

# Utilities (Technical Regulation) (Gas Network Boundary Code) Approval 2018

**Disallowable instrument DI2018–47**

made under the

**Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014, section 14 (Technical codes—approval)**

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## **1 Name of instrument**

This instrument is the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) (Gas Network Boundary Code) Approval 2018*.

## **2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

## **3 Approval of code**

I approve the Gas Network Boundary Code (this Code) set out in the schedule.

## **4 Public access**

This Code is available for inspection by the public between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, from Monday to Friday except for public holidays, at Access Canberra at South Building, Dame Pattie Menzies House, 16 Challis Street Dickson ACT. Copies of the Code can be also made at Access Canberra. Electronic copies of the Code are available on the Access Canberra website

at [https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/2203/~/water-and-energy-utilities-technical-regulation](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/2203/~/water-and-energy-utilities-technical-regulation). No charge will apply.

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Australian Capital Territory

# Gas Network Boundary Code

A technical code under the Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Technical Codes

The Gas Network Boundary Code (this Code) is a technical code under part 3 of the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014* (ACT) (the Act).

### 1.2 Network Boundaries

Section 53 of the Act states that the boundary of a network must be worked out in accordance with a technical code.

### 1.3 Regulated Utility to Comply with Technical Codes

Under section 14 of the Act, the Minister may approve a technical code as recommended by the technical regulator. If this Code applies to a regulated utility and the regulated utility fails to comply with this Code and is negligent in compliance activities in relation to this Code, the offence provision under section 16 of the Act will apply.

## 2 PURPOSE AND APPLICATION OF THIS CODE

### 2.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Code is to define the boundary between:

- (1) a gas transmission network and a gas distribution network;
- (2) the gas distribution network of one person and the gas distribution network of another person, where those gas distribution networks are connected; and
- (3) a gas distribution network and a customer's premises.

### 2.2 Application

This Code applies to gas transmission utilities and gas distribution utilities.

## 3 DICTIONARY

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

## 4 BOUNDARIES OF GAS NETWORKS

### 4.1 Boundary between Gas Transmission Network and Distribution Network

The boundary between a gas transmission network and a gas distribution network is the delivery point as defined in an access arrangement in accordance with the *National Gas (ACT) Act 2008*.

### 4.2 Boundary between Gas Distribution Networks

- (1) The boundary between two gas distribution networks is the point agreed to by the gas distribution utilities whose networks are connected and notified to the technical regulator and the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC).
- (2) Gas distribution utilities must not connect the gas distribution networks unless they have agreed on the boundary between the gas distribution networks and notified the technical regulator and the ICRC.

### 4.3 Boundary between Gas Distribution Network and Customers' Premises

The boundary between a gas distribution network and a customer's premises is at the point of supply.

## DICTIONARY

- (1) **Act** means the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014* (ACT).
- (2) **customer** means:
  - (a) a person for whom the service is provided under a **customer contract**; or
  - (b) a person who has applied, orally or in writing, to the relevant utility for the service to be provided under a **customer contract**.
- (3) **customer contract** means:
  - (a) a standard customer contract, made under the *Utilities Act 2000* (ACT); or
  - (b) a negotiated customer contract, made under the *Utilities Act 2000* (ACT); or
  - (c) a customer connection contract, made under the *National Energy Retail Law* (ACT).
- (4) **gas distribution network** —see section 10(2) of the *Utilities Act 2000* (ACT).
- (5) **gas distribution utility** means a utility that provides a **gas distribution service**.
- (6) **gas distribution service** —see section 9(b) of the *Utilities Act 2000* (ACT).
- (7) **gas transmission network** —see section 10(1) of the *Utilities Act 2000* (ACT).
- (8) **gas transmission utility** means a utility that provides a **gas transmission service**.
- (9) **gas transmission service** —see section 9(a) of the *Utilities Act 2000* (ACT).
- (10) **Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission** (ICRC) —see section 5 of the *Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission Act 1997* (ACT).
- (11) **meter** means a meter or other apparatus used for the measurement of gas.
- (12) **person** includes a corporation as well as an individual.
- (13) **point of supply** means the outlet of the **meter** assembly.
- (14) **premises** has the same meaning as in the **Act**.
- (15) **technical code** means a code approved by the Minister under part 3 of the **Act**.
- (16) **technical regulator** has the same meaning as in the **Act**.