

ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION CODE DISTRIBUTOR AUDIT REPORT

For

Horizon Networks



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Distributor audit was performed at the request of **Horizon Networks (Horizon)** to encompass the Electricity Industry Participation Code requirement for an audit, in accordance with clause 11.10 of part 11. The audit was carried out at Horizon's premises in Whakatane on September 17th, 2019.

The audit was conducted in accordance with the Guideline for Distributor Audits V7.2, which was produced by the Electricity Authority.

This audit found six non-compliances and makes one recommendation. This is a reduction from the eleven non-compliances found last year and reflects the continued improved compliance found year on year.

Horizon are using both their internal registry discrepancy reporting and the audit compliance reporting from the registry. It appears that these are not always being reviewed as expected causing some discrepancies to not be identified and corrected. Overall, the number of discrepancies is small.

I thank Allan and the team for their assistance during the audit.

The next audit frequency table indicates that the next audit be due in 12 months. I have considered this result in conjunction Horizon's responses and I recommend that the next audit be in 18 months time.

The matters raised are shown in the table below:

AUDIT SUMMARY

NON-COMPLIANCES

Subject	Section	Clause	Non-Compliance	Controls	Audit Risk Rating	Breach Risk Rating	Remedial Action
Complete and accurate information	2.1	11.2(1)	Registry information not complete and accurate in all instances.	Moderate	Low	2	Identified
Provision of information to the registry	3.3	11.7	15 initial electrical connection dates missing.	Moderate	Low	2	Identified
Population of Initial Electrical Connection Date	3.5	7(2A) of Schedule 11.1	32 (16%) late initial electrical connection date updates.	Strong	Low	1	Identified
Changes to registry information	4.1	8 Schedule 11.1	Updates to registry backdated greater than 3 business days of the event.	Moderate	Low	2	Identified
ICP addresses	4.4	2 of Schedule 11.1	Six active ICPs with addresses that are not readily locatable.	Strong	Low	1	Identified
Distributors to Provide ICP Information to the Registry manager	4.6	7(1)(p) of Schedule 11.1	15 initial electrical connection dates missing. Five incorrect initial electrical connection dates.	Moderate	Low	2	Identified
Future Risk Rating						10	
Indicative Audit Frequency						12 months	

Future risk rating	0-1	2-5	6-8	9-20	21-29	30+
Indicative audit frequency	36 months	24 months	18 months	12 months	6 months	3 months

RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject	Section	Recommendation
Distributors to ICP information to the registry	4.6	Require COC be provided for all distributed generation connections.

ISSUES

Subject	Section	Recommendation	Description
		Nil	

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

1.1. Exemptions from Obligations to Comply with Code (Section 11)

Code reference

Section 11 of Electricity Industry Act 2010.

Code related audit information

Section 11 of the Electricity Industry Act provides for the Electricity Authority to exempt any participant from compliance with all or any of the clauses.

Audit observation

I checked the Authority's website to identify any exemptions in place.

Audit commentary

Horizon has no exemptions in place that are relevant to the scope of this audit.

1.2. Structure of Organisation

Horizon provided an organisation chart.

1.3. Persons involved in this audit

Auditor:

Rebecca Elliot

Veritek Limited

Electricity Authority Approved Auditor

Horizon personnel assisting in this audit were:

Name	Title
Allan Murphy	Control Room Supervisor
Shane Piaray	Operations Manager
Wendy Waller	Commercial Analyst

1.4. Use of contractors (Clause 11.2A)

Code reference

Clause 11.2A

Code related audit information

A participant who uses a contractor

- *remains responsible for the contractor's fulfilment of the participants Code obligations*
- *cannot assert that it is not responsible or liable for the obligation due to the action of a contractor*
- *must ensure that the contractor has at least the specified level of skill, expertise, experience, or qualification that the participant would be required to have if it were performing the obligation itself.*

Audit observation

Horizon subcontracts contractors to conduct connection and energisation activities on their network. This matter was discussed during the audit to ensure Horizon understands their responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Horizon has maintained responsibility for all of their obligations during the audit period. Compliance is confirmed.

1.5. Supplier list

The list of contractors is shown below:

- Horizon Services Limited
- Electriserv
- Watt Electrical

1.6. Hardware and Software

Horizon provided the following information detailing hardware and software used in the processes to be audited.

The management of ICPs is maintained in a system called "NMS Billing", which is an MS Access application linked to an SQL Server database. A new billing platform has been adopted during the audit period. This uses the registry information to bill from rather than the "NMS Billing" platform. The validation between the registry and the "NMS Billing" platform is unchanged and is discussed in **section 2.1**. This is outside of the audit scope and therefore no material change was required.

All software resides on an IBM X3650 M3 server with redundant PSU, redundant CPU's, and large raid array for maximum hardware redundancy / failover.

Horizon's backup arrangements are in accordance with normal industry protocols.

1.7. Breaches or Breach Allegations

Horizon confirmed they have no breach allegations recorded by the Electricity Authority, which are relevant to this audit.

1.8. ICP and NSP Data

The table below lists the relevant NSPs and their associated balancing areas:

Distributor	NSP POC	Description	Parent POC	Parent Network	Balancing Area	Network type	Start date	No of active ICPs
HEDL	ANI0331	ANIWHENUA	EDG0331	HEDL	BALANC1HEDLG	I	01-05-08	0
HEDL	EDG0331	EDGECEMBE			BALANC1HEDLG	G	01-05-08	16,439
HEDL	KAW0111	KAWERAU			BALANC1HEDLG	G	01-05-08	3,027
HEDL	WAI0111	WAIOTAHU			BALANC1HEDLG	G	01-05-08	4,317
HEDL	WAI0501	WAIOTAHU			WAI0501HEDL	G	02/07/18	1,043

Horizon has no embedded networks connected and one interconnection point. The certification of this interconnection point is discussed in **section 6.8**.

Horizon provided a list of all ICPs as at September 2020 by way of a registry “list file”. A summary of this data by “ICP status” is as follows:

Status	Number of ICPs (2020)	Number of ICPs (2019)	Number of ICPs (2018)
New (999,0)	0	0	-
Ready (0,0)	2	7	-
Active (2,0)	24,826	24,664	24,664
Distributor (888,0)	0	0	-
Inactive – new connection in progress (1,12)	16	5	6
Inactive – electrically disconnected vacant property (1,4)	348	328	304
Inactive – electrically disconnected remotely by AMI meter (1,7)	60	57	34
Inactive – electrically disconnected at pole fuse (1,8)	55	53	41
Inactive – electrically disconnected due to meter disconnected (1,9)	29	30	26
Inactive – electrically disconnected at meter box fuse (1,10)	38	49	28
Inactive – electrically disconnected at meter box switch (1,11)	12	7	8
Inactive – electrically disconnected ready for decommissioning (1,6)	18	19	13
Inactive – reconciled elsewhere (1,5)	1	1	1
Decommissioned (3)	2,498	2,464	2,413

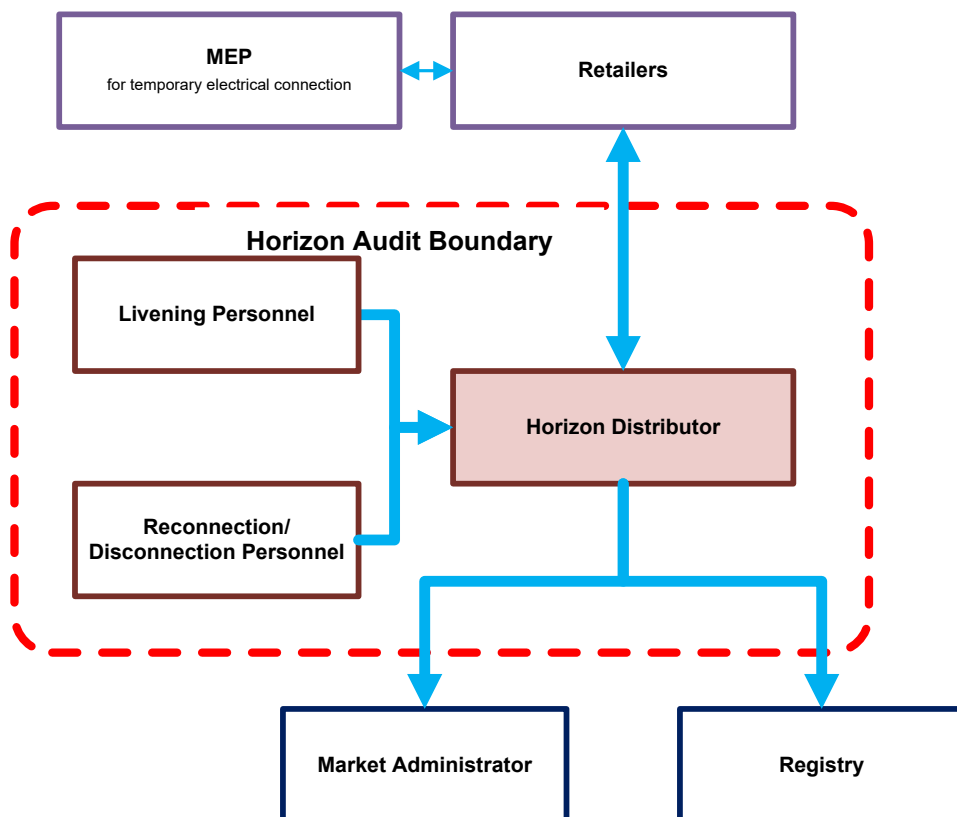
1.9. Authorisation Received

An email of authorisation was provided to Veritek, permitting the collection of data from other parties for matters directly related to the audit.

