

ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION CODE
RECONCILIATION PARTICIPANT AUDIT REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Electricity Industry Participation Code Reconciliation Participant audit was performed at the request of Transpower New Zealand Limited (Transpower), to support their application for renewal of certification in accordance with clauses 5 and 7 of schedule 15.1. The audit was conducted in accordance with the Guideline for Reconciliation Participant Audits version 7.2.

Transpower in their capacity as grid owner have the following responsibilities:

- to deliver submission information to the reconciliation manager in accordance with clause 15.9,
- responsibility for Metering Installations at Points of Connection to the Grid in accordance with clause 10.26,
- provision of information to the Clearing Manager in accordance with clause 13.141(A), 13.141(B) and 13.145 which replaced clause 13.141(1)(b)(iii) from 1 November 2022 which required information to be provided to the Pricing Manager,
- notification of changes to the grid under clause 15.14, and
- notification of outages under clause 15.15.

Transpower is required to maintain certification for the following functions under clause 15.38:

- clause 15.38(1)(b) – Gathering and storing HHR raw meter data,
- clause 15.38(1)(c)(i) – Creating and managing HHR volume information, and
- clause 15.38(1)(e) – Provision of submission information for reconciliation.

EMS, a division of Transpower, conducts the activities included in the scope of this audit. They use the same systems and similar processes to those used for the provision of HHR agent services to other reconciliation participants. Reliance was placed on the EMS agent audit report, which is less than seven months old.

This audit found compliance with the Code. Transpower once again demonstrated strong controls in all areas audited. The next audit frequency indicator recommends that the next audit be conducted in 36 months, and I recommend that the next audit is completed in 24 months which is the maximum period allowed under the Code.

AUDIT SUMMARY

NON-COMPLIANCES

Subject	Section	Clause	Non-Compliance	Controls	Audit Risk Rating	Breach Risk Rating	Remedial Action
			Nil				
Future Risk Rating							

Future risk rating	0	1-3	4-15	16-40	41-55	55+
Indicative audit frequency	36 months	24 months	18 months	12 months	6 months	3 months

RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject	Section	Description	Recommendation
			Nil

ISSUES

Subject	Section	Description	Issue
		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.

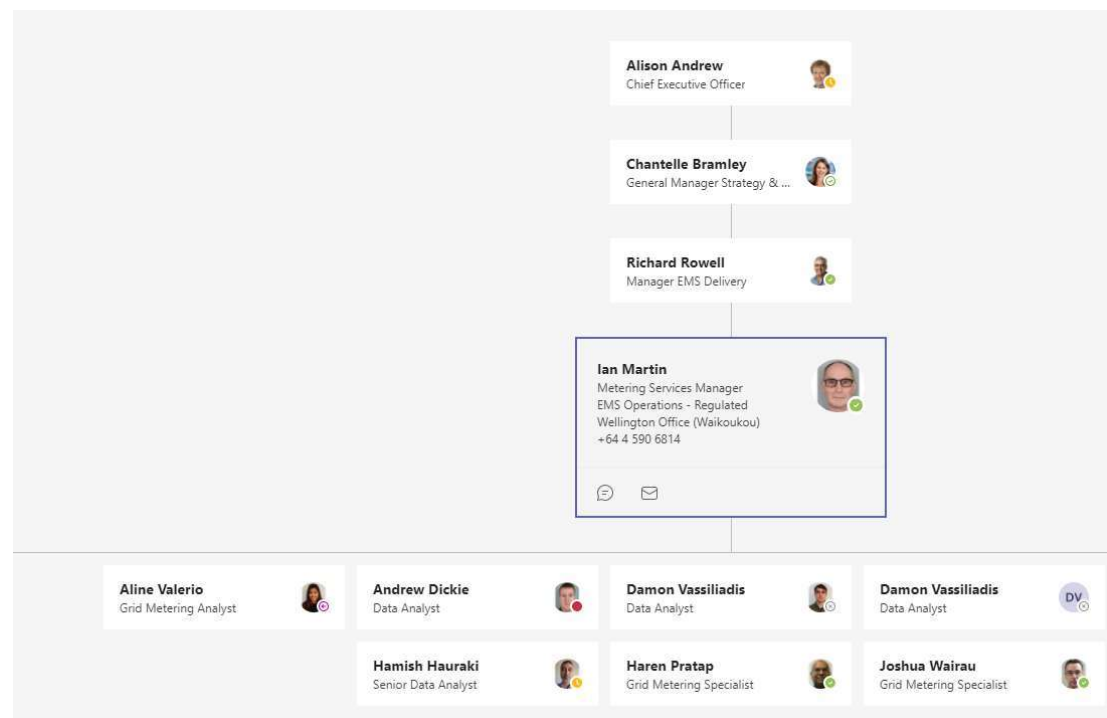
Audit observation

The Electricity Authority's website was reviewed to identify any exemptions relevant to the scope of this audit.

Audit commentary

There are no exemptions in place relevant to the scope of this audit.

1.2. Structure of Organisation



1.3. Persons involved in this audit

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Electricity Authority Approved Auditor

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1.4. Use of Agents (Clause 15.34)

Code reference

Clause 15.34

Code related audit information

A reconciliation participant who uses an agent

- *remains responsible for the contractor's fulfilment of the participant's Code obligations*
- *cannot assert that it is not responsible or liable for the obligation due to something the agent has or has not done.*

Audit observation

Use of agents was discussed with Transpower.

Audit commentary

EMS, a division of Transpower, conducts the activities included in the scope of this audit. There are no agents that provide services in relation to the functions covered by the scope of this audit.

1.5. Hardware and Software

EMS has provided a list of all manufacturers of hardware and software that assist with or are used in the processes to be audited. They are as follows:

Hardware List	Software List
Blade Server hardware	MV 90 interrogation software
	GMMS is a bespoke system, which is supported by YouDo. The database used is PostgreSQL. The application server layer is Ruby on Rails.

The backup schedule for the systems noted above is as follows:

- daily back-ups are recycled after a month,
- monthly back-ups are retained indefinitely, and
- back-ups are restored periodically to check readability.

1.6. Breaches or Breach Allegations

There have been no breach allegations relevant to the scope of this audit during the audit period.

1.7. ICP Data

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

1.8. Authorisation Received

A letter of authorisation was received.

1.9. Scope of Audit

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1.10. Summary of previous audit

The previous reconciliation participant audit report was completed by Steve Woods of Veritek Limited in February 2021. No non-compliances or recommendations were recorded and no issues were raised.

2. OPERATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

2.1. Relevant information (Clause 10.6, 11.2, 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 10.6, 11.2, 15.2

Code related audit information

A participant must take all practicable steps to ensure that information that the participant is required to provide is:

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

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

The processes to find and correct incorrect information were examined as part of the EMS agent report.

Audit commentary

There are robust controls in place to ensure information is complete and accurate. There were no examples identified where information was not corrected as soon as practicable.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.2. Provision of information (Clause 15.35)

Code reference

Clause 15.35

Code related audit information

If an obligation exists to provide information in accordance with Part 15, a participant must deliver that information to the required person within the timeframe specified in the Code, or, in the absence of any such timeframe, within any timeframe notified by the Authority. Such information must be delivered in the format determined from time to time by the Authority.

Audit observation

Processes to provide information were reviewed and observed throughout the audit.

Audit commentary

This area is discussed in a number of sections in this report and compliance is confirmed with regard to timeliness and format of information in accordance with Part 15.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.3. Data transmission (Clause 20 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 20 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

Transmissions and transfers of data related to metering information between reconciliation participants or their agents, for the purposes of the Code, must be carried out electronically using systems that ensure the security and integrity of the data transmitted and received.

Audit observation

The data transmission method and security were examined for all data sources to Transpower.

Audit commentary

All data is transmitted using the File Transfer Protocol (SFTP/FTP) technique.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.4. Audit trails (Clause 21 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 21 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

Each reconciliation participant must ensure that a complete audit trail exists for all data gathering, validation, and processing functions of the reconciliation participant.

The audit trail must include details of information:

- *provided to and received from the registry manager,*
- *provided to and received from the reconciliation manager,*
- *provided and received from other reconciliation participants and their agents.*

The audit trail must cover all archived data in accordance with clause 18.

The logs of communications and processing activities must form part of the audit trail, including if automated processes are in operation.

Logs must be printed and filed as hard copy or maintained as data files in a secure form, along with other archived information.

The logs must include (at a minimum) the following:

- *an activity identifier (clause 21(4)(a))*
- *the date and time of the activity (clause 21(4)(b))*
- *the operator identifier for the person who performed the activity (clause 21(4)(c)).*

Audit observation

Audit trails were examined as part of the EMS agent report.

Audit commentary

Compliance with this clause was demonstrated as part of EMS' agent audit.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.5. Retailer responsibility for electricity conveyed - participant obligations (Clause 10.4)

Code reference

Clause 10.4

Code related audit information

If a participant must obtain a consumer's consent, approval, or authorisation, the participant must ensure it:

- *extends to the full term of the arrangement,*
- *covers any participants who may need to rely on that consent.*

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities in relation to consent, approval, or authorisation.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities in relation to consent, approval, or authorisation.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.6. Retailer responsibility for electricity conveyed - access to metering installations (Clause 10.7(2),(4),(5) and (6))

Code reference

Clause 10.7(2),(4),(5) and (6)

Code related audit information

The responsible reconciliation participant must, if requested, arrange access for the metering installation to the following parties:

- *the Authority*
- *an ATH*
- *an auditor*
- *an MEP*
- *a gaining metering equipment provider.*

The trader must use its best endeavours to provide access:

- *in accordance with any agreements in place*
- *in a manner and timeframe which is appropriate in the circumstances.*

If the trader has a consumer, the trader must obtain authorisation from the customer for access to the metering installation, otherwise it must arrange access to the metering installation.

