

**Electricity Industry Participation (Electricity Information
Exchange Protocols) Code Amendment 2013**

Pursuant to section 38 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010,
I make the following amendments to the Electricity Industry
Participation Code 2010.

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Amendment

1 Title

This is the Electricity Industry Participation (Electricity Information Exchange Protocols) Code Amendment 2013.

2 Commencement

This amendment comes into force on 16 December 2013.

3 Code amended

This amendment amends the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010.

4 Clause 1.1 amended (Interpretation)

Amend clause 1.1(1) as follows:

- (a) insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:
"IEEP means an electricity information exchange protocol that sets out standard formats for the exchange of information between **distributors** and **traders**";
- (b) delete the definition of "IEEP12".

5 Clause 12A.1 amended (Contents of this Part)

Amend clause 12A.1 as follows:

- (a) delete paragraph (e);
- (b) after paragraph (f), insert:
"(g) provides that the **Authority** may **publicise EIEPs** that **distributors** and **traders** must comply with when exchanging information."

6 Cross heading and clauses 12A.8 and 12A.9 revoked

- (1) Revoke the cross heading before clause 12A.8.
- (2) Revoke clauses 12A.8 and 12A.9.

7 New clauses 12A.11 to 12A.16 inserted

After clause 12A.10, insert:

"Exchange of information

"12A.11 Application of clauses 12A.12 to 12A.14

Clauses 12A.12 to 12A.14 apply to —

- "(a) a **distributor** who has 1 or more **consumers** connected to its **network** to whom the

- distributor** does not send accounts for **line function services** directly; and
- "(b) a **trader** trading on the **network** of the **distributor** described in paragraph (a).

"12A.12 Distributor or trader may require provision of information

- "(1) The **distributor** may, by notice in writing, require the **trader** to provide information to the **distributor**, to enable the **distributor** to invoice and reconcile charges for **line function services**.
- "(2) The **trader** may, by notice in writing, require the **distributor** to provide information to the **trader**, to enable the **trader** to invoice and reconcile charges for **line function services**.
- "(3) A **trader** or **distributor** that receives a notice under subclause (1) or subclause (2) must provide the information within 15 **business days** (or such other date as agreed between the parties) after receiving the notice.
- "(4) Nothing in this clause prevents the **distributor** and **trader** agreeing to provide **volume information** to each other for a purpose other than to enable invoicing and reconciling of charges for **line function services**.

"12A.13 Authority may publicise EIEPs that must be used

- "(1) The **Authority** may **publicise** 1 or more **EIEPs** that set out standard formats that **distributors** and **traders** must use when exchanging information.
- "(2) When **publicising** an **EIEP** under subclause (1), the **Authority** must specify the date on which the **EIEP** will come into effect, which must be no earlier than 1 November 2014.
- "(3) The information to which an **EIEP** **publicised** under subclause (1) may relate includes, but is not limited to, the following information:
- "(a) **ICP** level billing information:
 - "(b) summary level billing information:
 - "(c) **half hourly** billing information:
 - "(d) **distributor** tariff rate change information.
- "(4) Before the **Authority** **publicises** an **EIEP** under subclause (1), or amends an **EIEP** it has **publicised** under subclause (1), it must consult with the **participants** that the **Authority** considers are likely to be affected by the **EIEP**.

- "(5) The **Authority** need not comply with subclause (4) if it proposes to amend an **EIEP publicised** under subclause (1) if the **Authority** is satisfied that—
- "(a) the nature of the amendment is technical and non-controversial; or
 - "(b) there has been adequate prior consultation so that the **Authority** has considered all relevant views.

"12A.14 Distributors and traders must comply with EIEPs

- "(1) If the **Authority** has **publicised** an **EIEP** under clause 12A.13, the **distributor** and the **trader** must, when exchanging information to which the **EIEP** applies, comply with the **EIEP** from the date on which the **EIEP** comes into effect.
- "(2) Subclause (1) does not apply—
- "(a) if—
 - "(i) the **distributor** and **trader** agree to exchange the information in any other way; and
 - "(ii) that agreement is recorded in the **use-of-system agreement** between the **distributor** and the **trader**; or
 - "(b) to an **EIEP publicised** under clause 12A.15.

"12A.15 Authority may publicise voluntary EIEPs

The **Authority** may **publicise** 1 or more **EIEPs** that set out standard formats that **distributors** and **traders** may, but are not required to, use when exchanging information.

"12A.16 Transitional provision relating to EIEPs

- "(1) This clause applies to any **EIEP** that a **distributor** or **trader** was required to comply with immediately before this clause came into force.
- "(2) An **EIEP** to which this clause applies—
- "(a) is deemed to be an **EIEP publicised** under clause 12A.13(1); and
 - "(b) despite clause 12A.13(2), comes into effect on the date on which this clause comes into force.
- "(3) The **Authority** need not comply with clause 12A.13(4) in respect of an **EIEP** to which this clause applies, unless the **Authority** proposes to amend the **EIEP**.
- "(4) If a **distributor** and a **trader** agree to exchange information in a way other than in accordance with

an **EIEP** to which this clause applies, the **distributor** and **trader** need not comply with the requirement in clause 12A.14(2)(a)(ii) to record that agreement in the **use-of-system agreement** between the **distributor** and **trader** until 1 November 2014."

Explanatory Note

This note is not part of the amendment, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This amendment to the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 comes into force on 16 December 2013.

The amendment enables the Authority to publicise electricity information exchange protocols (EIEPs) that some distributors and traders must comply with when exchanging information. The amendment also:

- requires the Authority to consult before publicising or amending an EIEP;
- provides that a distributor and trader may agree not to comply with an EIEP;
- provides that the Authority may publicise EIEPs that distributors and traders may choose to use when exchanging information;
- contains transitional provisions relating to existing EIEPs.

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