1.10. Scope of Audit

This Distributor audit was performed at the request of Horizon to encompass the Electricity Industry Participation Code requirement for an audit, in accordance with clause 11.10 of part 11. The audit was carried out at Horizon's premises in Whakatane on October 6th, 2020.

The scope of the audit is shown in the diagram below, with the Horizon audit boundary shown for clarity.



The audit was conducted in accordance with the Guideline for Distributor Audits V7.2, which was produced by the Electricity Authority.

1.11. Summary of previous audit

Horizon provided a copy of their previous audit, conducted in September 2019 by Rebecca Elliot of Veritek Ltd. The current statuses of the last audit's findings are detailed in the tables below:

Table of Non-Compliance

Subject	Section	Clause	Non-compliance	Status
Complete and accurate information	2.1	11.2(1)	Registry information not complete and accurate in all instances.	Still existing
Timeliness of Provision of ICP Information to the registry	3.4	7(2) of Schedule 11.1	Three ICPs not updated on the registry prior to commencement of trading.	Cleared
Population of IECD	3.5	7(2A) of Schedule 11.1	37 late initial electrical connection date updates.	Still existing
Connection of ICP that is not an NSP	3.6	11.17	One ICP connected without a trader having accepted responsibility for it on the registry.	Cleared
Embedded generator loss category code	3.15	7(6) Schedule 11.1	ICP 1000027549BP063 has embedded generation with a capacity greater than 10MW and does not have a unique loss category code.	Cleared
Changes to registry information	4.1	8 Schedule 11.1	Updates to registry backdated greater than 3 business days of the event.	Still existing
ICP addresses	4.4	2 of Schedule 11.1	93 duplicate addresses.	Still existing
Distributors to Provide ICP Information to the Registry manager	4.6	7(1)(p) of Schedule 11.1	One incorrect initial electrical connection date.	Still existing
Management of "decommissioned" status	4.11	20 Schedule 11.1	One ICP decommissioned but not updated on the registry.	Cleared
Updating table of loss category codes	5.1	21 Schedule 11.1	Loss category code LF110 was not notified two months in advance.	Cleared
Updating loss factors	5.2	22 Schedule 11.1	Loss category code LF109 not updated two months in advance.	Cleared

Table of Recommendations

Subject	Section	Recommendation for improvement	Status
Provide ICP information to the registry	4.6	Confirm the unmetered load for two ICPs.	Cleared
Notification of shared unmetered load	7.1	Liaise with WDC to investigate potential shared unmetered load.	Cleared

2. OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

2.1. Requirement to provide complete and accurate information (Clause 11.2(1))

Code reference

Clause 11.2(1)

Code related audit information

A participant must take all practicable steps to ensure that information that the participant is required to provide to any person under Part 11 is:

- a) complete and accurate*
- b) not misleading or deceptive*
- c) not likely to mislead or deceive.*

Audit observation

Horizon's data management processes were examined. The list file as at 31/08/20 and audit compliance report for the audit period of 1/09/19 to 31/08/20 were examined to confirm compliance.

Audit commentary

A discrepancy report is run weekly comparing the registry with Horizon's database and any discrepancies identified are investigated. The audit compliance reporting is also used to identify potential discrepancies.

A small number of initial electrical connection discrepancies (15 missing initial electrical connection dates and five incorrect dates) were found suggesting that these reports are not always being actioned as expected.

Audit outcome

Non-compliant

Non-compliance	Description		
Audit Ref: 2.1 With: Clause 11.2(1) From: 01-Sep-19 To: 31-Aug-20	Registry information not complete and accurate in all instances. Potential impact: Low Actual impact: Low Audit history: Three times previously Controls: Moderate Breach risk rating: 2		
Audit risk rating	Rationale for audit risk rating		
Low	The controls are rated as moderate. Reporting is in place to identify discrepancies, but these are not always being reviewed and actioned as expected. The audit risk rating is low as the volume and impact of the discrepancies will have a minimal impact on settlement.		
Actions taken to resolve the issue		Completion date	Remedial action status
Updates/corrections completed during audit		06/10/2020	Identified
Preventative actions taken to ensure no further issues will occur		Completion date	
The administration process will be improved to achieve compliance. A weekly review of any discrepancies highlighted in report, these will then be investigated and corrected.		14/10/2020	

2.2. Requirement to correct errors (Clause 11.2(2))

Code reference

Clause 11.2(2)

Code related audit information

If the participant becomes aware that in providing information under this Part, the participant has not complied with that obligation, the participant must, as soon as practicable, provide such further information as is necessary to ensure that the participant does comply.

Audit observation

Horizon's data management processes were examined. The list file as at 31/08/20 and audit compliance report for the audit period of 1/09/19 to 31/08/20 were examined to confirm compliance.

Audit commentary

Any incorrect data is corrected upon discovery. I did not identify any examples where errors were not corrected as soon as practicable.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3. CREATION OF ICPS

3.1. Distributors must create ICPs (Clause 11.4)

Code reference

Clause 11.4

Code related audit information

The distributor must create an ICP identifier in accordance with Clause 1 of Schedule 11.1 for each ICP on the distributor's network. This includes an ICP identifier for the point of connection at which an embedded network connects to the distributor's network.

Audit observation

The new connection process was examined in detail and is described in **section 3.2** below. 10 new connection applications of the 222 created were checked from the point of application through to when the ICP was created. There are no embedded networks on the Horizon network therefore there are no LE ICPs.

Audit commentary

The process in place is robust and has good controls. The sample checked in **section 3.2** below confirms this.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.2. Participants may request distributors to create ICPs (Clause 11.5(3))

Code reference

Clause 11.5(3)

Code related audit information

The distributor, within three business days of receiving a request for the creation of an ICP identifier for an ICP, must either create a new ICP identifier or advise the participant of the reasons it is unable to comply with the request.

Audit observation

The new connection process was examined in detail. 10 new connection applications of the 222 created during the audit period were checked from the point of application through to when the ICP was created. These were selected using the typical characteristic methodology to confirm the process and controls worked in practice.

Audit commentary

The new connection process has not changed during the audit period. An “application for service” (NC1) is received from the electrician or the customer. No applications are received directly from traders. These are reviewed and if the network requires work to be done the ICP is not created until this is complete. The “New” status is not used. The “application for service” is sent to the trader to accept the nomination. Once Horizon has this approval, plus confirmation that payment has been made by the customer (if required) and notification has been received that the installation is ready to connect, the ICP is created. Once the ICP is electrically connected, a copy of the livening notification is provided to Horizon and the retailer.

The records for 10 ICPs were examined and all 10 were created within three days of the application, which is considered to be the date all pre-conditions have been met.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.3. Provision of ICP Information to the registry (Clause 11.7)

Code reference

Clause 11.7

Code related audit information

The distributor must provide information about ICPs on its network in accordance with Schedule 11.1.

Audit observation

The new connection process for populating all required registry fields was examined. The list file for all ICPs created and the audit compliance reporting for 1/9/19 to 31/8/20 were examined.