The reconciliation participant must provide any necessary facilities, codes, keys or other means to enable the party to obtain access to the metering installation by the most practicable means.

Audit observation

Transpower's contract terms and conditions were reviewed.

Audit commentary

Transpower's agreement with ATHs includes clauses related to access to metering installations. Transpower arranges access as required to ensure certification, inspection and maintenance activities are conducted.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.7. Physical location of metering installations (Clause 10.35(1)&(2))

Code reference

Clause 10.35(1)&(2)

Code related audit information

A reconciliation participant responsible for ensuring there is a category 1 metering installation or category 2 metering installation must ensure that the metering installation is located as physically close to a point of connection as practical in the circumstances.

A reconciliation participant responsible for ensuring there is a category 3 or higher metering installation must:

- a) if practical in the circumstances, ensure that the metering installation is located at a point of connection; or*
- b) if it is not practical in the circumstances to locate the metering installation at the point of connection, calculate the quantity of electricity conveyed through the point of connection using a loss compensation process approved by the certifying ATH.*

Audit observation

Loss compensation processes were reviewed.

Audit commentary

Where it is not practical to locate meters at the point of connection, Transpower uses a template to calculate the losses which are then programmed into the meter.

The loss compensation calculation process considers line and transformer losses, and the design of the point of connection. Meters are replaced before their meter certification expires (and then tested and rotated to another site), and there is a process to ensure that the new meter has the appropriate loss compensation factor programmed in where required.

I walked through the template used to calculate loss compensation for MPE_0222CB and viewed meter data in MV90 which confirmed that loss compensation factors, PT ratios and CT ratios are all programmed into the meter and that raw and adjusted data is recorded in MV90.

No new points of connection requiring loss factors were created during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.8. Trader contracts to permit assignment by the Authority (Clause 11.15B)

Code reference

Clause 11.15B

Code related audit information

A trader must at all times ensure that the terms of each contract between a customer and a trader permit:

- the Authority to assign the rights and obligations of the trader under the contract to another trader if the trader commits an event of default under paragraph (a) or (b) or (f) or (h) of clause 14.41 (clause 11.15B(1)(a)); and
- the terms of the assigned contract to be amended on such an assignment to—
- the standard terms that the recipient trader would normally have offered to the customer immediately before the event of default occurred (clause 11.15B(1)(b)(i)); or
- such other terms that are more advantageous to the customer than the standard terms, as the recipient trader and the Authority agree (clause 11.15B(1)(b)(ii)); and
- the terms of the assigned contract to be amended on such an assignment to include a minimum term in respect of which the customer must pay an amount for cancelling the contract before the expiry of the minimum term (clause 11.15B(1)(c)); and
- the trader to provide information about the customer to the Authority and for the Authority to provide the information to another trader if required under Schedule 11.5 (clause 11.15B(1)(d)); and
- the trader to assign the rights and obligations of the trader to another trader (clause 11.15B(1)(e)).

The terms specified in subclause (1) must be expressed to be for the benefit of the Authority for the purposes of the Contracts (Privacy) Act 1982, and not be able to be amended without the consent of the Authority (clause 11.15B(2)).

Audit observation

Transpower does not have any customers.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have any customers.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.9. Connection of an ICP (Clause 10.32)

Code reference

Clause 10.32

Code related audit information

A reconciliation participant must only request the connection of a point of connection if they:

- accept responsibility for their obligations in Parts 10, 11 and 15 for the point of connection; and
- have an arrangement with an MEP to provide one or more metering installations for the point of connection.

Audit observation

This clause relates to “points of connection” in general and not specifically ICPs, and one new GXP was created during the audit period.

Audit commentary

New GXP ARI1101POCOGN has a start date of 1 May 2023, and Transpower is recorded as the responsible participant on the NSP mapping table. Transpower will also be the MEP and an arrangement is in place.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.10. Temporary Electrical Connection of an ICP (Clause 10.33)

Code reference

Clause 10.33(1)

Code related audit information

A reconciliation participant may temporarily electrically connect a point of connection, or authorise a MEP to temporarily electrically connect a point of connection, only if:

- *for a point of connection to the grid – the grid owner has approved the connection,*
- *for an NSP that is not a point of connection to the grid - the relevant distributor has approved the connection.*
- *for a point of connection that is an ICP, but is not as NSP:*
- *the reconciliation participant is recorded in the registry as the trader responsible for the ICP,*
- *if the ICP has metered load, one or more certified metering installations are in place,*
- *if the ICP has not previously been electrically connected, the relevant distributor has given written approval of the temporary electrical connection.*

Audit observation

This clause only relates to ICPs and Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

This clause only relates to ICPs and Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.11. Electrical Connection of Point of Connection (Clause 10.33A)

Code reference

Clause 10.33A(1)

Code related audit information

A reconciliation participant may electrically connect or authorise the electrical connection of a point of connection only if:

- *for a point of connection to the grid – the grid owner has approved the connection,*
- *for an NSP that is not a point of connection to the grid - the relevant distributor has approved the connection.*
- *for a point of connection that is an ICP, but is not as NSP:*
 - *the trader is recorded in the registry as the trader responsible for the ICP or has an arrangement with the customer and initiates a switch within 2 business days of electrical connection,*

- *if the ICP has metered load, one or more certified metering installations are in place,*
- *if the ICP has not previously been electrically connected, the relevant distributor has given written approval of the electrical connection.*

Audit observation

This clause only relates to ICPs and Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

This clause only relates to ICPs and Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.12. Arrangements for line function services (Clause 11.16)

Code reference

Clause 11.16

Code related audit information

Before providing the registry manager with any information in accordance with clause 11.7(2) or clause 11.18(4), a trader must ensure that it, or its customer, has made any necessary arrangements for the provision of line function services in relation to the relevant ICP.

Before providing the registry manager with any information in accordance with clause 11.7(2) or clause 11.18(4), a trader must have entered into an arrangement with an MEP for each metering installation at the ICP.

Audit observation

Transpower is not a trader and is not required to have arrangements with distributors.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not a trader and is not required to have arrangements with distributors.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.13. Arrangements for metering equipment provision (Clause 10.36)

Code reference

Clause 10.36

Code related audit information

A reconciliation participant must ensure it has an arrangement with the relevant MEP prior to accepting responsibility for an installation.

Audit observation

I checked whether Transpower has arrangements with MEPs for all relevant points of connection.

Audit commentary

I reviewed the NSP table and confirmed that Transpower has arrangements with MEPs for all points of connection which have reached their start date. In most cases the MEP is also Transpower.

Audit outcome

Compliant

2.14. Connecting ICPs then withdrawing switch (Clause 10.33A(5))

Code reference

Clause 10.33B

Code related audit information

If a trader connects an ICP it is in the process of switching and the switch does not proceed or is withdrawn the trader must:

- *restore the disconnection, including removing any bypass and disconnecting using the same method the losing trader used,*
- *reimburse the losing trader for any direct costs incurred.*

Audit observation

Transpower is not a trader, therefore this clause does not apply.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not a trader, therefore this clause does not apply.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

2.15. Electrical disconnection of ICPs (Clause 10.33B)

Code reference

Clause 10.33B

Code related audit information

Unless the trader is recorded in the registry or is meeting its obligation under 10.33A(5) it must not disconnect or electrically disconnect the ICP or authorise the metering equipment provider to disconnect or electrically disconnect the ICP.

Audit observation

Transpower is not a trader, therefore this clause does not apply.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not a trader, therefore this clause does not apply.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

2.16. Removal or breakage of seals (Clause 48(1C), 48 (1D), 48 (1E), 48 (1F) of Schedule 10.7)

Code reference

Clause 48(1C), 48 (1D), 48 (1E), 48 (1F) of Schedule 10.7

Code related audit information

A trader can remove or break a seal without authorisation from the MEP to:

- reset a load control switch, bridge or un-bridge a load control switch – if the load control switch does not control a to me block meter channel,
- electrically connect load or generation, of the load or generation has been disconnected at the meter,
- electrically disconnect load or generation, if the trader has exhausted all other appropriate methods of electrical disconnection,
- bridge the meter.

A trader that removes or breaks a seal in this way must:

- ensure personal are qualified to remove the seal and perform the permitted work and they replace the seal in accordance with the Code,
- replace the seal with its own seal,
- have a process for tracing the new seal to the personnel,
- update the registry (if the profile code has changed)
- notify the metering equipment provider.

Audit observation

Transpower is not a trader, therefore this clause does not apply.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not a trader, therefore this clause does not apply.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

2.17. Meter bridging (Clause 10.33C and 2A of Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 10.33C and 2A of Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

A trader, or a distributor or MEP which has been authorised by the trader, may only electrically connect an ICP in a way that bypasses a meter that is in place (“bridging”) if, despite best endeavours:

- the MEP is unable to remotely electrically connect the ICP,
- the MEP cannot repair a fault with the meter due to safety concerns,
- the consumer will likely be without electricity for a period which would cause significant disadvantage to the consumer.

