification Process

NTESMO received one submission from market participants to the second stage consultation which commenced on 26 May 2025. Overall, respondents agree and understand the approach to the NT unique procedures and the address formats complying with the required Australian standard

NTESMO's final determination is to update changes within the Communications Guideline and associated MSATS procedures in the form published with this Final Report.

NTESMO has also made other minor administrative amendments to the NTESMO B2B Procedure Standing Data for MSATS.

1 Stakeholder Consultation process

NTESMO invited written submissions for the matters under consultation, including any alternative or additional proposals which may provide a more efficient information exchange process for the Northern Territory Electricity Market.

Submissions in response to this Notice were required to be sent by email by 5:00pm (ACST) on 26 May 2025 to market.operator@powerwater.com.au.

NTESMO has consulted on the proposed changes to the Communications Guideline and associated MSATS

procedures in accordance with the Rules Consultation Procedures in clause 8.9 of the NT NER, as required by clause S7A.1.3 of the NT NER.

NTESMO’s timeline for this consultation is outlined below

Table 2 Summary of consultation stages

Process Stage	Date
Publication of Issues Paper	28 March 2025
Closing date for submissions in response to Issues Paper	1 May 2025
Issue Prelim report	26 May 2025
Prelim report feedback	25 June 2025
Publication of Final Report and Determination (Final Report)	18 July 2025

NTESMO developed the Changes in the interests of improving the NTEM information exchange processes. The Changes do not require AEMO MSATS or B2B e-Hub system changes.

2 Background

2.1 NT NER requirements

NTESMO is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Communications Guideline specified in S7A.1.3 of the NT NER.

The Communications Guideline authorised by NTESMO under Chapter 7A must be established and amended by NTESMO in accordance with the Rules consultation procedures.

2.2 Issues statement and scope

NTESMO has made changes to the Communication Guideline for updates for MSATS NEM changes and Updates to NEM B2B procedures with a third point on the aseXML schema.

In summary, the Changes are to:

NTESMO to update NT MSATS procedures to reflect changes to the NEM MSATS procedures.

The Communications Guideline authorised by NTESMO under Chapter 7A must be established and amended by NTESMO in accordance with the Rules consultation procedures.

The proposed effective date for the documents is 1 December 2025.

2.3 First stage consultation

On 28 March 2025, NTESMO issued a Notice of First Stage Consultation and published an Issues Paper and initial draft amended procedure document. This information is available on NTESMO's website.

The Issues Paper included a summary of the proposed changes.

In response, NTESMO received 3 submissions.

NTESMO has published copies of all written submissions (excluding any confidential information) on NTESMO's website.

2.4 Second stage consultation

On 26 May 2025, NTESMO issued a Second Stage Consultation and published a Draft determination report. This information is available on NTESMO's website.

The draft determination report included a summary of the proposed changes.

In response, NTESMO received one submission.

NTESMO has published copies of all written submissions (excluding any confidential information) on NTESMO's website.

3 Summary of Material Issues

NTESMO recently consulted with market participants on new capabilities introduced to the MSATS system, aiming to understand whether participants intend to use the new functionality, rather than making decisions on their behalf. Consistent with previous consultations, NTESMO will continue the approach of marking non-applicable functions or transactions as "Not used in the NT Procedures" instead of implementing system changes or developing unique, non-NEM standard B2B or MSATS transactions. While new fields introduced in the B2B procedures are available for use, their application is optional and dependent on relevant circumstances, ensuring alignment with existing NEM standards. Additionally, NTESMO has updated the NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS Procedure, specifically Section 7.1, to include a requirement for address data to comply with Australian Standard AS4590.1:2017, as required by the new aseXML schema version R46.

4 Final report

NTESMO's Final Report is to amend the following procedure documents in the form published with this Final, in accordance with Chapter 7A of the NT NER:

- NTESMO Communications Guideline v1.5 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO Communications Guideline v1.5 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO MSATS Procedure Principles and Obligations for all connection points v1.5 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO MSATS Procedure Principles and Obligations for all connection points v1.5 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS v1.5 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS v1.5 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO Business to Business (B2B) Guide v1.5 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO Business to Business (B2B) Guide v1.5 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Service Order Process v1.5 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Service Order Process v1.5 Final Report Clean
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5 Appendix A: Summary of Submissions and NTESMO's Responses

Number	Question	Consulted Person	Participant Comments	NTESMO Response
1	Do participants support the approach of NTESMO to identify items as 'Not used in the NT Procedures' rather than making non-NEM standard changes to MSATS transactions?	Power and Water	Yes, Power and Water agrees with this approach.	NTESMO notes the response
2	Do participants understand the new address format requirements that come into effect with the new schema R46 as detailed in the NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS procedure?	Power and Water	Power and Water understand the new address format requirements.	NTESMO notes the response
3	Do you have any other suggestions, comments or questions regarding this consultation?	Power and Water	Power and Water have no other comments at this time.	NTESMO notes the response

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