Audit commentary

The registry is updated directly for all ICPs. There were 141 electrically connected new connections. The audit compliance report found 17 ICPs that had no initial electrical connection dates populated. These were examined. Two have since been provided via the BAU process. No notification had been received from the living agent for the remaining 15 ICPs. 14 have since been provided and updated. ICP 1000028058BPAEE is being followed up with Nova. For all new connections carried out by Nova, the electrical connection paperwork comes via Nova rather than direct from the living agent due to the MEP's process. It appears that the normal checking process has lapsed since May 2020. The missing initial electrical connection dates are recorded as non-compliance below and in **section 4.6**.

The accuracy of the information provided is detailed in **section 4.6**.

Audit outcome

Non-compliant

Non-compliance	Description		
Audit Ref: 3.3 With: Clause 11.7 From: 29-May-20 To: 07-Aug-20	15 initial electrical connection dates missing. Potential impact: Low Actual impact: Low Audit history: None Controls: Moderate Breach risk rating: 2		
Audit risk rating	Rationale for audit risk rating		
Low	The controls are rated as moderate. Reporting is in place to identify these but use of the reports appears to have lapsed since May 2020. There is no impact on settlement. The only potential impact is where a trader may wish to compare their Active date to the IECD, so the impact is considered minor, leading to an audit risk rating of low.		
Actions taken to resolve the issue		Completion date	Remedial action status
Updates/corrections completed during audit		06/10/2020	Identified
Preventative actions taken to ensure no further issues will occur		Completion date	
The administration process will be improved to achieve compliance. A weekly review of any discrepancies highlighted in report, these will then be investigated and corrected.		14/10/2020	

3.4. Timeliness of Provision of ICP Information to the registry (Clause 7(2) of Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 7(2) of Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The distributor must provide information specified in Clauses 7(1)(a) to 7(1)(o) of Schedule 11.1 as soon as practicable and prior to electricity being traded at the ICP.

Audit observation

The new connection process was examined. The registry list for 31/08/20 and the registry compliance audit report 1/9/19 to 31/8/20 were examined to determine the timeliness of the provision of ICP information for new connections.

Audit commentary

The audit compliance report confirmed that all 204 electrically connected new connections were made ready prior to electrical connection.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.5. Timeliness of Provision of Initial Electrical Connection Date (Clause 7(2A) of Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 7(2A) of Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The distributor must provide the information specified in sub-clause (1)(p) to the registry no later than 10 business days after the date on which the ICP is initially energised.

Audit observation

The registry list for 31/08/20 and the registry compliance audit report for 1/9/19 to 31/8/20 were examined to determine the timeliness of the provision of ICP information for new connections. A sample of ten ICPs were examined. Five ICPs were an extreme sample and five ICPs were a typical sample.

Audit commentary

The approved livening agents are expected to provide Horizon with a copy of the livening notification post livening. Except for new connections carried out by Nova, and in these instances, the electrical connection paperwork comes via Nova rather than direct from the livening agent due to the MEP's process.

There were 195 initial electrical connection date updates in the event detail report. The audit compliance report identified 36 (18%) late updates. The extreme sample checked found:

- four related to other network changes; the initial electrical connection dates were already populated and are therefore compliant, and
- ICP 1000027784BP2D0 was notified late.

The typical example checked found all were due to late notification from the field.

The accuracy of these dates is detailed in **section 4.6**.

Audit outcome

Non-compliant

Non-compliance	Description		
Audit Ref: 3.5 With: Clause 7(2A) of Schedule 11.1 From: 12-Apr-19 To: 04-Aug-20	32 (16%) late initial electrical connection date updates. Potential impact: Low Actual impact: Low Audit history: Multiple times Controls: Strong Breach risk rating: 1		
Audit risk rating	Rationale for audit risk rating		
Low	The controls are rated as moderate as there are delays from the field cause Horizon to update the registry late. There is no impact on settlement. The only potential impact is where a trader may wish to compare their Active date to the IECD, so the impact is considered minor, leading to an audit risk rating of low.		
Actions taken to resolve the issue		Completion date	Remedial action status
Updates/corrections completed during audit		06/10/2020	Identified
Preventative actions taken to ensure no further issues will occur		Completion date	
The administration process will be improved to achieve compliance. A weekly review of any discrepancies highlighted in report, these will then be investigated and corrected.		14/10/2020	

3.6. Connection of ICP that is not an NSP (Clause 11.17)

Code reference

Clause 11.17

Code related audit information

A distributor must, when connecting an ICP that is not also an NSP, follow the electrical connection process set out in Clause 10.31.

The distributor must not connect an ICP (except for an ICP across which unmetered load is shared) unless a trader is recorded in the registry as accepting responsibility for the ICP.

In respect of ICPs across which unmetered load is shared, the distributor must not connect an ICP unless a trader is recorded in the registry as accepting responsibility for the shared unmetered load, and all traders that are responsible for an ICP on the shared unmetered load have been advised.

Audit observation

The new connection process was examined in **section 3.2**.

The registry list for 31/08/20 and the audit compliance report for 1/9/19 to 31/8/20 were examined to determine the timeliness of the provision of ICP information for new connections.

Audit commentary

Examination of the new connections process confirmed that the process includes a “trader responsibility” step.

The trader has accepted responsibility before the ICP’s have been livened.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.7. Connection of ICP that is not an NSP (Clause 10.31))

Code reference

Clause 10.31

Code related audit information

A distributor must not connect an ICP that is not an NSP unless requested to do so by the trader trading at the ICP, or if there is only shared unmetered load at the ICP and each trader has been advised.

Audit observation

The new connection process was examined in **section 3.2**.

A diverse characteristics sample of ten new electrically connected ICPs of the 222 electrically connected were checked to determine if the ICPs were connected at the request of the trader.

The registry list as at 31/8/20 was reviewed to confirm that all active ICPs had a trader recorded.

Audit commentary

Horizon’s processes are robust in relation to this clause as an ICP will not be electrically connected without the agreement from the trader, who in turn has agreement with an MEP for the ICP. The list file confirmed that all ICPs at the “ready” status had a trader nominated. There are no ICPs without a proposed trader recorded in the registry.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.8. Temporary electrical connection of ICP that is not an NSP (Clause 10.31A)

Code reference

Clause 10.31A

Code related audit information

A distributor may only temporarily electrically connect an ICP that is not an NSP if requested by an MEP for a purpose set out in clause 10.31A(2), and the MEP:

- *has been authorised to make the request by the trader responsible for the ICP; and*
- *the MEP has an arrangement with that trader to provide metering services.*

If the ICP is only shared unmetered load, the distributor must advise the traders of the intention to temporarily connect the ICP unless:

- *advising all traders would impose a material cost on the distributor, and*
- *in the distributor’s reasonable opinion, the advice would not result in any material benefit to any of the traders*

Audit observation

The new connection process was examined in **section 3.2**. The registry list for 31/08/19 and the registry compliance audit report for 1/9/19 to 31/8/20 were examined to determine.

Audit commentary

Horizon has not identified any examples of temporary electrical connection and none were identified in the list file or the audit compliance report.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.9. Connection of NSP that is not point of connection to grid (Clause 10.30)

Code reference

Clause 10.30

Code related audit information

A distributor must not connect an NSP on its network that is not a point of connection to the grid unless requested to do so by the reconciliation participant responsible for ensuring there is a metering installation for the point of connection.

The distributor must, within five business days of connecting the NSP that is not a point of connection to the grid, advise the reconciliation manager of the following in the prescribed form:

- *the NSP that has been connected*
- *the date of the connection*
- *the participant identifier of the MEP for each metering installation for the NSP*
- *the certification expiry date of each metering installation for the NSP.*

Audit observation

I checked whether Horizon had connected any NSPs during the audit period.

Audit commentary

Horizon has not connected any NSPs during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.10. Electrical connection of NSP that is not a point of connection to the grid (Clause 10.30(2))

Code reference

Clause 10.30(2)

Code related audit information

A distributor must, within five business days of electrically connecting an NSP that is not also a point of connection to the grid, notify the reconciliation manager of the following in the prescribed form:

- *the NSP electrically connected*
- *the date of the electrical connection*
- *the participant identifier of each MEP*
- *the certification expiry date for each metering installation.*

Audit observation

Horizon has not created any new NSPs during the audit period.

Audit commentary

Horizon has not created any new NSPs during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.11. Definition of ICP identifier (Clause 1(1) Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 1(1) Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

Each ICP created by the distributor in accordance with Clause 11.4 must have a unique identifier, called the "ICP identifier", determined in accordance with the following format:

xxxxxxxxxxccc where:

- xxxxxxxxxx is a numerical sequence provided by the distributor*
- xx is a code that ensures the ICP is unique (assigned by the Authority to the issuing distributor)*
- ccc is a checksum generated according to the algorithm provided by the market administrator.*

Audit observation

The process for the creation of ICPs was examined.