If the trader bridges a meter, the trader must:

- determine the quantity of electricity conveyed through the ICP for the period of time the meter was bridged,
- submit that estimated quantity of electricity to the reconciliation manager,

- *within one business day of being advised that the meter is bridged, notify the MEP that they are required to reinstate the meter so that all electricity flows through a certified metering installation.*

The trader must determine meter readings as follows:

- *by substituting data from an installed check meter or data storage device*
- *if a check meter or data storage device is not installed, by using half hour data from another period where the trader considers the pattern of consumption is materially similar to the period during which the meter was bridged,*
- *if half hour data is not available, a non-half hour estimated reading that the trader considers is the best estimate during the bridging period must be used.*

Audit observation

Transpower is not a trader, therefore this clause does not apply.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not a trader, therefore this clause does not apply.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

2.18. Use of ICP identifiers on invoices (Clause 11.30)

Code reference

Clause 11.30

Code related audit information

Each trader must ensure the relevant ICP identifier is printed on every invoice or document relating to the sale of electricity.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

2.19. Provision of information on dispute resolution scheme (Clause 11.30A)

Code reference

Clause 11.30A

Code related audit information

A retailer must provide clear and prominent information about Utilities Disputes:

- *on their website*
- *when responding to queries from consumers*
- *in directed outbound communications to consumers about electricity services and bills.*

If there are a series of related communications between the retailer and consumer, the retailer needs to provide this information in at least one communication in that series.

Audit observation

Transpower is not an electricity retailer.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not an electricity retailer.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

2.20. Provision of information on electricity plan comparison site (Clause 11.30B)

Code reference

Clause 11.30B

Code related audit information

A retailer that trades at an ICP recorded on the registry must provide clear and prominent information about Powerswitch:

- *on their website*
- *in outbound communications to residential consumers about price and service changes*
- *to residential consumers on an annual basis*
- *in directed outbound communications about the consumer's bill.*

If there are a series of related communications between the retailer and consumer, the retailer needs to provide this information in at least one communication in that series.

Audit observation

Transpower is not an electricity retailer.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not an electricity retailer.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

3. MAINTAINING REGISTRY INFORMATION

3.1. Obtaining ICP identifiers (Clause 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 11.3

Code related audit information

The following participants must, before assuming responsibility for certain points of connection on a local network or embedded network, obtain an ICP identifier for the point of connection:

- a) a trader who has agreed to purchase electricity from an embedded generator or sell electricity to a consumer,*
- b) an embedded generator who sells electricity directly to the clearing manager*
- c) a direct purchaser connected to a local network or an embedded network,*
- d) an embedded network owner in relation to a point of connection on an embedded network that is settled by differencing,*
- e) a network owner in relation to a shared unmetered load point of connection to the network owner's network*
- f) a network owner in relation to a point of connection between the network owner's network and an embedded network.*

ICP identifiers must be obtained for points of connection at which any of the following occur:

- a consumer purchases electricity from a trader 11.3(3)(a)*
- a trader purchases electricity from an embedded generator 11.3(3)(b)*
- a direct purchaser purchases electricity from the clearing manager 11.3(3)(c)*
- an embedded generator sells electricity directly to the clearing manager 11.3(3)(d)*
- a network is settled by differencing 11.3(3)(e)*
- there is a distributor status ICP on the parent network point of connection of an embedded network or at the point of connection of shared unmetered load. 11.3(3)(f)*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

3.2. Providing registry information (Clause 11.7(2))

Code reference

Clause 11.7(2)

Code related audit information

Each trader must provide information to the registry manager about each ICP at which it trades electricity in accordance with Schedule 11.1.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

3.3. Changes to registry information (Clause 10 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 10 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

If information provided by a trader to the registry manager about an ICP changes, the trader must provide written notice to the registry manager of the change no later than 5 business days after the change.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

3.4. Trader responsibility for an ICP (Clause 11.18)

Code reference

Clause 11.18

Code related audit information

A trader becomes responsible for an ICP when the trader is recorded in the registry as being responsible for the ICP.

A trader ceases to be responsible for an ICP if:

- *another trader is recorded in the registry as accepting responsibility for the ICP (clause 11.18(2)(a));*
or
- *the ICP is decommissioned in accordance with clause 20 of Schedule 11.1 (clause 11.18(2)(b)).*
- *if an ICP is to be decommissioned, the trader who is responsible for the ICP must (clause 11.18(3)):*
 - *arrange for a final interrogation to take place prior to or upon meter removal (clause 11.18(3)(a)); and*
 - *advise the MEP responsible for the metering installation of the decommissioning (clause 11.18(3)(b)).*

A trader who is responsible for an ICP (excluding UML) must ensure that an MEP is recorded in the registry for that ICP (clause 11.18(4)).

A trader must not trade at an ICP (excluding UML) unless an MEP is recorded in the registry for that ICP (clause 11.18(5)).

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

3.5. Provision of information to the registry manager (Clause 9 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 9 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

Each trader must provide the following information to the registry manager for each ICP for which it is recorded in the registry as having responsibility:

- a) the participant identifier of the trader, as approved by the Authority (clause 9(1)(a))*
- b) the profile code for each profile at that ICP, as approved by the Authority (clause 9(1)(b))*
- c) the metering equipment provider for each category 1 metering or higher (clause 9(1)(c))*
- d) the type of submission information the trader will provide to the RM for the ICP (clause 9(1)(ea))*
- e) if a settlement type of UNM is assigned to that ICP, either:*
 - the code ENG if the load is profiled through an engineering profile in accordance with profile class 2.1 (clause 9(1)(f)(i)); or*
 - in all other cases, the daily average kWh of unmetered load at the ICP (clause 9(1)(f)(ii)).*
 - the type and capacity of any unmetered load at each ICP (clause 9(1)(g))*
 - the status of the ICP, as defined in clauses 12 to 20 (clause 9(1)(j))*
 - except if the ICP exists for the purposes of reconciling an embedded network or the ICP has distributor status, the trader must provide the relevant business classification code applicable to the customer (clause 9(1)(k)).*

The trader must provide information specified in (a) to (j) above within five business days of trading (clause 9(2)).

The trader must provide information specified in 9(1)(k) no later than 20 business days of trading (clause 9(3)).

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

3.6. ANZSIC codes (Clause 9 (1)(k) of Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 9 (1)(k) of Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

Traders are responsible to populate the relevant ANZSIC code for all ICPs for which they are responsible.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

3.7. Changes to unmetered load (Clause 9(1)(f) of Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 9(1)(f) of Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

if a settlement type of UNM is assigned to that ICP, the trader must populate:

the code ENG - if the load is profiled through an engineering profile in accordance with profile class 2.1 (clause 9(1)(f)(i)); or

the daily average kWh of unmetered load at the ICP - in all other cases (clause 9(1)(f)(ii)).

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

3.8. Management of “active” status (Clause 17 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 17 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The ICP status of “active” is be managed by the relevant trader and indicates that:

- *the associated electrical installations are electrically connected (clause 17(1)(a))*
- *the trader must provide information related to the ICP in accordance with Part 15, to the reconciliation manager for the purpose of compiling reconciliation information (clause 17(1)(b)).*

Before an ICP is given the “active” status, the trader must ensure that:

- *the ICP has only one customer, embedded generator, or direct purchaser (clause 17(2)(a))*

- *the electricity consumed is quantified by a metering installation or a method of calculation approved by the Authority (clause 17(2)(b)).*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

3.9. Management of “inactive” status (Clause 19 Schedule 11.1)

Code reference

Clause 19 Schedule 11.1

Code related audit information

The ICP status of “inactive” must be managed by the relevant trader and indicates that:

- *electricity cannot flow at that ICP (clause 19(a)); or*
- *submission information related to the ICP is not required by the reconciliation manager for the purpose of compiling reconciliation information (clause 19(b)).*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

3.10. ICPs at new or ready status for 24 months (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 "Ready" for 24 calendar months or more, the distributor must ask the trader whether it should continue to have that status and must decommission the ICP if the trader advises the ICP should not continue to have that status.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4. PERFORMING CUSTOMER AND EMBEDDED GENERATOR SWITCHING

4.1. Inform registry of switch request for ICPs - standard switch (Clause 2 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 2 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

The standard switch process applies where a trader and a customer or embedded generator enters into an arrangement in which the trader commences trading electricity with the customer or embedded generator at a non-half hour or unmetered ICP at which another trader supplies electricity, or the trader assumes responsibility for such an ICP.

If the uninvited direct sale agreement applies to an arrangement described above, the gaining trader must identify the period within which the customer or embedded generator may cancel the arrangement in accordance with section 36M of the Fair Trading Act 1986. The arrangement is deemed to come into effect on the day after the expiry of that period.

A gaining trader must advise the registry manager of a switch no later than 2 business days after the arrangement comes into effect and include in its advice to the registry manager that the switch type is TR and one or more profile codes associated with that ICP.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.2. Losing trader response to switch request and event dates - standard switch (Clauses 3 and 4 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clauses 3 and 4 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

Within three business days after receiving notice of a switch from the registry manager, the losing trader must establish a proposed event date. The event date must be no more than 10 business days after the date of receipt of such notification, and in any 12-month period, at least 50% of the event dates must be no more than five business days after the date of notification. The losing trader must then:

- *provide acknowledgement of the switch request by (clause 3(a) of Schedule 11.3);*
- *providing the proposed event date to the registry manager and a valid switch response code (clause 3(a)(i) and (ii) of Schedule 11.3); or*
- *providing a request for withdrawal of the switch in accordance with clause 17 (clause 3(c) of Schedule 11.3).*

When establishing an event date for clause 4, the losing trader may disregard every event date established by the losing trader for an ICP for which when the losing trader received notice from the registry manager under clause 22(a) the losing trader had been responsible for less than two months.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.3. Losing trader must provide final information - standard switch (Clause 5 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 5 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

If the losing trader provides information to the registry manager in accordance with clause 3(a) of Schedule 11.3 with the required information, no later than 5 business days after the event date, the losing trader must complete the switch by:

- *providing event date to the registry manager (clause 5(a)); and*
- *provide to the gaining trader a switch event meter reading as at the event date, for each meter or data storage device that is recorded in the registry with accumulator of C and a settlement indicator of Y (clause 5(b)); and*
- *if a switch event meter reading is not a validated reading, provide the date of the last meter reading (clause 5(c)).*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.4. Retailers must use same reading - standard switch (Clause 6(1) and 6A Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 6(1) and 6A Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

The losing trader and the gaining trader must both use the same switch event meter reading as determined by the following procedure:

- *if the switch event meter reading provided by the losing trader differs by less than 200 kWh from a value established by the gaining trader, the gaining trader must use the losing trader's validated meter reading or permanent estimate (clause 6(a)); or*
- *the gaining trader may dispute the switch meter reading if the validated meter reading or permanent estimate provided by the losing trader differs by 200 kWh or more (clause 6(b)).*

If the gaining trader disputes a switch meter reading because the switch event meter reading provided by the losing trader differs by 200 kWh or more, the gaining trader must, within four calendar months of

the registry manager giving the gaining trader written notice of having received information about the switch completion, provide to the losing trader a changed switch event meter reading supported by two validated meter readings.

