

NTESMO Communications Guideline and MSATS Procedures V1.3 Final Report and Determination

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Executive Summary

Date of Notice: 30 August 2024

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 Procedure – Consumer Administration and Transfer Solution (CATS) Procedure Principles and Obligations
- NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS
- NTESMO Business to Business (B2B) Guide
- 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 three submissions from Retailers and Local Network Service Providers (LNSPs). Overall, respondents indicated differing opinions on supporting the proposed changes.

Based on all feedback received through the consultation process NTESMO has determined that the commencement date of 1 December 2024 will be maintained as published in the consultation documents. NTESMO will monitor the progress of participants towards this date through the market readiness process and consult further if required on the commencement date of the Communications Guideline.

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

1. Stakeholder Consultation Process

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.

Deliverable	Indicative date
Issues Paper published	9 August 2024
Submissions due on Issues Paper	27 August 2024
Final Report published	30 August 2024

The publication of this Final Report marks the conclusion of this consultation.

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 Context for this consultation

NTESMO has developed the Changes to improve the functionality and efficiency of information exchange transactions between the NTEM participants. The Changes were developed by NTESMO.

In summary, the Changes are to:

- Adopt the version of the Communications Guideline attached to this Consultation Notice
- Adopt the administration amendments as detailed below:
 - NTESMO Communications Guideline
 - NTESMO MSATS Procedure – Consumer Administration and Transfer Solution (CATS) Procedure Principles and Obligations
 - NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS
 - NTESMO Business to Business (B2B) Guide
 - NTESMO B2B Procedure Service Order Process
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The relevant effective date for all the documents is 1 December 2024.

2.3 First stage consultation

On 9 August 2024, NTESMO issued a Notice of First Stage Consultation and published an Issues Paper and initial draft amended procedure documents. This information is available on NTESMO's website.

The Issues Paper included a summary of the proposed changes.

In response, NTESMO received three submissions.

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

3. Summary of Material Issues

The consultation responses contained differences in the level of support of the proposed changes to the Communications Guideline. While Power and Water was supportive of the proposed changes, Jacana Energy were not supportive of a December commencement to the Communications Guideline. Rimfire Energy supported the proposed date providing adequate testing had been achieved by participants to ensure a smooth transition.

NTESMO cannot leave the current commencement date in the communications guideline as the Market Participants will not be ready to transact in accordance with the Guideline on 1 September 2024. NTESMO therefore is obliged to change the commencement date to ensure the Market Participants can comply with the published regulations within the Northern Territory Electricity Market.

After completing this analysis NTESMO has decided that the appropriate commencement date for the communication guideline will be 1 December 2024 as included in the consultation documents.

NTESMO will monitor progress of all participants towards achieving this date and if necessary complete a further consultation on the commencement date of the Communications Guideline.

A detailed summary of the issues raised by Consulted Persons in submissions, together with NTESMO's responses, is contained in **Appendix A**.

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 v1.3 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO Communications Guideline v1.3 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO MSATS Procedure – Consumer Administration and Transfer Solution (CATS) Procedure Principles and Obligations v1.3 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO MSATS Procedure – Consumer Administration and Transfer Solution (CATS) Procedure Principles and Obligations v1.3 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS v1.3 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS v1.3 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO Business to Business (B2B) Guide v1.3 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO Business to Business (B2B) Guide v1.3 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Service Order Process v1.3 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Service Order Process v1.3 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification v1.3 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification v1.3 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Meter Data Process v1.3 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Meter Data Process v1.3 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification v1.3 Final Report Change Marked

- NTESMO B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification v1.3 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 NEM13 v1.3 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 NEM13 v1.3 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure One Way Notification Process v1.3 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO B2B Procedure One Way Notification Process v1.3 Final Report Clean

Appendix A: Summary of Submissions and NTESMO's Responses

Number	Question	Consulted Person	Participant Comments	NTESMO Response
1	Do participants support changing the effective date of the Communications Guideline to 1 December 2024?	Jacana Energy	Jacana Energy does not support the change of effective date of the Communication Guideline to 1 December 2024.	NTESMO notes the response
1	Do participants support changing the effective date of the Communications Guideline to 1 December 2024?	Power and Water	Power and Water supports the proposed change to the commencement date.	NTESMO notes the response
2	Do participants support changing the effective date of the Communications Guideline to 1 December 2024?	Rimfire Energy	<p>Whilst Rimfire Energy does not oppose the contemplated effective date change to 1 December 2024, Rimfire Energy would note the proposed date of 1 December 2024 does represent a higher risk profile due to the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dress Rehearsal(s) are yet to provide certainty of execution success. - High likelihood of unavailability of people during December. 	NTESMO notes the response and will monitor progress of the dress rehearsals to provide certainty of achieving the cutover process successfully
2	Do you have any other suggestions, comments, or questions regarding this consultation?	Jacana Energy	<p>Jacana Energy will support an alternative effective date that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is outside the seasonal shutdown period from December to January; and 	NTESMO notes this response and will consider this if the date is moved from 1 December 2024

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides sufficient and uninterrupted time to execute change management and post go live activities such as hyper care. 	
2	Do you have any other suggestions, comments, or questions regarding this consultation?	Power and Water	Power and Water understands that the commencement date is at the end of the year and want to see this change embedded in their organisation prior to the commencement of the new year.	NTESMO notes the response
2	Do you have any other suggestions, comments, or questions regarding this consultation?	Rimfire Energy	Rimfire Energy would be more supportive of a change to the effective date to 1 February 2025.	NTESMO notes this response and will consider this if the date is moved from 1 December 2024

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