Audit commentary

All ICPs are created in the appropriate format. The sample checked confirmed compliance.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.12. Loss category (Clause 6 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 6 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

Each ICP must have a single loss category that is referenced to identify the associated loss factors.

Audit observation

The list file was examined to confirm all active ICPs have a single loss category code.

Audit commentary

Each ICP only has a single loss category, which clearly identifies the relevant loss factor.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.13. Management of “new” status (Clause 13 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 13 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The ICP status of “New” must be managed by the distributor to indicate:

- *the associated electrical installations are in the construction phase (Clause 13(a) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *the ICP is not ready for activation (Clause 13(b) of Schedule 11.1).*

Audit observation

The ICP creation process was reviewed. The registry list file as at 31/08/20 was examined to determine compliance.

Audit commentary

Horizon does not use the “new” status for new connections.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.14. Monitoring of “new” & “ready” statuses (Clause 15 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 15 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If an ICP has had the status of “New” or has had the status of “Ready” for 24 calendar months or more:

- *the distributor must ask the trader who intends to trade at the ICP whether the ICP should continue to have that status (Clause 15(2)(a) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *the distributor must decommission the ICP if the trader advises that the ICP should not continue to have that status (Clause 15(2)(b) of Schedule 11.1).*

Audit observation

The process to monitor ICPs at “new” and “ready” status was reviewed. The registry list as at 31/08/20 and the audit compliance report for 01/09/19 to 31/08/20 were examined to determine compliance.

Audit commentary

There are no ICPs that have been at “new” or “ready” for more than 24 months. Horizon’s processes for monitoring ICPs at “new” or “ready” for more than 24 months are compliant.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.15. Embedded generation loss category (Clause 7(6) Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 7(6) Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If the ICP connects the distributor's network to an embedded generating station that has a capacity of 10 MW or more (clause 7(1)(f) of Schedule 11.1):

- *The loss category code must be unique; and*
- *The distributor must provide the following to the reconciliation manager:*
 - o *the unique loss category code assigned to the ICP*
 - o *the ICP identifier of the ICP*
 - o *the NSP identifier of the NSP to which the ICP is connected*
 - o *the plant name of the embedded generating station.*

Audit observation

The list file was examined to identify any embedded generators with a capacity greater than 10MW.

Audit commentary

There is one embedded generator with greater than 10MW on the Horizon network. This has a unique loss factor applied as required by the code.

Audit outcome

Compliant

3.16. Electrical connection of a point of connection (Clause 10.33A)

Code reference

Clause 10.33A

Code related audit information

- (1) A reconciliation participant may electrically connect a point of connection, or authorise the electrical connection of a point of connection, only if—*
- (a) the reconciliation participant is recorded in the registry as being responsible for the ICP; and*
 - (b) 1 or more certified metering installations are in place at the ICP in accordance with this Part; and*
 - (c) in the case of an ICP that has not previously been electrically connected, the owner of the network to which the point of connection is connected has given written approval of the electrical connection.*
- (2) A reconciliation participant described in subclause (1)(a)—*
- (a) may authorise the electrical connection of an ICP if—*
 - (i) a metering installation is in place at the ICP; and*
 - (ii) the metering installation is operational but not certified; and*
 - (iii) the reconciliation participant arranges for the certification of the metering installation to be completed within 5 business days of the ICP being electrically connected;*
 - (b) may electrically connect an ICP if the point of connection is solely for unmetered load.*

- (3) A reconciliation participant must not authorise the electrical connection of a point of connection in either of the following circumstances:*
- (a) a distributor has electrically disconnected the point of connection for safety reasons, and has not subsequently approved the electrical connection of the point of connection:*
 - (b) electrically connecting the point of connection would breach the Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010.*
- (4) No participant may electrically connect a point of connection, or authorise the electrical connection of a point of connection, other than a reconciliation participant in the circumstances described in subclause (1), (2), or (3).*

Audit observation

Sub clause (4) states that no participant may electrically connect a point of connection without the permission of the Reconciliation Participant. The electrical connection of streetlight circuits, which are a point of connection, was examined.

Audit commentary

The connection of streetlight circuits was discussed. All new streetlight circuits are required to have an application and the ICP to which the lights will be connected is recorded. Approval for the connection is sought from the council. Liveness dates of these circuits are provided by the contractor to both Horizon and the council. Horizon have been appointed the maintenance contractor for the Whakatane and Kawerau District Councils. This will give them even better visibility of the streetlight activity for these councils.

Audit outcome

Compliant

4. MAINTENANCE OF REGISTRY INFORMATION

4.1. Changes to registry information (Clause 8 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 8 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If information held by the registry that relates to an ICP for which the distributor is responsible changes, the distributor must provide notice to the registry of that change.

Notification must be given by the distributor within three business days after the change takes effect, unless the change is to the NSP identifier of the NSP to which the ICP is usually connected (other than a change that is the result of the commissioning or decommissioning of an NSP).

In those cases, notification must be given no later than eight business days after the change takes effect.

If the change to the NSP identifier is for more than 10 business days, the notification must be provided no later than the 13th business day and be backdated to the date the change took effect.

In the case of decommissioning an ICP, notification must be given by the later of three business days after the registry manager has advised the distributor that the ICP is ready to be decommissioned, or three business days after the distributor has decommissioned the ICP.

Audit observation

The registry list file, audit compliance reporting and the audit compliance report for 1/9/19 to 31/8/20 were reviewed to determine compliance. A diverse sample of a minimum of ten (or all if there were less than ten examples) backdated events by event type were reviewed to determine the reasons for the late updates.

The management of NSP changes was examined.

Audit commentary

Horizon updates the registry directly. Their IT platform does not interface to the registry. The audit compliance report was analysed to identify backdated event updates, and found:

Update	Date	Late	% Compliant	Average days
Address	2019	407	99.19%	11.22
	2020	180	52.25%	32.51
Price codes	2019	1,136	49%	15.7
	2020	526	51%	22.4
Status	2019	8	85%	15.53
	2020	23	34.29%	15.63

Update	Date	Late	% Compliant	Average days
Network (excl new connection & Distributed Generation)	2019	1	N/A	N/A
	2020	22	N/A	N/A
Distributed Generation	2019	72	10%	139.88
	2020	50	19.35%	90.19
NSP changes	2019	3	N/A	N/A
	2020	1	N/A	N/A

Address events

The sample checked of these found the event date was not changed, causing the events to be appear backdated.

Pricing Changes

The sample checked of these found:

- three were corrections to details e.g. correcting chargeable capacity value to kW and not kVa,
- four were pricing corrections requested by the trader (Horizon will backdate these to the beginning of the month but no further unless exceptional circumstances e.g. low user charges were backdated for ICP 1000012620BP4CD as this was a potential utility dispute complaint), and
- three were not pricing changes but related to other events and a pricing update was sent even though there was not price change.

Status Events

The decommissioning process is discussed in **section 4.11**. The sample checked of these found:

- eight were due to waiting for the trader to update the ICP to “ready for decommissioning” but when they were finally updated Horizon did not pick this up within three business days of the trader’s update, making these non-compliant; the process to check for these updates is manual hence more than three business days can elapse before these are identified, and
- two were due to late notification from the field.

Network events

The network events evaluated excluded those relating to the population of the initial electrical connection dates (discussed in **section 3.5**), NSP changes (discussed below) and the initial network events relating to the creation of ICPs.

The audit compliance report included a great many distributed generation updates which are measured separately below. With these excluded, there were 22 “other” late network events recorded. Examination of a typical sample of ten of these found these all related to additions made to the “Direct billed status or details” fields. These fields were updated as part of the AXOS billing implementation, as billing occurs based off the registry data and not the “NMS billing” database, and this information was required to ensure billing occurred correctly.

As the report included a large number of incorrect events in it, I am unable to determine the compliance percentage.

Distributed Generation

The distributed generation process is described in **section 4.6**. The sample checked found that there was no notification received of these being electrically connected. Horizon monitor the EIEP1 file for distributed generation connections where they have none recorded. They then contact the applicant to request the COC. These delays cause Horizon to update the registry late.

NSP Changes

Horizon does change the NSP that ICPs are connected to. The audit compliance report identified one late NSP change. This was to correct an incorrect NSP change made. This was identified via discrepancy reporting and corrected upon discovery.