- *the losing trader can choose not to accept the reading however must advise the gaining trader no later than five business days after receiving the switch event meter reading from the gaining trader (clause 6A(a)); or*
- *if the losing trader notifies its acceptance or does not provide any response, the losing trader must use the switch event meter reading supplied by the gaining trader (clause 6A(b)).*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.5. Non-half hour switch event meter reading - standard switch (Clause 6(2) and (3) Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 6(2) and (3) Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

If the losing trader trades electricity from a non-half hour meter, with a switch event meter reading that is not from an AMI certified meter flagged Y in the registry: and

- *the gaining trader will trade electricity from a meter with a half hour submission type in the registry (clause 6(2)(b));*
- *the gaining trader within five business days after receiving final information from the registry manager, may provide the losing trader with a switch event meter reading from that meter. The losing trader must use that switch event meter reading.*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.6. Disputes - standard switch (Clause 7 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 7 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

A losing trader or gaining trader may give written notice to the other that it disputes a switch event meter reading provided under clauses 1 to 6. Such a dispute must be resolved in accordance with clause 15.29 (with all necessary amendments).

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.7. Gaining trader informs registry of switch request - switch move (Clause 9 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 9 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

The switch move process applies where a gaining trader has an arrangement with a customer or embedded generator to trade electricity at an ICP using non-half-hour metering or an unmetered ICP, or to assume responsibility for such an ICP, and no other trader has an agreement to trade electricity at that ICP, this is referred to as a switch move and the following provisions apply:

If the “uninvited direct sale agreement” applies, the gaining trader must identify the period within which the customer or embedded generator may cancel the arrangement in accordance with section 36M of the Fair Trading Act 1986. The arrangement is deemed to come into effect on the day after the expiry of that period.

In the event of a switch move, the gaining trader must advise the registry manager of a switch and the proposed event date no later than two business days after the arrangement comes into effect.

In its advice to the registry manager the gaining trader must include:

- *a proposed event date (clause 9(2)(a)); and*
- *that the switch type is "MI" (clause 9(2)(b)); and*
- *one or more profile codes of a profile at the ICP (clause 9(2)(c)).*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.8. Losing trader provides information - switch move (Clause 10(1) Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 10(1) Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

10(1) Within five business days after receiving notice of a switch move request from the registry manager—

- 10(1)(a) *If the losing trader accepts the event date proposed by the gaining trader, the losing trader must complete the switch by providing to the registry manager:*
 - *confirmation of the switch event date; and*
 - *a valid switch response code; and*
 - *final information as required under clause 11; or*
- 10(1)(b) *If the losing trader does not accept the event date proposed by the gaining trader, the losing trader must acknowledge the switch request to the registry manager and determine a different event date that—*
 - *is not earlier than the gaining trader’s proposed event date, and*
 - *is no later than 10 business days after the date the losing trader receives notice; or*
- 10(1)(c) *request that the switch be withdrawn in accordance with clause 17.*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.9. Losing trader determines a different date - switch move (Clause 10(2) Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 10(2) Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

If the losing trader determines a different date, then within 10 business days of receiving notice the losing trader must also complete the switch by providing to the registry manager as described in subclause (1)(a):

- *the event date proposed by the losing trader; and*
- *a valid switch response code; and*
- *final information as required under clause 1.*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.10. Losing trader must provide final information - switch move (Clause 11 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 11 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

The losing trader must provide final information to the registry manager for the purposes of clause 10(1)(a)(ii), including—

- the event date (clause 11(a)); and
- a switch event meter reading as at the event date for each meter or data storage device that is recorded in the registry with an accumulator type of C and a settlement indicator of Y (clause 11(b)); and
- if the switch event meter reading is not a validated meter reading, the date of the last meter reading of the meter or storage device (clause 11(c)).

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.11. Gaining trader changes to switch meter reading - switch move (Clause 12 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 12 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

The gaining trader may use the switch event meter reading supplied by the losing trader or may, at its own cost, obtain its own switch event meter reading. If the gaining trader elects to use this new switch event meter reading, the gaining trader must advise the losing trader of the switch event meter reading and the actual event date to which it refers as follows:

- if the switch meter reading established by the gaining trader differs by less than 200 kWh from that provided by the losing trader, both traders must use the switch event meter reading provided by the gaining trader (clause 12(2)(a)); or
- if the switch event meter reading provided by the losing trader differs by 200 kWh or more from a value established by the gaining trader, the gaining trader may dispute the switch meter reading. In this case, the gaining trader, within 4 calendar months of the date the registry manager gives the gaining trader written notice of having received information about the switch completion, must provide to the losing trader a changed validated meter reading or a permanent estimate supported by 2 validated meter readings and the losing trader must either (clause 12(2)(b) and clause 12(3)):
- advise the gaining trader if it does not accept the switch event meter reading and the losing trader and the gaining trader must resolve the dispute in accordance with the disputes procedure in clause 15.29 (with all necessary amendments) (clause 12(3)(a)); or
- if the losing trader notifies its acceptance or does not provide any response, the losing trader must use the switch event meter reading supplied by the gaining trader (clause 12(3)(b)).

12(2A) If the losing trader trades electricity from a non-half hour meter, with a switch event meter reading that is not from an AMI certified meter flagged Y in the registry,

- the gaining trader will trade electricity from a meter with a half hour submission type in the registry (clause 12(2A)(b));

- *the gaining trader no later than five business days after receiving final information from the registry manager, may provide the losing trader with a switch event meter reading from that meter. The losing trader must use that switch event meter reading (clause 12(2B)).*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.12. Gaining trader informs registry of switch request - gaining trader switch (Clause 14 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 14 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

The gaining trader switch process applies when a trader has an arrangement with a customer or embedded generator to trade electricity at an ICP at which the losing trader trades electricity with the customer or embedded generator, and one of the following applies at the ICP:

- *the gaining trader will trade electricity through a half hour metering installation that is a category 3 or higher metering installation; or*
- *the gaining trader will trade electricity through a non-AMI half hour metering installation and the losing trader trades electricity through a non-AMI non half hour metering installation; or*
- *the gaining trader will trade electricity through a non-AMI non half hour metering installation and the losing trader trades electricity through anon-AMI half hour metering installation.*

If the uninvited direct sale agreement applies to an arrangement described above, the gaining trader must identify the period within which the customer or embedded generator may cancel the arrangement in accordance with section 36M of the Fair Trading Act 1986. The arrangement is deemed to come into effect on the day after the expiry of that period.

A gaining trader must advise the registry manager of the switch and expected event date no later than three business days after the arrangement comes into effect.

14(2) The gaining trader must include in its advice to the registry manager:

- a) a proposed event date; and*
- b) that the switch type is HH.*

14(3) The proposed event date must be a date that is after the date on which the gaining trader advises the registry manager, unless clause 14(4) applies.

14(4) The proposed event date is a date before the date on which the gaining trader advised the registry manager, if:

14(4)(a) – the proposed event date is in the same month as the date on which the gaining trader advised the registry manager; or

14(4)(b) – the proposed event date is no more than 90 days before the date on which the gaining trader advises the registry manager, and this date is agreed between the losing and gaining traders.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.13. Losing trader provision of information - gaining trader switch (Clause 15 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 15 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

Within three business days after the losing trader is informed about the switch by the registry manager, the losing trader must:

15(a) - provide to the registry manager a valid switch response code as approved by the Authority; or

15(b) - provide a request for withdrawal of the switch in accordance with clause 17.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.14. Gaining trader to advise the registry manager - gaining trader switch (Clause 16 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 16 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

The gaining trader must complete the switch no later than three business days, after receiving the valid switch response code, by advising the registry manager of the event date.

If the ICP is being electrically disconnected, or if metering equipment is being removed, the gaining trader must either-

16(a)- give the losing trader or MEP for the ICP an opportunity to interrogate the metering installation immediately before the ICP is electrically disconnected or the metering equipment is removed; or

16(b)- carry out an interrogation and, no later than five business days after the metering installation is electrically disconnected or removed, advise the losing trader of the results and metering component numbers for each data channel in the metering installation.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.15. Withdrawal of switch requests (Clauses 17 and 18 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clauses 17 and 18 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

A losing trader or gaining trader may request that a switch request be withdrawn at any time until the expiry of two calendar months after the event date of the switch.

