

Utilities (Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code) Determination 2013

Disallowable instrument DI2013–220

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Purpose of the Code

The Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code (this Code) requires electricity distributors to develop Electricity Service and Installation Rules (ES&I Rules) that set out the requirements and associated obligations and procedures for the safe, reliable and efficient connection of electrical installations to an electricity network.

Legislative Provisions

This Code is a technical code under part 5 of the *Utilities Act 2000* (the Act). The Act provides a regulatory framework for the utility licence holders in the Australian Capital Territory. Part 5 of the Act sets out technical regulation. According to section 65 in part 5 of the Act, provisions for making technical codes apply provisions of part 4 of the Act for industry codes with relevant variations.

Revocation and Determination

This Disallowable Instrument revokes the Utilities (Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code) Determination 2000 and determines the Utilities (Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code) Determination 2013. The Utilities (Electricity Service and Installation Rules Code) Determination 2013 updates the relevant standards and guidelines and introduces the approval system of ES&I Rules to ensure the utility's compliance.

Outline

This Code provides the procedure to develop ES&I Rules and the requirements for the general and specific content of ES&I Rules. Electricity distributors are required to publish ES&I Rules in accordance with this Code. Considering the increased number of embedded generation in recent years, this Code includes provisions for the electricity network connected to embedded generators and high voltage installations.