

NTESMO Communications Guideline, MSATS and B2B Procedures Final Report

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Executive Summary

The publication of this Final Report and Determination (Final Report) concludes the Northern Territory National Electricity Rules (NT NER) consultation process conducted by NTESMO on proposed changes to the NTESMO Communications Guideline, MSATS and B2B Procedures.

The Draft Report was published on 25 May 2026 detailing the proposed changes. NTESMO received no submissions from participants.

During the consultation, stakeholders identified several provisions that had been incorporated from NEM procedures but were not applicable to Northern Territory market arrangements. These included references to Secondary Settlement Points, Type 8 and Type 9 metering, Flexible Trading Arrangements, legacy meter replacement programs and other NEM-specific processes.

Following consideration of stakeholder submissions, NTESMO reviewed the proposed amendments and determined that a number of changes should be modified, clarified or removed to better reflect current Northern Territory market arrangements

Stakeholder and Consultation Process

NTESMO is consulting on the proposed changes to the Communications Guideline 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 indicative timeline for this consultation is outlined below.

Table 1 *Summary of consultation stages*

Process Stage	Date
Publication of Issues Paper	17 March 2026
Closing date for submissions in response to Issues Paper	1 May 2026
Issue prelim draft report	25 May 2026
Prelim draft report feedback	26 June 2026
Publication of Final Report and Determination (Final Report)	20 July 2026

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

1. Background

1.1 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.

1.2 Context for this consultation

NTESMO has made changes to the Communication Guideline for updates for MSATS NEM changes and updates to NEM B2B procedures with the information that supports new rules integrating Consumer Energy Resources (CER) introduced by the Flexible Trading arrangements (FTA) rule, includes new meter types (Type 8 and 9)

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 November 2026.

1.3 First stage consultation

On 17 March 2026, 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 two submissions.

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

1.4 Second stage consultation

On 25 May 2026, NTESMO issued a Second Stage Consultation and published a draft determination procedure document. This information is available on NTESMO's website.

In response, NTESMO received no submissions.

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