Audit outcome

Non-compliant

Non-compliance	Description		
Audit Ref: 4.1 With: Clause 8 Schedule 11.1 From: 01-Sep-19 To: 31-Aug-20	Updates to registry backdated greater than 3 business days of the event. Potential impact: Low Actual impact: Low Audit history: Multiple times Controls: Moderate Breach risk rating: 2		
Audit risk rating	Rationale for audit risk rating		
Low	The audit controls are rated as moderate. The lack of interface to the registry can make timeliness difficult to achieve due to the manual checks in the registry to monitor updates made by other participants and the requirement to manually change the event date can make events appear to be backdated. The audit risk rating is low as there is only a minor impact on participants with late updates.		
Actions taken to resolve the issue		Completion date	Remedial action status
Updates/corrections completed prior or during audit		06/10/2020	Identified
Preventative actions taken to ensure no further issues will occur		Completion date	
The administration process of checking registry entries will be improved to achieve compliance		14/10/2020	

4.2. Notice of NSP for each ICP (Clauses 7(1),(4) and (5) Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clauses 7(1),(4) and (5) Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The distributor must notify the registry of the NSP identifier of the NSP to which the ICP is usually connected under Clause 7(1)(b) of Schedule 11.1.

If the distributor cannot identify the NSP that an ICP is connected to, the distributor must nominate the NSP that the distributor thinks is most likely to be connected to the ICP, taking into account the flow of electricity within its network, and the ICP is deemed to be connected to the nominated NSP.

Audit observation

The process to determine NSP assignment was discussed. The audit compliance reporting did not identify any ICP's with a potential NSP discrepancy.

Audit commentary

The NSP for each ICP is notified to the registry as part of the new connections process. Part of the engineering approval process is to ensure the correct transformer, and therefore NSP is identified for any particular ICP.

Audit outcome

Compliant

4.3. Customer queries about ICP (Clause 11.31)

Code reference

Clause 11.31

Code related audit information

The distributor must advise a customer (or any person authorised by the customer) or embedded generator of the customer or embedded generator's ICP identifier within three business days after receiving a request for that information.

Audit observation

The management of customer queries was discussed to confirm policy.

Audit commentary

Horizon confirms that they have not had any direct requests for ICPs however should this occur and there is no confusion regarding the installation address, then the ICP would be provided immediately. In some situations, these requests would be referred to the relevant retailer.

Audit outcome

Compliant

4.4. ICP location address (Clause 2 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 2 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

Each ICP identifier must have a location address that allows the ICP to be readily located.

Audit observation

The process to manage address accuracy was examined and the audit compliance report was examined. A typical sample of 12 ICPs were examined.

Audit commentary

All addresses are expected to have GPS coordinates to enable them to be readily located. I found 1,126 (4.5%) active ICPs do not have GPS co-ordinates. The audit compliance report confirmed there were no duplicate addresses. This is an improvement from the 93 duplicate addresses found in the last audit.

Examination of the list file found six ICPs with addresses that were not readily locatable. These were discussed and Horizon have since found further addressing details for four of these. The remaining two addressing details are being sought. One relates to Kaingaroa Forest (ICP 1000022045BP158) and the other relates a geothermal plant (ICP 1000027936BP6EC).

Audit outcome

Non-compliant

Non-compliance	Description		
Audit Ref: 4.4 With: Clause 2 of Schedule 11.1 From: 01-Sep-19 To: 31-Aug-20	Six active ICPs with addresses that are not readily locatable. Potential impact: Low Actual impact: Low Audit history: Multiple times Controls: Strong Breach risk rating: 1		
Audit risk rating	Rationale for audit risk rating		
Low	The controls are rated as strong as the reporting in place provides good visibility of this so these are addressed. The audit risk rating is low as this has a minor impact on traders because addresses are relied on for meter reading and disconnection purposes.		
Actions taken to resolve the issue		Completion date	Remedial action status
Investigate all ICP’s with missing location address and or GPS co-ordinates and add to registry		14/10/2020	Identified
Preventative actions taken to ensure no further issues will occur		Completion date	
The administration process of checking registry entries will be improved to ensure all new ICP have a location address or GPS co-ordinates entered into registry on livening		14/10/2020	

4.5. Electrically disconnecting an ICP (Clause 3 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 3 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

E Each ICP created after 7 October 2002 must be able to be electrically disconnected without electrically disconnecting another ICP, except for ICPs that are the point of connection between a network and an embedded network, or ICPs that represent the consumption calculated by the difference between the total consumption for the embedded network and all other ICPs on the embedded network.

Audit observation

I checked Horizon's policy and documentation in relation to this clause.

Audit commentary

The AFS and the livening notification both contain details of the network isolation point, which confirms compliance with this clause. Shared service mains are allowed, but individual isolation points are still required.

Audit outcome

Compliant

4.6. Distributors to Provide ICP Information to the Registry (Clause 7(1) Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 7(1) Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

For each ICP on the distributor's network, the distributor must provide the following information to the registry manager:

- *the location address of the ICP identifier (Clause 7(1)(a) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *the NSP identifier of the NSP to which the ICP is usually connected (Clause 7(1)(b) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *the installation type code assigned to the ICP (Clause 7(1)(c) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *the reconciliation type code assigned to the ICP (Clause 7(1)(d) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *the loss category code and loss factors for each loss category code assigned to the ICP (Clause 7(1)(e) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *if the ICP connects the distributor's network to an embedded generating station that has a capacity of 10MW or more (Clause 7(1)(f) of Schedule 11.1):*
 - a) *the unique loss category code assigned to the ICP*
 - b) *the ICP identifier of the ICP*
 - c) *the NSP identifier of the NSP to which the ICP is connected*
 - d) *the plant name of the embedded generating station*
- *the price category code assigned to the ICP, which may be a placeholder price category code only if the distributor is unable to assign the actual price category code because the capacity or volume information required to assign the actual price category code cannot be determined before electricity is traded at the ICP (Clause 7(1)(g) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *if the price category code requires a value for the capacity of the ICP, the chargeable capacity of the ICP as follows (Clause 7(1)(h) of Schedule 11.1):*
 - a) *a placeholder chargeable capacity if the distributor is unable to determine the actual chargeable capacity*
 - b) *a blank chargeable capacity if the capacity value can be determined for a billing period from metering information collected for that billing period*
 - c) *if there is more than one capacity value at the ICP, and at least one, but not all, of those capacity values can be determined for a billing period from the metering information collected for that billing period-*
 - (i) *no capacity value recorded in the registry field for the chargeable capacity; and*
 - (ii) *either the term "POA" or all other capacity values, recorded in the registry field in which the distributor installation details are also recorded*
 - d) *if there is more than one capacity value at the ICP, and none of those capacity values can be determined for a billing period from the metering information collected for that billing period-*
 - (i) *the annual capacity value recorded in the registry field for the chargeable capacity; and*
 - (ii) *either the term "POA" or all other capacity values, recorded in the registry field in which the distributor installation details are also recorded*
 - e) *the actual chargeable capacity of the ICP in any other case*

- *the distributor installation details for the ICP determined by the price category code assigned to the ICP (if any), which may be placeholder distributor installation details only if the distributor is unable to assign the actual distributor installation details because the capacity or volume information required to assign the actual distributor installation details cannot be determined before electricity is traded at the ICP (Clause 7(1)(i) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *the participant identifier of the first trader who has entered into an arrangement to sell or purchase electricity at the ICP (only if the information is provided by the first trader) (Clause 7(1)(j) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *the status of the ICP (Clause 7(1)(k) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *designation of the ICP as "Dedicated" if the ICP is located in a balancing area that has more than 1 NSP located within it, and the ICP will be supplied only from the NSP advised under Clause 7(1)(b) of Schedule 11.1, or the ICP is a point of connection between a network and an embedded network (Clause 7(1)(l) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *if unmetered load, other than distributed unmetered load, is associated with the ICP, the type and capacity in kW of unmetered load (Clause 7(1)(m) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *if shared unmetered load is associated with the ICP, a list of the ICP identifiers of the ICPs that are associated with the unmetered load (Clause 7(1)(n) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *if the ICP is capable of generating into the distributors network (Clause 7(1)(o) of Schedule 11.1):*
 - *the nameplate capacity of the generator; and*
 - *the fuel type*
- *the initial electrical connection date of the ICP (Clause 7(1)(p) of Schedule 11.1).*

Audit observation

The management of registry information was reviewed. The registry list as at 31/08/20 and the audit compliance report for the audit period from 1/09/19 to 31/8/20 were reviewed to determine compliance. A typical sample of data discrepancies were checked.

