

Australian Capital Territory

Utilities (Electricity Metering Code) Determination 2015

Disallowable instrument DI2015–9

made under the

***Utilities Act 2000*, section 65 (application of industry code provisions)**

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Utilities (Electricity Metering Code) Determination 2015*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences the day after it is notified.

3 Revocation of code

This instrument revokes the technical code, the Electricity Metering Code (August 2003).

4 Determination of code

The Minister determines the Electricity Metering Code.

5 Public access to documents

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ELECTRICITY METERING CODE

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Technical Codes

The Electricity Metering Code (this Code) is a technical code under part 5 of the *Utilities Act 2000* (the Act).

1.2 Utility to Comply with Technical Codes

Section 25(2) (a)(iv) of the Act requires licence holders to comply with technical codes.

2. PURPOSE AND APPLICATION OF THIS CODE

2.1 Application

This Code applies to electricity distributors.

2.2 Purpose

This Code requires electricity distributors to supply, install and maintain metering equipment in a safe and reliable manner.

3. DICTIONARY

The dictionary at the end of this Code is part of this Code.

4. REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Metering Equipment

- (1) An electricity distributor must supply standard metering equipment to a customer at its own cost.
- (2) An electricity distributor must specify standard metering equipment in its Electricity Service and Installation Rules made under the Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code (ES&I Rules Code).
- (3) Standard metering equipment must be in compliance with applicable technical standards.

4.2 Procedures and Guidelines under the National Electricity Rules

- (1) An electricity distributor must comply with the National Electricity Market (NEM) Metrology Procedure and other applicable guidelines published by Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) under chapter 7 of the National Electricity Rules.
- (2) Subject to subclause 4.2 (1), the electricity distributor must provide its customer in writing with a reference to the applicable procedures and guidelines.

4.3 Technical Codes

- (1) An electricity distributor must supply, install, and maintain metering equipment in accordance with relevant technical codes, including ES&I Rules.
- (2) Subject to subclause 4.3 (1), the electricity distributor must provide its customer in writing with a reference to the Electricity Service and Installation Rules made under the ES&I Rules Code.

4.4 Non-compliance with Technical Standards

The director-general as the technical regulator may direct an electricity distributor to rectify the work if the electricity distributor is found non-compliant with technical codes or applicable technical standards specified in the procedures and/or guidelines in subclauses 4.2(1) and 4.3(1).

DICTIONARY

- (1) **the Act** means the *Utilities Act 2000* (ACT);
- (2) **customer** is as defined within the Act;
- (3) **electricity distributor** is as defined within the Act;
- (4) **Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code** means the Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code approved by the Minister as a technical code under part 5 of the Act;
- (5) **Electricity Service and Installation Rules** mean the Electricity Service and Installation Rules created by utilities under the Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code and approved by the director-general under the Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code;
- (6) **licence** means a licence granted to a utility under the Act.
- (7) **meter** is a device complying with Australian Standards which measures and records the production or consumption of electrical energy as defined in the National Electricity Rules;
- (8) **metering** means recording the production or consumption of electrical energy as defined in the National Electricity Rules;
- (9) **the Minister** means the Minister responsible for administering part 5 of the Act;
- (10) **National Electricity Law** is the law set out in the *National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996* and applies as the *National Electricity (ACT) Law* in the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997*;
- (11) **National Electricity Rules** are the rules published by the Australian Energy Market Commission in accordance with the *National Electricity Law*.
- (12) **technical code** means a code approved or determined by the Minister under part 5 of the Act
- (13) **technical standards** mean standards applicable to Australia published by Standards Australia as current at the time; and
- (14) **utility** is as defined within the Act.