If a trader requests the withdrawal of a switch, the following provisions apply:

- *for each ICP, the trader withdrawing the switch request must provide the registry manager with (clause 18(c)):*
 - *the participant identifier of the trader making the withdrawal request (clause 18(c)(i)); and*
 - *the withdrawal advisory code published by the Authority (clause 18(c)(ii))*
- *within five business days after receiving notice from the registry manager of a switch, the trader receiving the withdrawal must advise the registry manager that the switch withdrawal request is accepted or rejected. A switch withdrawal request must not become effective until accepted by the trader who received the withdrawal (clause 18(d))*
- *on receipt of a rejection notice from the registry manager, in accordance with clause 18(d), a trader may re-submit the switch withdrawal request for an ICP in accordance with clause 18(c). All switch withdrawal requests must be resolved within 10 business days after the date of the initial switch withdrawal request (clause 18(e))*
- *if the trader requests that a switch request be withdrawn, and the resolution of that switch withdrawal request results in the switch proceeding, within two business days after receiving notice from the registry manager in accordance with clause 22(b), the losing trader must comply with clauses 3,5,10 and 11 (whichever is appropriate) and the gaining trader must comply with clause 16 (clause 18(f))*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.16. Metering information (Clause 21 Schedule 11.3)

Code reference

Clause 21 Schedule 11.3

Code related audit information

For an interrogation or validated meter reading or permanent estimate carried out in accordance with Schedule 11.3:

21(a)- the trader who carries out the interrogation, switch event meter reading must ensure that the interrogation is as accurate as possible, or that the switch event meter reading is fair and reasonable.

21(b) and (c) - the cost of every interrogation or switch event meter reading carried out in accordance with clauses 5(b) or 11(b) or (c) must be met by the losing trader. The costs in every other case must be met by the gaining trader.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

4.17. Switch saving protection (Clause 11.15AA to 11.15AB)

Code reference

Clause 11.15AA to 11.15AC

Code related audit information

A losing retailer (including any party acting on behalf of the retailer) must not initiate contact to save or win back any customer who is switching away or has switched away for 180 days from the date of the switch.

The losing retailer may contact the customer for certain administrative reasons and may make a counteroffer only if the customer initiated contact with the losing retailer and invited the losing retailer to make a counteroffer.

The losing retailer must not use the customer contact details to enable any other retailer (other than the gaining retailer) to contact the customer.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

5. MAINTENANCE OF UNMETERED LOAD

5.1. Maintaining shared unmetered load (Clause 11.14)

Code reference

Clause 11.14

Code related audit information

The trader must adhere to the process for maintaining shared unmetered load as outlined in clause 11.14:

11.14(2) - The distributor must give written notice to the traders responsible for the ICPs across which the unmetered load is shared, of the ICP identifiers of the ICPs.

11.14(3) - A trader who receives such a notification from a distributor must give written notice to the distributor if it wishes to add or omit any ICP from the ICPs across which unmetered load is to be shared.

11.14(4) - A distributor who receives such a notification of changes from the trader under (3) must give written notice to the registry manager and each trader responsible for any of the ICPs across which the unmetered load is shared.

11.14(5) - 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 give written notice to all traders affected by that change as soon as practicable after that change or decommissioning.

11.14(6) - Each trader who receives such a notification must, as soon as practicable after receiving the notification, adjust the unmetered load information for each ICP in the list for which it is responsible to ensure that the entire shared unmetered load is shared equally across each ICP.

11.14(7) - A trader must take responsibility for shared unmetered load assigned to an ICP for which the trader becomes responsible as a result of a switch in accordance with Part 11.

11.14(8) - A trader must not relinquish responsibility for shared unmetered load assigned to an ICP if there would then be no ICPs left across which that load could be shared.

11.14(9) - A trader can change the status of an ICP across which the unmetered load is shared to inactive status, as referred to in clause 19 of Schedule 11.1. In that case, the trader is not required to give written notice to the distributor of the change. The amount of electricity attributable to that ICP becomes UFE.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

5.2. Unmetered threshold (Clause 10.14 (2)(b))

Code reference

Clause 10.14 (2)(b)

Code related audit information

The reconciliation participant must ensure that unmetered load does not exceed 3,000 kWh per annum, or 6,000 kWh per annum if the load is predictable and of a type approved and published by the Authority.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

5.3. Unmetered threshold exceeded (Clause 10.14 (5))

Code reference

Clause 10.14 (5)

Code related audit information

If the unmetered load limit is exceeded the retailer must:

- *within 20 business days, commence corrective measure to ensure it complies with Part 10,*
- *within 20 business days of commencing the corrective measure, complete the corrective measures,*
- *no later than 10 business days after it becomes aware of the limit having been exceeded, advise each participant who is or would be expected to be affected of:*
 - *the date the limit was calculated or estimated to have been exceeded,*
 - *the details of the corrective measures that the retailer proposes to take or is taking to reduce the unmetered load.*

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

5.4. Distributed unmetered load (Clause 11 Schedule 15.3, Clause 15.37B)

Code reference

Clause 11 Schedule 15.3, Clause 15.37B

Code related audit information

An up-to-date database must be maintained for each type of distributed unmetered load for which the retailer is responsible. The information in the database must be maintained in a manner that the resulting submission information meets the accuracy requirements of clause 15.2.

A separate audit is required for distributed unmetered load data bases.

The database must satisfy the requirements of Schedule 15.5 with regard to the methodology for deriving submission information.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

6. GATHERING RAW METER DATA

6.1. Electricity conveyed & notification by embedded generators (Clause 10.13, Clause 10.24 and 15.13)

Code reference

Clause 10.13, Clause 10.24 and Clause 15.13

Code related audit information

A participant must use the quantity of electricity measured by a metering installation as the raw meter data for the quantity of electricity conveyed through the point of connection.

This does not apply if data is estimated or gifted in the case of embedded generation under clause 15.13.

A trader must, for each electrically connected ICP that is not also an NSP, and for which it is recorded in the registry as being responsible, ensure that:

- there is one or more metering installations,*
- all electricity conveyed is quantified in accordance with the Code,*
- it does not use subtraction to determine submission information for the purposes of Part 15.*

An embedded generator must give notification to the reconciliation manager for an embedded generating station, if the intention is that the embedded generator will not be receiving payment from the clearing manager or any other person through the point of connection to which the notification relates.

Audit observation

I conducted a walkthrough of the data transfer process for KIK0037CB for December 2022 to ensure raw meter data obtained from metering installations was used for reconciliation. Transpower does not have responsibility for any ICPs or embedded generation.

Audit commentary

All points of connection which have reached their start dates have metering installations and the raw data from these installations is used to determine the quantity of electricity conveyed. No submission volumes are determined by subtraction, apart from for points of connection to the grid as allowed by the code.

A walkthrough of the data transfer process for KIK0037CB for December 2022 confirmed that the process was operating as expected.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.2. Responsibility for metering at GIP and GXP (Clause 10.26 (6), (7) and (8))

Code reference

Clause 10.26 (6), (7) and (8)

Code related audit information

For each proposed metering installation or change to a metering installation that is a connection to the grid, the participant, must:

- provide to the grid owner a copy of the metering installation design (before ordering the equipment)*
- provide at least three months for the grid owner to review and comment on the design,*

- *respond within three business days of receipt to any request from the grid owner for additional details or changes to the design,*
- *ensure any reasonable changes from the grid owner are carried out.*

The participant responsible for the metering installation must:

- *advise the reconciliation manager of the certification expiry date not later than 10 business days after certification of the metering installation,*
- *become the MEP or contract with a person to be the MEP,*
- *advise the reconciliation manager of the MEP identifier no later than 20 days after entering into a contract or assuming responsibility to be the MEP.*

Audit observation

I reviewed the NSP table to identify NSPs which had undergone certification changes during the audit period and check that all NSPs have current meter certification.

Audit commentary

Updates to the RM are provided on the same day or the day after the certification date.

Review of the NSP table confirmed that all NSPs which Transpower is responsible for which have reached their start date have current meter certification.

128 of the NSPs had meter certification changes during the audit period. I checked a sample of 15 updates and confirmed that they were accurate and on time.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.3. Certification of control devices (Clause 33 Schedule 10.7 and clause 2(2) Schedule 15.3)

Code reference

Clause 33 Schedule 10.7 and clause 2(2) Schedule 15.3

Code related audit information

The reconciliation participant must advise the metering equipment provider if a control device is used to control load or switch meter registers.

The reconciliation participant must ensure the control device is certified prior to using it for reconciliation purposes.

Audit observation

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit commentary

Transpower is not responsible for any ICPs.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

6.4. Reporting of defective metering installations (Clause 10.43(2) and (3))

Code reference

Clause 10.43(2) and (3)

Code related audit information

If a participant becomes aware of an event or circumstance that lead it to believe a metering installation could be inaccurate, defective, or not fit for purpose they must:

- *advise the MEP,*
- *include in the advice all relevant details.*

Audit observation

Processes relating to defective metering were examined in EMS' agent audit.

Audit commentary

Transpower advised that there were two potential metering installation defects during the audit period which were appropriately investigated with the MEP. One was confirmed not to be a genuine defect.

- The KIK_0037CB meter reported issues with voltage inputs on 6 July 2022, which were later confirmed to be caused by a failed HV fuse not the meter itself. A technician was sent to the site that day and confirmed the issue. Arrangements were made for the fuse to be replaced and the metering installation checked and recertified during a planned outage on 7 July 2022. A correction to ensure consumption during the outage was submitted is discussed in **section 8.2**.
- The TKU_1062CB meter recorded "load profile data corrupted" and "diagnostic 1" events on 8 December 2022 which were investigated and found to be caused by the communications module causing a reset. The meter was functioning correctly, but arrangements were made to replace it and the communications module.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.5. Collection of information by certified reconciliation participant (Clause 2 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 2 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

Only a certified reconciliation participant may collect raw meter data, unless only the MEP can interrogate the meter, or the MEP has an arrangement which prevents the reconciliation participant from electronically interrogating the meter:

- 2(2) - The reconciliation participant must collect raw meter data used to determine volume information from the services interface or the metering installation or from the MEP.*
- 2(3) - The reconciliation participant must ensure the interrogation cycle is such that it does not exceed the maximum interrogation cycle in the registry.*
- 2(4) - The reconciliation participant must interrogate the meter at least once every maximum interrogation cycle.*
- 2(5) - When electronically interrogating the meter the participant must:*
 - a) ensure the system is to within +/- 5 seconds of NZST or NZDST,*
 - b) compare the meter time to the system time,*
 - c) determine the time error of the metering installation,*
 - d) if the error is less than the maximum permitted error, correct the meter's clock,*
 - e) if the time error is greater than the maximum permitted error then:*

- i) *correct the metering installation's clock,*
 - ii) *compare the metering installation's time with the system time,*
 - iii) *correct any affected raw meter data.*
 - f) *download the event log.*
- 2(6) – *The interrogation systems must record:*
- *the time*
 - *the date*
 - *the extent of any change made to the meter clock.*

Audit observation

The data collection process was examined through a process walkthrough.

