

NTESMO Communications Guideline and MSATS Procedures v1.1

11 September 2023

Final Report and Determination

Proposed Changes

Change the effective date of the Communications Guideline and associated procedures only

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Executive Summary

Date of Notice: 11 September 2023

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 changing the effective date of the following documents:

- NTESMO Communications Guideline
- NTESMO MSATS Procedure – CATS Procedure Principles and Obligations
- NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS
- NTESMO Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 and NEM13
- NTESMO 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 One Way Notification Process
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification

The consultation documents were published on 16 August 2023 detailing the proposed changes.

NTESMO received 1 submission from a Retailer.

NTESMO has identified the following material issues, based on these submissions, as well as NTESMO's own analysis:

- Change of effective date

NTESMO has additionally made the following changes to the procedure documents:

- Changed the effective date by one day to align to the commencement of a calendar month

Accordingly, NTESMO's Final Determination amends the Package Documents in the form published with this Final Report. NTESMO proposes that the amended Package Documents will come into effect in line with the effective dates published in the documents of 1 September 2024.

1. Stakeholder Consultation Process

NTESMO is consulting on the proposed adoption of the Communications Guideline and associated MSATS procedures in accordance with the Rules Consultation Procedures in clause 8.9.4 of the NT NER, as required by clause S7A.1.3 of the NT NER.

NTESMO's timeline for this consultation is outlined below. Additional sessions were held with each participant, as required, to inform them of the consultation documents.

Deliverable	Date
Issues Paper published	16 August 2023
Submissions due on Issues Paper	30 August 2023
Final Report published	11 September 2023

The publication of this Final Report concludes the consultation process and presents NTESMO's response to the feedback received.

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: change the effective date of the following documents only.

- NTESMO Communications Guideline
- NTESMO MSATS Procedure – CATS Procedure Principles and Obligations
- NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS
- NTESMO Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 and NEM13
- NTESMO B2B Guide
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Service Order Process
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- NTESMO B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification

No other changes were made to any of these documents. As such NTESMO has deemed this to be a minor consultation and consulted under clause 8.9.4 of the NT NER.

2.3 First stage consultation

On 16 August 2023 NTESMO issued a Notice of First Stage Consultation and published an Issues Paper and initial draft procedure documents. This information is available on NTESMO's website.

The Issues Paper included a summary of the proposed changes.

In response, NTESMO received 1 submission.

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

3. Summary of Material Issues

The key material issues are as follows:

No.	Issue	Raised by
1.	Change of effective date	Jacana Energy

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

4. Discussion of Material Issues

4.1 Change of Effective Date

4.1.1 Issue summary and submissions

The only proposed change to the documents was a change to the effective date of the documents. The Utilities Commission (UC) published a revised NT Electricity Retail Supply Code (ERSC) with an effective date of 1 July 2023. In the revised ERSC the UC end dated the current customer transfer and business to business rules effective the commencement date of the Communications Guideline (clauses 7.2.7A and 8.2.24 of the ERSC).

Currently the Communications Guideline, and associated procedures, have an effective date of 2 October 2023. Due to project delivery delays all the NT Market Participants will not be ready to communicate in accordance with the Communications Guideline on the current effective date. NTESMO is therefore undertaking a minor consultation (as outlined in Clause 8.9.4 of the NT NER) to update the effective date of the Communications Guideline and associated procedures to 2 September 2024. The only change being made to the Communications Guideline and procedures is to change the effective date.

In response:

- Jacana Energy was supportive of this change
- No other responses were received by NTESMO

4.1.2 NTESMO's assessment

NTESMO has assessed the responses and there were no material objections raised concerning the proposed changes.

4.1.3 NTESMO's conclusion

NTESMO has changed the introduction of the Communications Guideline and MSATS procedures to be effective from 2 September 2024.

5. Other Matters

No respondents have proposed any additional minor amendments to the various procedure documents within the Communications Guideline Package.

NTESMO has concluded that the effective date will be 1 September 2024 to align with the beginning of a calendar month.

6. Final Report

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

- NTESMO Communications Guideline v1.1 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO Communications Guideline v1.1 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO MSATS Procedure – Consumer Administration and Transfer Solution (CATS) Procedure Principles and Obligations v1.1 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO MSATS Procedure – Consumer Administration and Transfer Solution (CATS) Procedure Principles and Obligations v1.1 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS v1.1 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO Standing Data for MSATS v1.1 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 and NEM13 v1.1 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO Meter Data File Format Specification NEM12 and NEM13 v1.1 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO Business to Business (B2B) Guide v1.1 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO Business to Business (B2B) Guide v1.1 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Service Order Process v1.1 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Service Order Process v1.1 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification v1.1 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Customer and Site Details Notification v1.1 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Meter Data Process v1.1 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO B2B Procedure Meter Data Process v1.1 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO B2B Procedure One Way Notification Process v1.1 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO B2B Procedure One Way Notification Process v1.1 Final Report Clean
- NTESMO NT B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification v1.1 Final Report Change Marked
- NTESMO NT B2B Procedure Technical Delivery Specification v1.1 Final Report Clean

Appendix A: Summary of Submissions and NTESMO's Responses

Number	Question	Consulted Person	Participant Comments	NTESMO Response
1	Do you support changing the effective date of the Communications Guideline to 2 September 2024?	Jacana Energy	Jacana Energy acknowledges the reason for changing the effective date of the Communications Guideline, now set for 2 September 2024.	NTESMO notes the response.
2	Do you have any further questions or comments in relation to the change in effective date?	Jacana Energy	<p>Jacana Energy understands that further consultation rounds before the new Go Live date will be required to align procedures with regulatory requirements.</p> <p>Jacana Energy will be assessing the implications of the revised Go-Live date on project viability, including financial implications and downstream impact on our customers.</p>	NTESMO notes the response.

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