

Appendix 3: Summary of proposed changes since the second round of consultation

PLEASE NOTE: this summary of proposed changes made to the reconciliation rule change proposal since the second round of consultation is issued for context only, not submissions. Any submissions on these rules may be deemed out of scope and not considered by the Commission.

Proposed changes to part A: Following consultation, it is proposed that the definitions for the following terms be amended or clarified:

- *“balancing area”* (which would replace the current term *“network area”*), and is intended to clarify that an embedded network is a separate balancing area;
- the definition *“direct consumer”* would be simplified to *“a consumer with a point of connection to the grid”*;
- the definitions *“consumption information”*, *“market administrator”*, *“metering information”* and *“New Zealand Standard Time”* would be reinstated;
- more rigorous definitions of the terms *“estimated reading”*, *“validated meter reading”*, *“meter reading”* and *“permanent estimate”* in conjunction with some rewording in rule 3 of schedule J2;
- certain obsolete terms would be deleted (including the definitions of the terms *“initial file”* and *“revised file”*); and
- inclusion of *“permanent estimates”* and *“unmetered load”* in the definition for *“historical estimate”*.

Proposed changes to part E: The Rules Subgroup, after consideration, considers that the following changes should be made:

- the word *“proposed”* be added to rule 13.1 of part E;
- clarification that an ICP can only be livened for the first time when a retailer has accepted responsibility for an ICP (rule 17);
- the new requirement that if a distributor becomes aware of any change to the capacity of a shared unmetered load ICP or if a shared unmetered load ICP is decommissioned, it must notify all retailers affected by that change as soon as practicable (rule 14.3);

- the removal of the absolute date of resolution for registry discrepancies and its replacement with an obligation to have a process to resolve discrepancies;
- the clarification of the requirements concerning the timing of registry reports;
- the rule on the registry as database of record to include the words “prima facie”;
- the inclusion of a new rule requiring the reconciliation manager to notify registry of changes to balancing areas; and
- the inclusion of a new rule (2.3 of E2 of part E) to cover a step, previously missing, in the switching rules for switch move.

No proposed changes to part G: There have been no additional proposed changes to part G as a result of the second round of consultation.

Proposed changes to part J:

The following changes are proposed:

- the clarification of the content, timing, and responsibilities for the provision of reports from both the Registry and the Reconciliation Manager;
- the clarification of requirements concerning submission times for files;
- more precise use of the easily confused terms GXP and NSP;
- the inclusion of a new rule requiring residual profile shape to be recalculated for each revision period (rule 7.3.2 of part J);
- the clarification of requirements concerning derivation of meter readings from raw meter data (rule 3.1 of schedule J2);
- the inclusion of a new rule for permanent estimates determining that a permanent estimate may only be used when a validated meter reading is unable to be obtained;
- Rule 2 of schedule J4 revised to include revision periods;
- formulae and terminology in schedules J4 and J5 to be more rigorously specified and clarified;
- the scorecard rating regime to not be applied until 14 months have elapsed from go-live date, however, during this time the scorecard information would still be required to be provided by retailers (schedule J4); and
- the inclusion of a new rule to allow retailers to correct electricity supplied information for abnormal events (rule 9.1 of schedule J4).

Miscellaneous: There are a number of minor proposed changes that need to be reviewed by the RIPT before the final rule change proposal is presented to the Board. These have been identified as follows:

Clarification to part A:

- The retailer that interfaces with the clearing manager has rules obligations.

Clarification to part D:

- Code of Practice D5 to be reworded so that the CoPD5 Review Panel reviews all applications for dispensations, rather than retailers having to seek agreement from all affected parties.

Clarification to part E:

- Distributors must give three days' notice of a change of NSP for an ICP when the NSP is being commissioned or decommissioned (rule 7 of part E); and
- Dedicated NSP Status to be clarified.

Clarification to part H:

- The RIPT proposed changes to rules 6.2 and 6.3.

Clarification to part J:

- The requirements around daylight saving notification to be clarified (rule 15 of part J);
- The inclusion of embedded networks in the parent network UFE needs to be checked;
- Profiling – profile approval should be by NSP; and
- The use of permanent estimates in the reconciliation process should have an obligation for reasonable endeavours to obtain a meter read.