Audit commentary

Transpower collects data with their own MV90 system from the services access interface. Data is collected daily, which achieves compliance with the requirement to interrogate within the maximum interrogation cycle.

The time synchronisation process is run daily, and Transpower confirmed that there were no clock synchronisation errors outside allowable thresholds during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.6. Derivation of meter readings (Clauses 3(1), 3(2) and 5 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clauses 3(1), 3(2) and 5 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

All meter readings must in accordance with the participants certified processes and procedures and using its certified facilities be sourced directly from raw meter data and, if appropriate, be derived and calculated from financial records.

All validated meter readings must be derived from meter readings.

A meter reading provided by a consumer may be used as a validated meter reading only if another set of validated meter readings not provided by the consumer are used during the validation process.

During the manual interrogation of each NHH metering installation the reconciliation participant must:

- a) *obtain the meter register,*
- b) *ensure seals are present and intact,*
- c) *check for phase failure (if supported by the meter),*
- d) *check for signs of tampering and damage,*
- e) *check for electrically unsafe situations.*

If the relevant parts of the metering installation are visible and it is safe to do so.

Audit observation

Transpower does not conduct manual meter reading.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not conduct manual meter reading.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

6.7. NHH meter reading application (Clause 6 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 6 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

For NHH switch event meter reads, for the gaining trader the reading applies from 0000 hours on the day of the relevant event date and for the losing trader at 2400 hours at the end of the day before the relevant event date.

In all other cases, All NHH readings apply from 0000hrs on the day after the last meter interrogation up to and including 2400hrs on the day of the meter interrogation.

Audit observation

Transpower does not conduct NHH meter reading.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not conduct NHH meter reading.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

6.8. Interrogate meters once (Clause 7(1) and (2) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 7(1) and (2) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

Each reconciliation participant must ensure that a validated meter reading is obtained in respect of every meter register for every non half hour metered ICP for which the participant is responsible, at least once during the period of supply to the ICP by the reconciliation participant and used to create volume information.

This may be a validated meter reading at the time the ICP is switched to, or from, the reconciliation participant.

If exceptional circumstances prevent a reconciliation participant from obtaining the validated meter reading, the reconciliation participant is not required to comply with clause 7(1).

Audit observation

Transpower does not conduct NHH meter reading.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not conduct NHH meter reading.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

6.9. NHH meters interrogated annually (Clause 8(1) and (2) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 8(1) and (2) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

At least once every 12 months, each reconciliation participant must obtain a validated meter reading for every meter register for non-half hour metered ICPs, at which the reconciliation participant trades continuously for each 12-month period.

If exceptional circumstances prevent a reconciliation participant from obtaining the validated meter reading, the reconciliation participant is not required to comply with clause 8(1).

Audit observation

Transpower does not conduct NHH meter reading.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not conduct NHH meter reading.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

6.10. NHH meters 90% read rate (Clause 9(1) and (2) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 9(1) and (2) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

In relation to each NSP, each reconciliation participant must ensure that for each NHH ICP at which the reconciliation participant trades continuously for each four months, for which consumption information is required to be reported into the reconciliation process. A validated meter reading is obtained at least once every four months for 90% of the non-half hour metered ICPs.

A report is to be sent to the Authority providing the percentage, in relation to each NSP, for which consumption information has been collected no later than 20 business days after the end of each month.

If exceptional circumstances prevent a reconciliation participant from obtaining the validated meter reading, the reconciliation participant is not required to comply with clause 9(1).

Audit observation

Transpower does not conduct NHH meter reading.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not conduct NHH meter reading.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

6.11. NHH meter interrogation log (Clause 10 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 10 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

The following information must be logged as the result of each interrogation of the NHH metering:

10(a) - the means to establish the identity of the individual meter reader,

10(b) - the ICP identifier of the ICP, and the meter and register identification,

10(c) - the method being used for the interrogation and the device ID of equipment being used for interrogation of the meter.

10(d) - the date and time of the meter interrogation.

Audit observation

Transpower does not conduct NHH meter reading.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not conduct NHH meter reading.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

6.12. HHR data collection (Clause 11(1) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 11(1) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

Raw meter data from all electronically interrogated metering installations must be obtained via the services access interface.

This may be carried out by a portable device or remotely.

Audit observation

A walkthrough of the HHR data collection function was performed to confirm compliance.

Audit commentary

Transpower interrogates half hour interval meters with their MV90 system. Data is collected from the services access interface.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.13. HHR interrogation data requirement (Clause 11(2) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 11(2) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

The following information is collected during each interrogation:

11(2)(a) - the unique identifier of the data storage device

11(2)(b) - the time from the data storage device at the commencement of the download unless the time is within specification and the interrogation log automatically records the time of interrogation,

11(2)(c) - the metering information, which represents the quantity of electricity conveyed at the point of connection, including the date and time stamp or index marker for each half hour period. This may be limited to the metering information accumulated since the last interrogation,

11(2)(d) - the event log, which may be limited to the events information accumulated since the last interrogation,

11(2)(e) - an interrogation log generated by the interrogation software to record details of all interrogations.

The interrogation log must be examined by the reconciliation participant responsible for collecting the data and appropriate action must be taken if problems are apparent or an automated software function flags exceptions.

Audit observation

A walkthrough of the HHR data collection function was performed to confirm compliance.

Audit commentary

The following information is collected during each interrogation of HHR metering:

- the unique identifier (device ID) of the meter or data logger,
- the connection time, disconnection time and recorder time,
- the half-hour metering information for each trading period, and
- events log.

The event information contained is more than that required by this clause. The interrogation logs are reviewed and any events requiring attention are acted upon as part of the validation process discussed in **section 9.6**.

Audit outcome

Compliant

6.14. HHR interrogation log requirements (Clause 11(3) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 11(3) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

The interrogation log forms part of the interrogation audit trail and, as a minimum, must contain the following information:

11(3)(a)- the date of interrogation

11(3)(b)- the time of commencement of interrogation

11(3)(c)- the operator identification (if available)

11(3)(d)- the unique identifier of the meter or data storage device

11(3)(e)- the clock errors outside the range specified in Table 1 of clause 2

11(3)(f)- the method of interrogation

11(3)(g)- the identifier of the reading device used for interrogation (if applicable).

Audit observation

A walkthrough of the HHR data collection function was performed to confirm compliance.

Audit commentary

An interrogation log is generated to record details of all interrogations, and appropriate action is taken where problems are apparent. The interrogation log contains the following information:

- date of interrogation,
- time of commencement of interrogation,
- operator identification (this records the machine which made the interrogation request and whether it was a manual or scheduled task),
- unique identifier of the meter or data storage device,
- clock errors outside the range specified in clause 12(4) of schedule 15.2,
- method of interrogation (there is only one method used by Transpower, but manually collected data from the field can be loaded as “imported” or “portable reader”), Itron’s MVL software is used for manual collection in emergency situations and the data is in HHF format; this data cannot be edited and is secure in accordance with clause 20 of schedule 15.2 but there are no recent examples, and
- identifier of the reading device used for interrogation (manually read files would not include which device was used to do the download but would note that the data was collected manually.)

Audit outcome

Compliant

7. STORING RAW METER DATA

7.1. Trading period duration (Clause 13 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 13 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

The trading period duration, normally 30 minutes, must be within $\pm 0.1\%$ (± 2 seconds).

Audit observation

A walkthrough of the HHR data collection function was performed to confirm compliance.

Audit commentary

The trading period duration, normally 30 minutes, is kept within $\pm 0.1\%$ (± 2 seconds). Transpower confirmed that there were no clock synchronisation errors outside allowable thresholds during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

7.2. Archiving and storage of raw meter data (Clause 18 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 18 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

A reconciliation participant who is responsible for interrogating a metering installation must archive all raw meter data and any changes to the raw meter data for at least 48 months, in accordance with clause 8(6) of Schedule 10.6.

Procedures must be in place to ensure that raw meter data cannot be accessed by unauthorised personnel.

Meter readings cannot be modified without an audit trail being created.

Audit observation

Processes to archive and store raw meter data were reviewed and included the sighting of examples of archived raw meter data from 48 months prior.

Audit commentary

All data is archived in accordance with these clauses for a period more than 48 months. This was confirmed by viewing raw meter data from a prior period during the EMS agent audit.

Audit outcome

Compliant

7.3. Non metering information collected / archived (Clause 21(5) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 21(5) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

All relevant non-metering information, such as external control equipment operation logs, used in the determination of profile data must be collected, and archived in accordance with clause 18.