Audit commentary

Registry data validation processes are discussed in **section 2.1**. Horizon updates the registry manually. All ICP information was checked and confirmed compliant unless discussed below:

Initial Electrical Connection Date

201 ICPs have had the initial electrical connection date updated between 1/09/19 to 31/8/20. The audit compliance reporting identified six ICPs with date inconsistencies between the initial electrical connection date, the active date and the meter certification date:

ICP	Meter certification date	Initial Electrical Connection date	First Active date	Comments
1000028049BPC06	03/08/2020	05/08/2020	03/08/2020	The field contractor provided the incorrect initial electrical connection date.
1000028013BP69F	19/06/2020	19/06/2020	12/06/2020	Horizon's date is correct, and the trader has the incorrect first active date.
1000027943BPEFE	09/01/2020	10/01/2020	09/01/2020	The field contractor provided the incorrect initial electrical connection date.
1000027903BPC5B	05/12/2019	02/12/2019	02/12/2019	The field contractor provided the incorrect initial electrical connection date.
1000027864BP765	29/11/2019	25/10/2019	29/11/2019	The field contractor provided the incorrect initial electrical connection date.
1000027899BP829	06/11/2019	08/11/2019	06/11/2019	The field contractor provided the incorrect initial electrical connection date.

The five incorrect initial electrical connection dates are being corrected. This is recorded as non-compliance below.

The audit compliance report found 17 ICPs that had no initial electrical connection dates populated. These were examined. Two have since been provided via the BAU process. No notification had been received from the living agent for the remaining 15 ICPs. 14 have since been provided and updated. ICP 1000028058BPAAE is being followed up with Nova. For all new connections carried out by Nova, the electrical connection paperwork comes via Nova rather than direct from the living agent due to the MEP's process. It appears that the normal checking process has lapsed since May 2020. The missing initial electrical connection dates are recorded as non-compliance below and in **section 3.3**.

The timeliness of provision of information on initial electrical connection date is discussed in **section 3.5**.

The five incorrect initial electrical connection dates are recorded as non-compliance below.

Distributed Generation

Horizon require an application for all distributed generation. All applications have to be approved before allowing distributed generation to be connected to their network, but Horizon is reliant on customers following the process. Once advised by the applicant that distributed generation is installed these are updated on the registry.

Horizon monitor the EIEP1 files to identify distributed generation where none is expected. They then contact the applicant to request the COC. Once these details have been received distributed generation will be recorded on the registry.

Examination of the list file found 305 active ICPs with generation capacity recorded by Horizon. All had the correct installation type, generation capacity and fuel type populated. The timeliness of these updates is discussed in **section 4.1**.

A check of list file found 46 ICPs where distributed generation is installed but the trader has not updated the profile from RPS to PV1. 36 of these relate to one trader who is known to have an issue with recording the correct profile on the registry. The ten remaining ICPs were examined and found that Horizon has been advised that the distributed generation is installed but the registry does not indicate injection is metering on these sites. Horizon are going to visit these sites to determine what is connected. I recommend that Horizon require the COC for all such connections to ensure that these have been electrically connected.

Recommendation	Description	Audited party comment	Remedial action
Distributors to provide ICP information to the registry	Require COC be provided for all distributed generation connections.	A site investigation to confirm if distributed generation is installed and connected at identified sites will be undertaken in due course.	Investigating

The audit compliance report identified 16 ICPs where the profile indicates distributed generation is present, but Horizon have none recorded. These were examined and found:

- no application had been received in 14 instances, and
- applications had been approved in two instances, but no paperwork had been provided advising these have been installed.

Horizon intend to investigate those where no application has been received with the trader, and the customer for those where an application has been approved.

I checked the distributed generation information populated on the registry against the paperwork provided for a sample of ten ICPs and confirmed that all had the correct generation capacity, fuel type and effective event date recorded.

Unmetered Load

Horizon does not allow any new unmetered load connections on its network.

Horizon uses the recommended format for updating the registry where possible with all of the 18 ICPs recorded in the recommended format. I compared the daily kWh figures to the traders' daily unmetered kWh figures and found that all matched.

Audit outcome

Non-compliant

Non-compliance	Description		
Audit Ref: 4.6 With: Clause 7(1)(p) of Schedule 11.1 From: 29-Nov-19 To: 31-Aug-20	15 initial electrical connection dates missing. Five incorrect initial electrical connection dates. Potential impact: Low Actual impact: Low Audit history: Multiple times Controls: Moderate Breach risk rating: 2		
Audit risk rating	Rationale for audit risk rating		
Low	The controls are rated as moderate. Reporting is in place to identify discrepancies, but reports are not always being reviewed and actioned as expected. The audit risk rating is low as there were only five incorrect initial electrical connection dates identified.		
Actions taken to resolve the issue		Completion date	Remedial action status
Updates/corrections completed prior or during audit		06/10/2020	Identified
Preventative actions taken to ensure no further issues will occur		Completion date	
The administration process of capturing initial electrical connection date will be changed to achieve compliance. A weekly review of any discrepancies highlighted in report, these will then be investigated and corrected.		14/10/2020	

4.7. Provision of information to registry after the trading of electricity at the ICP commences (Clause 7(3) Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 7(3) Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The distributor must provide the following information to the registry no later than 10 business days after the trading of electricity at the ICP commences:

- the actual price category code assigned to the ICP (Clause 7(3)(a) of Schedule 11.1)
- the actual chargeable capacity of the ICP determined by the price category code assigned to the ICP (if any) (Clause 7(3)(b) of Schedule 11.1)
- the actual distributor installation details of the ICP determined by the price category code assigned to the ICP (if any) (Clause 7(3)(c) of Schedule 11.1).

Audit observation

The new connection process was examined in detail. The registry list and audit compliance report for 01/09/19 to 31/08/20 were reviewed to determine compliance.

Audit commentary

The price and loss category are determined by the application details prior to electrical connection. Placeholder values are not used. No ICPs were identified in the audit compliance report with potential price changes relating to post electrical connection.

Audit outcome

Compliant

4.8. GPS coordinates (Clause 7(8) and (9) Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 7(8) and (9) Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If a distributor populates the GPS coordinates (optional), it must meet the NZTM2000 standard in a format specified by the Authority.

Audit observation

I checked the list file for ICPs with GPS coordinates recorded.

Audit commentary

Most ICPs have GPS co-ordinates. This is provided by the MEP. The coordinates are in NZTM format. I confirmed this by checking a typical example of 12 ICPs using Mobile Roads.

Audit outcome

Compliant

4.9. Management of “ready” status (Clause 14 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 14 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The ICP status of “Ready” must be managed by the distributor and indicates that:

- *the associated electrical installations are ready for connecting to the electricity supply (Clause 14(1)(a) of Schedule 11.1); or*
- *the ICP is ready for activation by a trader (Clause 14(1)(b) of Schedule 11.1)*

Before an ICP is given the “Ready” status in accordance with Clause 14(1) of Schedule 11.1, the distributor must:

- *identify the trader that has taken responsibility for the ICP (Clause 14(2)(a) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *ensure the ICP has a single price category (Clause 14(2)(b) of Schedule 11.1).*

Audit observation

Horizon’s current process is to create the majority of ICPs at the “ready” status.

The registry list showed seven ICPs currently at “ready” status, none have been at “ready” status for more than two years. This is discussed further in **section 3.14**.

All ICPs at “ready” status had a single price category assigned and proposed trader identified.

Audit commentary

The status of “ready” is used once the ICP is ready for connection. The new connection process has a step to confirm the trader has taken responsibility. All ICPs only have one price category code.

Audit outcome

Compliant

4.10. Management of “distributor” status (Clause 16 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 16 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The ICP status of “distributor” must be managed by the distributor and indicates that the ICP record represents a shared unmetered load installation or the point of connection between an embedded network and its parent network.

Audit observation

I checked the list file to confirm compliance.

Audit commentary

There are no ICPs with the distributor only status. Previously I noted that there were reported to be some potential private lights identified by Whakatane District Council. Horizon have received no information from the council, and I have been unable to locate any records to confirm that any exist.

Audit outcome

Compliant

4.11. Management of “decommissioned” status (Clause 20 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 20 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The ICP status of “decommissioned” must be managed by the distributor and indicates that the ICP is permanently removed from future switching and reconciliation processes (Clause 20(1) of Schedule 11.1).