Audit observation

Transpower does not collect any non-metering information used for reconciliation.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not collect any non-metering information used for reconciliation.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

8. CREATING AND MANAGING (INCLUDING VALIDATING, ESTIMATING, STORING, CORRECTING AND ARCHIVING) VOLUME INFORMATION

8.1. Correction of NHH meter readings (Clause 19(1) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 19(1) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

If a reconciliation participant detects errors while validating non-half hour meter readings, the reconciliation participant must:

19(1)(a) - confirm the original meter reading by carrying out another meter reading,

19(1)(b) - replace the original meter reading the second meter reading (even if the second meter reading is at a different date)

19(1A) if a reconciliation participant detects errors while validating non half hour meter readings, but the reconciliation participant cannot confirm the original meter reading or replace it with a meter reading from another interrogation, the reconciliation participant must:

- *substitute the original meter reading with an estimated reading that is marked as an estimate; and*
- *subsequently replace the estimated reading in accordance with clause 4(2)*

Audit observation

Transpower does not deal with any NHH data.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not deal with any NHH data.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

8.2. Correction of HHR metering information (Clause 19(2) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 19(2) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

If a reconciliation participant detects errors while validating half hour meter readings, the reconciliation participant must correct the meter readings as follows:

19(2)(a) - if the relevant metering installation has a check meter or data storage device, substitute the original meter reading with data from the check meter or data storage device; or

19(2)(b) - if the relevant metering installation does not have a check meter or data storage device, substitute the original meter reading with data from another period provided:

- (i) *The total of all substituted intervals matches the total consumption recorded on a meter, if available; and*
- (ii) *The reconciliation participant considers the pattern of consumption to be materially similar to the period in error.*

Audit observation

I checked the records for the one example where correction had occurred.

Audit commentary

Where errors are detected during validation of half-hour metering information, and check metering data is not available, then data from a period with a quantity and profile similar to that expected is used. Correction processes are robust and compliant with the Code. Corrections are appropriately marked as adjusted at trading period level. Revised data is provided in submissions.

The KIK_0037CB metering installation had a fault identified on 6 July 2022. A faulty fuse was replaced and tested, and the meter checked and recertified during a planned outage on 7 July 2022. The issue was resolved by 1.45am on 8 July 2022. Estimated replacement data for the intervals between 6 July 2022 12.00am and 8 July 2022 2.00am was calculated from the actual currents from the KIK_0037 meter combined with the voltage from the unaffected phases.

I checked the correction, including the audit trail, confirming that the process is robust and appropriate records are kept.

Audit outcome

Compliant

8.3. Error and loss compensation arrangements (Clause 19(3) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 19(3) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

A reconciliation participant may use error compensation and loss compensation as part of the process of determining accurate data. Whichever methodology is used, the reconciliation participant must document the compensation process and comply with audit trail requirements set out in the Code.

Audit observation

A walkthrough of the HHR data collection function was performed to confirm compliance.

Audit commentary

The consideration of compensation arrangements is a feature of the design process for all metering installations and their accuracy is confirmed during the initial site configuration.

Audit outcome

Compliant

8.4. Correction of HHR and NHH raw meter data (Clause 19(4) and (5) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 19(4) and (5) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

In correcting a meter reading in accordance with clause 19, the raw meter data must not be overwritten. If the raw meter data and the meter readings are the same, an automatic secure backup of the affected data must be made and archived by the processing or data correction application.

If data is corrected or altered, a journal must be generated and archived. The journal must contain the following:

19(5)(a)- the date of the correction or alteration

19(5)(b)- the time of the correction or alteration

19(5)(c)- the operator identifier for the person within the reconciliation participant who made the correction or alteration,

19(5)(d)- the half-hour metering data or the non-half hour metering data corrected or altered, and the total difference in volume of such corrected or altered data,

19(5)(e)- the technique used to arrive at the corrected data,

19(5)(f)- the reason for the correction or alteration.

Audit observation

Raw meter data is not overwritten in any situation.

Audit commentary

Raw meter data is not overwritten in any situation.

Audit outcome

Compliant

9. ESTIMATING AND VALIDATING VOLUME INFORMATION

9.1. Identification of readings (Clause 3(3) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 3(3) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

All estimated readings and permanent estimates must be clearly identified as an estimate at source and in any exchange of metering data or volume information between participants.

Audit observation

Read types are identifiable as estimated or actual readings at trading period level in MV90. I viewed examples of estimated data to confirm this.

Audit commentary

I viewed estimated replacement data for the intervals between 6 July 2022 12.00am and 8 July 2022 2.00am KIK_0037CB and confirmed that they were correctly identified as estimated replacement data. Other actual data viewed during the audit was correctly shown as actual.

Audit outcome

Compliant

9.2. Derivation of volume information (Clause 3(4) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 3(4) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

Volume information must be directly derived, in accordance with Schedule 15.2, from:

3(4)(a) - validated meter readings

3(4)(b) - estimated readings

3(4)(c) - permanent estimates.

Audit observation

A sample of submission data was reviewed in **sections 11** and **12**, to confirm that volume was based on readings as required.

HHR data is collected by EMS.

Audit commentary

Compliance is recorded in the EMS agent report. Review of submission data confirmed that it is based on readings as required by this clause.

Audit outcome

Compliant

9.3. Meter data used to derive volume information (Clause 3(5) Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 3(5) Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

All meter data that is used to derive volume information must not be rounded or truncated from the stored data from the metering installation.

Audit observation

A walkthrough of the HHR data collection function was performed to confirm compliance.

Audit commentary

Data is normally received from meters in either whole watt hours (equivalent to kWh to three decimal places) or kWh to three decimal places. Raw unrounded data is retrieved during interrogation by EMS, and is not rounded on receipt. Submissions are calculated from the raw data and rounded when submission files are created.

I viewed raw meter data in MV90 and GMMS and confirmed that data is stored to three decimal places and not rounded. Data is displayed in the MV90 front end to two decimal places.

Audit outcome

Compliant

9.4. Half hour estimates (Clause 15 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 15 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

If a reconciliation participant is unable to interrogate an electronically interrogated metering installation before the deadline for providing submission information, the submission to the reconciliation manager must be the reconciliation participant's best estimate of the quantity of electricity that was purchased or sold in each trading period during any applicable consumption period for that metering installation.

The reconciliation participant must use reasonable endeavours to ensure that estimated submission information is within the percentage specified by the Authority.

Audit observation

I checked whether there were any examples of estimation during the audit period.

Audit commentary

The KIK_0037CB had a fault identified on 6 July 2022. A faulty fuse was replaced and tested, and the meter checked and recertified during a planned outage on 7 July 2022. The issue was resolved by 1.45am on 8 July 2022. Estimated replacement data for the intervals between 6 July 2022 12.00am and 8 July 2022 2.00am was calculated from the actual currents from KIK_0037 combined with the voltage from the unaffected phases. The estimation method met the reasonable endeavours requirement.

Audit outcome

Compliant

9.5. NHH metering information data validation (Clause 16 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 16 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

Each validity check of non-half hour meter readings and estimated readings must include the following:

16(2)(a) - confirmation that the meter reading or estimated reading relates to the correct ICP, meter, and register,

16(2)(b) - checks for invalid dates and times,

16(2)(c) - confirmation that the meter reading or estimated reading lies within an acceptable range compared with the expected pattern, previous pattern, or trend,

16(2)(d) - confirmation that there is no obvious corruption of the data, including unexpected 0 values.

Audit observation

Transpower does not deal with any NHH data.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not deal with any NHH data.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

9.6. Electronic meter readings and estimated readings (Clause 17 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 17 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

Each validity check of electronically interrogated meter readings and estimate readings must be at a frequency that will allow a further interrogation of the data storage device before the data is overwritten within the data storage device and before this data can be used for any purpose under the Code.

Each validity check of a meter reading obtained by electronic interrogation, or an estimated reading must include:

17(4)(a) - checks for missing data

17(4)(b) - checks for invalid dates and times

17(4)(c) - checks of unexpected zero values

17(4)(d) - comparison with expected or previous flow patterns

17(4)(e) - comparisons of meter readings with data on any data storage device registers that are available,

17(4)(f) - a review of meter and data storage device event list. Any event that could have affected the integrity of metering data must be investigated.

Audit observation

I checked the HHR data collection functions by conducting a walk-through of the processes, and I checked the management of events by checking a sample of files.

Audit commentary

Interrogation occurs daily, so there is no risk that data will be overwritten. Most modern devices have a data storage capacity of 100 or more days, which provides an additional level of security in relation to this clause.

MV90 completes validations on data import to identify missing data, invalid read dates and times, and validate the data against setpoints for each meter. If data fails validation it will remain in MV90, and a user will be alerted to check and review the data. The meter setpoints which are recorded for each meter include:

- under kVA demand if under a set kVA considering X and I flow; this satisfies the requirement to check for unexpected zero values, and takes into consideration whether the circuit breaker is open, and zeros should be expected,
- over current for phases A, B and C if over a set combined limit, or percentage limit,
- over current unbalances if over a set percentage and AMP,
- under voltage for phases A, B and C of over $\pm 10\%$ and a set number of V, and
- over voltage unbalances of a set percentage.

If any of the acceptable limits are exceeded an exception will be recorded. Channel 13 for each meter is used to record exceptions in MV90. If the validation channel 13 records exceptions they will be identified and reviewed using the MV90 validation reports. Comparisons with expected or previous flow patterns can be viewed graphically in “trend reporting”.

There continue to be comparisons with the readings reported by meter and data storage device registers where these are available, and SCADA comparison using trend reporting for all data sets.

There is a data quality dashboard which sends an email alert to certain personnel if there is a data quality issue that needs attention.

MV90 also receives event logs from the meters, and I viewed automated emails which are sent to the metering team when meter events which could affect accuracy occur. These events are checked and action is taken as necessary to investigate and resolve the issue. Transpower advised that there were two events which could have affected meter data accuracy during the audit period, which were appropriately investigated and resolved.

- The KIK_0037CB meter reported issues with voltage inputs on 6 July 2022, which were later confirmed to be caused by a failed HV fuse not the meter itself. A technician was sent to the site that day and confirmed the issue. Arrangements were made for the fuse to be replaced and the metering installation checked and recertified during a planned outage on 7 July 2022. A correction to ensure consumption during the outage was submitted is discussed in **section 8.2**.
- The TKU_1062CB meter recorded “load profile data corrupted” and “diagnostic 1” events on 8 December 2022 which were investigated and found to be caused by the communications module causing a reset. The meter was functioning correctly, but arrangements were made to replace it and the communications module.