Decommissioning only occurs when:

- *electrical installations associated with the ICP are physically removed (Clause 20(2)(a) of Schedule 11.1); or*
- *there is a change in the allocation of electrical loads between ICPs with the effect of making the ICP obsolete (Clause 20(2)(b) of Schedule 11.1); or*
- *in the case of a distributor-only ICP for an embedded network, the embedded network no longer exists (Clause 20(2)(c) of Schedule 11.1).*

Audit observation

The registry list as at 31/08/20 was reviewed to identify ICPs at the “decommissioned” or “ready for decommissioning” status.

A diverse sample of five “decommissioned” ICPs was examined. I also examined a diverse sample of five ICPs at “ready for decommissioning” status.

Audit commentary

The decommissioning process is managed by Horizon and includes a physical verification that service main, cables and meters are actually removed. The sample checked confirmed that the ICPs were decommissioned for the correct date.

The list file found 18 ICPs are at “ready for decommissioning”. The sample checked found no request has been received for these. Horizon regularly send requests to traders to lodge a service request, but these are not always actioned.

Audit outcome

Compliant

4.12. Maintenance of price category codes (Clause 23 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 23 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The distributor must keep up to date the table in the registry of the price category codes that may be assigned to ICPs on each distributor's network by entering in the table any new price category codes.

Each entry must specify the date on which each price category code takes effect, which must not be earlier than two months after the date the code is entered in the table.

A price category code takes effect on the specified date.

Audit observation

I checked the price category code table for any new or changed codes during the audit period.

Audit commentary

There were no new price category codes.

Audit outcome

Compliant

5. CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOSS FACTORS

5.1. Updating table of loss category codes (Clause 21 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 21 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The distributor must keep the registry up to date with the loss category codes that may be assigned to ICPs on the distributor's network.

The distributor must specify the date on which each loss category code takes effect.

A loss category code takes effect on the specified date.

Audit observation

I checked the loss category code table for any new codes during the audit period.

Audit commentary

No new loss factors were created during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

5.2. Updating loss factors (Clause 22 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 22 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

Each loss category code must have a maximum of two loss factors per calendar month. Each loss factor must cover a range of trading periods within that month so that all trading periods have a single applicable loss factor.

If the distributor wishes to replace an existing loss factor on the table on the registry, the distributor must enter the replaced loss factor on the table in the registry.

Audit observation

I checked the loss category code table for any changed factors during the audit period.

Audit commentary

Each ICP only has a single loss category, which clearly identifies the relevant loss factor.

No loss factors were changed during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6. CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NSPS (INCLUDING DECOMMISSIONING OF NSPS AND TRANSFER OF ICPS)

6.1. Creation and decommissioning of NSPs (Clause 11.8 and Clause 25 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 11.8 and Clause 25 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If the distributor is creating or decommissioning an NSP that is an interconnection point between two local networks, the distributor must notify the reconciliation manager of the creation or decommissioning.

If the embedded network owner is creating or decommissioning an NSP that is an interconnection point between two embedded networks, the embedded network owner must notify the reconciliation manager of the creation or decommissioning.

If the distributor is creating or decommissioning an NSP that is a point of connection between an embedded network and another network, the distributor must notify the reconciliation manager of the creation or decommissioning.

If the distributor wishes to change the record in the registry of an ICP that is not recorded as being usually connected to an NSP in the distributor's network, so that the ICP is recorded as being usually connected to an NSP in the distributor's network (a "transfer"), the distributor must:

- notify the reconciliation manager*
- notify the market administrator*
- notify each affected reconciliation participant*
- comply with Schedule 11.2.*

Audit observation

The NSP table on the registry was examined. No NSPs were created or decommissioned by Horizon during the audit period.

Audit commentary

The NSP table on the registry was examined. No NSPs were created or decommissioned by Horizon during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.2. Provision of NSP information (Clause 26(1) and (2) Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 26(1) and (2) Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If the distributor wishes to create an NSP or transfer an ICP as described above, the distributor must request that the reconciliation manager create a unique NSP identifier for the relevant NSP.

The request must be made at least 10 business days before the NSP is electrically connected, in respect of an NSP that is an interconnection point between two local networks. In all other cases, the request must be made at least one calendar month before the NSP is electrically connected or the ICP is transferred.

Audit observation

The NSP table on the registry was examined. No NSPs were created or decommissioned by Horizon during the audit period.

Audit commentary

The NSP table on the registry was examined. No NSPs were created or decommissioned by Horizon during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.3. Notice of balancing areas (Clause 24(1) and Clause 26(3) Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 24(1) and Clause 26(3) Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If a participant has notified the creation of an NSP on the distributor's network, the distributor must notify the reconciliation manager of the following:

- *if the NSP is to be located in a new balancing area, all relevant details necessary for the new balancing area to be created and notification that the NSP to be created is to be assigned to the new balancing area*
- *in all other cases, notification of the balancing area in which the NSP is located.*

Audit observation

The NSP table on the registry was examined. No NSPs were created or decommissioned by Horizon during the audit period.

Audit commentary

The NSP table on the registry was examined. No NSPs were created or decommissioned by Horizon during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.4. Notice of supporting embedded network NSP information (Clause 26(4) Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 26(4) Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If a participant notifies the creation of an NSP, or the transfer of an ICP to an NSP that is a point of connection between a network and an embedded network owned by the distributor, the distributor must notify the reconciliation manager at least one calendar month before the creation or transfer of:

- *the network on which the NSP will be located after the creation or transfer (Clause 26(4)(a))*
- *the ICP identifier for the ICP that connects the network and the embedded network (Clause 26(4)(b))*
- *the date on which the creation or transfer will take effect (Clause 26(4)(c)).*

Audit observation

Horizon has not created any embedded networks.

Audit commentary

Horizon has not created any embedded networks.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.5. Maintenance of balancing area information (Clause 24(2) and (3) Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 24(2) and (3) Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The distributor must notify the reconciliation manager of any change to balancing areas associated with an NSP supplying the distributor's network. The notification must specify the date and trading period from which the change takes effect and be given no later than three business days after the change takes effect.

Audit observation

The NSP table on the registry was examined. No balancing areas were changed during the audit period.

Audit commentary

The NSP table on the registry was examined. No balancing areas were changed during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.6. Notice when an ICP becomes an NSP (Clause 27 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 27 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If a transfer of an ICP results in an ICP becoming an NSP at which an embedded network connects to a network, or in an ICP becoming an NSP that is an interconnection point, in respect of the distributor's network, the distributor must notify any trader trading at the ICP of the transfer at least one calendar month before the transfer.

Audit observation

The NSP table was reviewed.

Audit commentary

No existing ICPs became NSPs during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.7. Notification of transfer of ICPs (Clause 1 to 4 Schedule 11.2)

Code reference

Clause 1 to 4 Schedule 11.2

Code related audit information

If the distributor wishes to transfer an ICP, the distributor must notify the market administrator in the prescribed form, no later than three business days before the transfer takes effect.

Audit observation

The NSP table was reviewed.

Audit commentary

Horizon has not initiated the transfer of any ICPs during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.8. Responsibility for metering information for NSP that is not a POC to the grid (Clause 10.25(1)&(3))

Code reference

Clause 10.25(1)&(3)

Code related audit information

A network owner must, for each NSP that is not a point of connection to the grid for which it is responsible, ensure that:

- *there is one or more metering installations (Clause 10.25(1)(a)); and*
- *the electricity is conveyed and quantified in accordance with the Code (Clause 10.25(1)(b)).*

Audit observation

The NSP supply point table was examined, and evidence of all updates made to the Reconciliation Manager via the portal.

Audit commentary

Horizon is not responsible for any metering installations in accordance with this clause.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.9. Responsibility for metering information when creating an NSP that is not a POC to the grid (Clause 10.25(2))

Code reference

Clause 10.25(2)

Code related audit information

If the network owner proposes the creation of a new NSP which is not a point of connection to the grid it must:

- *assume responsibility for being the metering equipment provider (Clause 10.25(2)(a)(i)); or*
- *contract with a metering equipment provider to be the MEP (Clause 10.25(2)(a)(ii)); and*
- *no later than 20 business days after identifying the MEP advise the reconciliation manager in the prescribed form of:*
 - a) the reconciliation participant for the NSP (Clause 10.25(2)(b)(i)); and*
 - b) the MEP for the NSP (Clause 10.25(2)(b)(ii)); and*
 - c) no later than 20 business days after the data of certification of each metering installation, advise the reconciliation participant for the NSP of the certification expiry date (Clause 10.25(2)(c)).*

Audit observation

The NSP supply point table was reviewed.

Audit commentary

Horizon have not connected any new NSPs during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.10. Obligations concerning change in network owner (Clause 29 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 29 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If a network owner acquires all or part of a network, the network owner must notify:

- *the previous network owner (Clause 29(1)(a) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *the reconciliation manager (Clause 29(1)(b) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *the market administrator (Clause 29(1)(c) of Schedule 11.1)*
- *every reconciliation participant who trades at an ICP connected to the acquired network or part of the network acquired (Clause 29(1)(d) of Schedule 11.1)*

at least one calendar month notification is required before the acquisition (Clause 29(2) of Schedule 11.1).

The notification must specify the ICPs to be amended to reflect the acquisition and the effective date of the acquisition (Clause 29(3) of Schedule 11.1).

Audit observation

The NSP supply point table was reviewed.

Audit commentary

Horizon have not connected any new NSPs during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.11. Change of MEP for embedded network gate meter (Clause 10.22(1)(b))

Code reference

Clause 10.22(1)(b)

Code related audit information

If the MEP for an ICP which is also an NSP changes the participant responsible for the provision of the metering installation under Clause 10.25, the participant must notify the reconciliation manager and the gaining MEP.

Audit observation

The NSP supply point table was reviewed.

Audit commentary

Horizon has not initiated the transfer of any ICPs during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.12. Confirmation of consent for transfer of ICPs (Clauses 5 and 8 Schedule 11.2)

Code reference

Clauses 5 and 8 Schedule 11.2

Code related audit information

The distributor must give the market administrator confirmation that it has received written consent to the proposed transfer from:

- *the distributor whose network is associated with the NSP to which the ICP is recorded as being connected immediately before the notification (unless the notification relates to the creation of an embedded network) (Clause 5(a) of Schedule 11.2)*
- *every trader trading at an ICP being supplied from the NSP to which the notification relates (Clause 5(b) of Schedule 11.2).*

The notification must include any information requested by the Authority (Clause 8 of Schedule 11.2).

Audit observation

The NSP supply point table was reviewed.

Audit commentary

Horizon has not initiated the transfer of any ICPs during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.13. Transfer of ICPs for embedded network (Clause 6 Schedule 11.2)

Code reference

Clause 6 Schedule 11.2

Code related audit information

If the notification relates to an embedded network, it must relate to every ICP on the embedded network.

Audit observation

The NSP supply point table was reviewed.

Audit commentary

Horizon has not initiated the transfer of any ICPs during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

7. MAINTENANCE OF SHARED UNMETERED LOAD

7.1. Notification of shared unmetered load ICP list (Clause 11.14(2) and (4))

Code reference

Clause 11.14(2) and (4)

Code related audit information

The distributor must notify the registry and each trader responsible for the ICPs across which the unmetered load is shared of the ICP identifiers of those ICPs.

A distributor who receives notification from a trader relating to a change under Clause 11.14(3) must notify the registry and each trader responsible for any of the ICPs across which the unmetered load is shared of the addition or omission of the ICP.

Audit observation

Horizon does not have any known shared unmetered load. The streetlight audits in the Horizon network were reviewed.

Audit commentary

Horizon does not have any known shared unmetered load. Previously I noted that there were reported to be some potential private lights identified by Whakatane District Council. Horizon have received no information from the council, and I have been unable to locate any records to confirm that any exist.

Audit outcome

Compliant

7.2. Changes to shared unmetered load (Clause 11.14(5))

Code reference

Clause 11.14(5)

Code related audit information

If the distributor becomes aware of a change to the capacity of a shared unmetered load ICP or if a shared unmetered load ICP is decommissioned, it must notify all traders affected by that change or decommissioning as soon as practicable after the change or decommissioning.

Audit observation

The registry list file was reviewed to identify any ICPs with shared unmetered load connected.

Audit commentary

Horizon does not have any shared unmetered load.

Audit outcome

Compliant

8. CALCULATION OF LOSS FACTORS

8.1. Creation of loss factors (Clause 11.2)

Code reference

Clause 11.2

Code related audit information

A participant must take all practicable steps to ensure that information that the participant is required to provide to any person under Part 11 is:

- a) complete and accurate*
- b) not misleading or deceptive*
- c) not likely to mislead or deceive.*

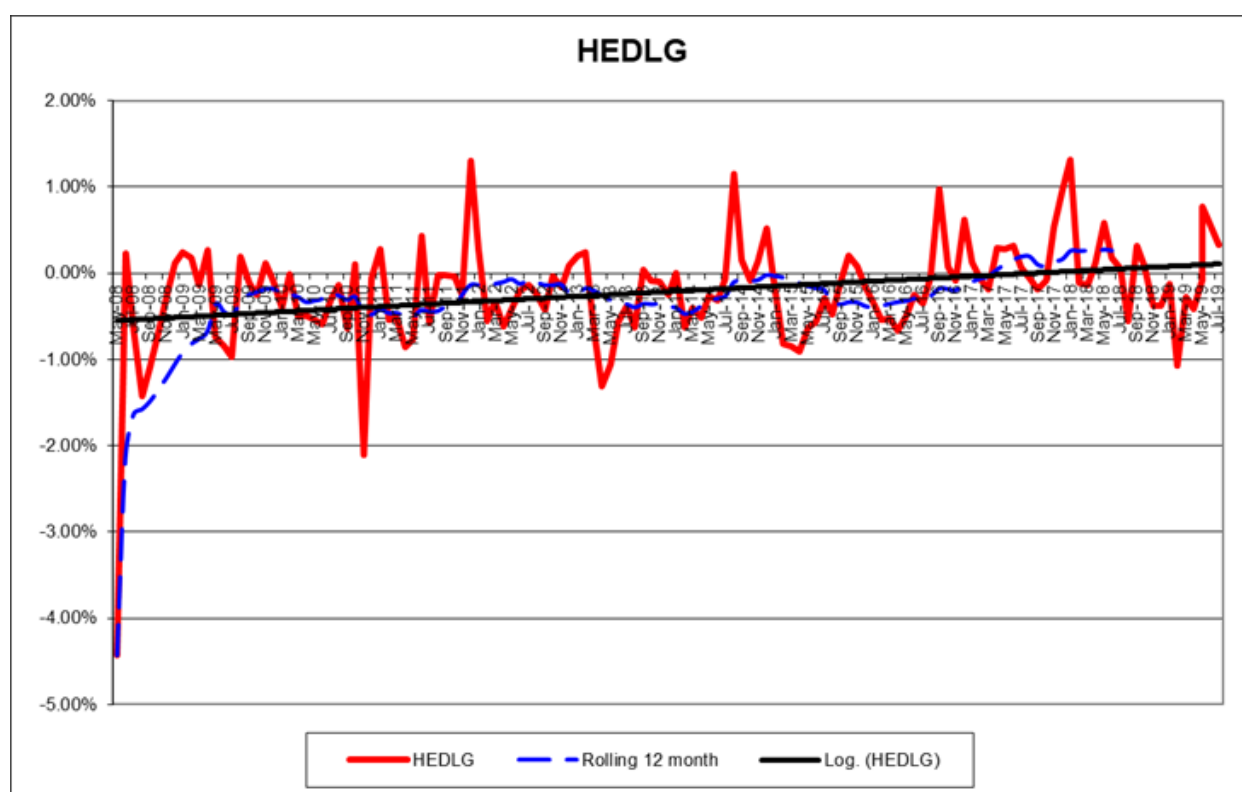
Audit observation

I have assessed EA Networks' process and compliance against the guideline's recommended thresholds.

I reviewed the documentation relating to the loss factor review methodology.

Audit commentary

The EA provided the following UFE graph indicating that losses for Horizon are running within the +/- 1% threshold:



Horizon's loss factors are based on reconciliation losses and they regularly monitor the differences between their loss factors and reconciliation losses.

Audit outcome

Compliant

CONCLUSION

This audit found six non-compliances and makes one recommendation. This is a reduction from the eleven non-compliances found last year and reflects the continued improved compliance found year on year.

Horizon are using both their internal registry discrepancy reporting and the audit compliance reporting from the registry. It appears that these are not always being reviewed as expected causing some discrepancies to not be identified and corrected. Overall, the number of discrepancies is small.

I thank Allan and the team for their assistance during the audit.

The next audit frequency table indicates that the next audit be due in 12 months. I have considered this result in conjunction Horizon's responses and I recommend that the next audit be in 18 months time.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSE

Horizon have reviewed this report and provided comments in the report. No further comments were provided.