Audit outcome

Compliant

10. PROVISION OF METERING INFORMATION TO THE GRID OWNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPART 4 OF PART 13 (CLAUSE 15.38(1)(F))

10.1. Generators to provide HHR metering information (Clause 13.136)

Code reference

Clause 13.136

Code related audit information

The generator (and/or embedded generator) must provide to the grid owner connected to the local network in which the embedded generator is located, half hour metering information in accordance with clause 13.138 in relation to generating plant that is subject to a dispatch instruction:

- *that injects electricity directly into a local network; or*
- *if the meter configuration is such that the electricity flows into a local network without first passing through a grid injection point or grid exit point metering installation.*

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

10.2. Unoffered & intermittent generation provision of metering information (Clause 13.137)

Code reference

Clause 13.137 and 13.137A

Code related audit information

Using an approved system or by written notice, each generator must give the relevant grid owner half-hour metering information for—

(a) unoffered generation from a generating station with a point of connection to the grid;

(c) electricity supplied from a type B industrial co-generating station with a point of connection to the grid.

If the half-hour metering information is not available, the generator must give the relevant grid owner a reasonable estimate of such data using an approved system or by written notice

Using an approved system or by written notice, each intermittent generator must, in relation to an intermittent generating station with a point of connection to the grid, give the relevant grid owner half-hour metering information for the intermittent generating station.

This clause does not apply to unoffered generation. If the half-hour metering information is not available, the generator must give the relevant grid owner a reasonable estimate of such data using an approved system or by written notice.

Using an approved system or by written notice, each intermittent generator must, in relation to an intermittent generating station with a point of connection to the grid, give the relevant grid owner half-hour metering information for the intermittent generating station. This clause does not apply to unoffered generation. If the half-hour metering information is not available, the intermittent generator must give the relevant grid owner a reasonable estimate of such data.

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

10.3. Loss adjustment of HHR metering information (Clause 13.138)

Code reference

Clause 13.138

Code related audit information

Each generator must provide the information required by clauses 13.136, 13.137, and 13.137A—
(a) adjusted for losses (if any) relative to the grid injection point or, for embedded generators the grid exit point, at which it offered the electricity; and
(b) in the manner and form that the relevant grid owner stipulates; and
(c) by 1000 hours on a trading day for each trading period of the previous trading day.

To avoid doubt, each generator must provide the half-hour metering information required under this clause—

- (a) in accordance with the requirements of Part 15 for the collection of that generator’s volume information; or*
- (b) from a source and in a manner agreed between the generator and the grid owner.*

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

10.4. Notification of the provision of HHR metering information (Clause 13.140)

Code reference

Clause 13.140

Code related audit information

If the generator provides half-hourly metering information to a grid owner under clauses 13.136 to 13.138, it must also, by 1000 hours of that day, advise the relevant grid owner.

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

10.5. Grid owner to calculate adjusted load information (Clauses 13.141(A), 13.141(B) and 13.145)

Code reference

Clauses 13.141(A), 13.141(B) and 13.145

Code related audit information

A grid owner must calculate the adjusted load for each point of connection to the grid that is advised by the clearing manager under clause 13.141B(1) using the following formula:

$$AL = SG + (Xgrid - Igrid)$$

where

AL is the adjusted load information SG is the generation information provided under clauses 13.136–13.138

Xgrid is the export from the grid at the point of connection

Igrid is the injection into the grid at the point of connection

If there is no supplied generation then the adjusted load information will be the net flow at the point of connection as measured by the grid owner.

Where any of the inputs specified in subclause (1) are unavailable, the grid owner may estimate that input.

A grid owner must use reasonable endeavours to provide the clearing manager with adjusted load information for the relevant points of connection to the grid advised by the clearing manager by 1200 hours on a trading day for each trading period on the previous trading day.

If a grid owner gives the clearing manager estimated adjusted load information or is unable to provide adjusted load information under clause 13.141B, the grid owner must, by the time specified in clause 13.141B(2),

(a) give written notice to the clearing manager of any adjusted load information that is estimated or unable to be provided; and

(b) give details in the notice of the grid exit points and grid injection points to which the estimated information relates or is unable to be provided; and

(c) specify in the notice the trading periods for which the adjusted load information is estimated or unable to be provided for each relevant grid exit point and grid injection point.

Where a grid owner is unable to deliver the adjusted load information or the adjusted load information contains estimates, the grid owner will deliver or provide replacement information within 7 business days following the day the generator provided the half hour metering information to the grid owner.

Audit observation

Clause 13.141(1)(b)(iii) which required the grid owner to provide the half-hour metering information to the pricing manager required under this clause in accordance with Part 15 for the collection of that grid owner's volume information was revoked on 31 October 2022.

It was replaced by Clauses 13.141(A), 13.141(B) and 13.145 which require information to be provided to the Clearing Manager, and I walked through the process.

Audit commentary

Up to 31 October 2022 Transpower conducted the process as required by Clause 13.141(1)(b)(iii). Estimates were created seven days in advance and overwritten when actual data became available. This ensured estimates were always available in the event that actual data was not available.

From 1 November 2022 Transpower have changed their process to follow the formula required by Clause 13.141(A) and comply with the new deadlines. Estimates are created as needed, and replaced within seven business days if actual data becomes available.

Audit outcome

Compliant

11. PROVISION OF SUBMISSION INFORMATION FOR RECONCILIATION

11.1. Buying and selling notifications (Clause 15.3)

Code reference

Clause 15.3

Code related audit information

Unless an embedded generator has given a notification in respect of the point of connection under clause 15.3, a trader must give notice to the reconciliation manager if it is to commence or cease trading electricity at a point of connection using a profile with a profile code other than HHR, RPS, UML, EG1, or PV1 at least five business days before commencing or ceasing trader.

The notification must comply with any procedures or requirements specified by the reconciliation manager.

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

11.2. Calculation of ICP days (Clause 15.6)

Code reference

Clause 15.6

Code related audit information

Each retailer and direct purchaser (excluding direct consumers) must deliver a report to the reconciliation manager detailing the number of ICP days for each NSP for each submission file of submission information in respect of:

15.6(1)(a) - submission information for the immediately preceding consumption period, by 1600 hours on the 4th business day of each reconciliation period

15.6(1)(b) - revised submission information provided in accordance with clause 15.4(2), by 1600 hours on the 13th business day of each reconciliation period.

The ICP days information must be calculated using the data contained in the retailer or direct purchaser's reconciliation system when it aggregates volume information for ICPs into submission information.

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

11.3. Electricity supplied information provision to the reconciliation manager (Clause 15.7)

Code reference

Clause 15.7

Code related audit information

A retailer must deliver to the reconciliation manager its total monthly quantity of electricity supplied for each NSP, aggregated by invoice month, for which it has provided submission information to the reconciliation manager, including revised submission information for that period as non-loss adjusted values in respect of:

15.7(a) - submission information for the immediately preceding consumption period, by 1600 hours on the 4th business day of each reconciliation period

15.7(b) - revised submission information provided in accordance with clause 15.4(2), by 1600 hours on the 13th business day of each reconciliation period.

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

11.4. HHR aggregates information provision to the reconciliation manager (Clause 15.8)

Code reference

Clause 15.8

Code related audit information

Using relevant volume information, each retailer or direct purchaser (excluding direct consumers) must deliver to the reconciliation manager its total monthly quantity of electricity consumed for each half hourly metered ICP for which it has provided submission information to the reconciliation manager, including:

15.8(a) - submission information for the immediately preceding consumption period, by 1600 hours on the 4th business day of each reconciliation period

15.8(b) - revised submission information provided in accordance with clause 15.4(2), by 1600 hours on the 13th business day of each reconciliation period.

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

12. SUBMISSION COMPUTATION

12.1. Daylight saving adjustment (Clause 15.36)

Code reference

Clause 15.36

Code related audit information

The reconciliation participant must provide submission information to the reconciliation manager that is adjusted for NZDT using one of the techniques set out in clause 15.36(3) specified by the Authority.

Audit observation

Processes for daylight savings adjustment were reviewed.

Audit commentary

EMS uses the “trading period run on” technique for daylight saving adjustment as described in their agent audit report. Daylight savings settings in MV90 were reviewed during the EMS agent audit and found to be correctly set.

Audit outcome

Compliant

12.2. Creation of submission information (Clause 15.4)

Code reference

Clause 15.4

Code related audit information

By 1600 hours on the 4th business day of each reconciliation period, the reconciliation participant must deliver submission information to the reconciliation manager for all NSPs for which the reconciliation participant is recorded in the registry as having traded electricity during the consumption period immediately before that reconciliation period (in accordance with Schedule 15.3).

By 1600 hours on the 13th business day of each reconciliation period, the reconciliation participant must deliver submission information to the reconciliation manager for all points of connection for which the reconciliation participant is recorded in the registry as having traded electricity during any consumption period being reconciled in accordance with clauses 15.27 and 15.28, and in respect of which it has obtained revised submission information (in accordance with Schedule 15.3).

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

12.3. Allocation of submission information (Clause 15.5)

Code reference

Clause 15.5

Code related audit information

In preparing and submitting submission information, the reconciliation participant must allocate volume information for each ICP to the NSP indicated by the data held in the registry for the relevant consumption period at the time the reconciliation participant assembles the submission information. Volume information must be derived in accordance with Schedule 15.2.

However, if, in relation to a point of connection at which the reconciliation participant trades electricity, a notification given by an embedded generator under clause 15.13 for an embedded generating station is in force, the reconciliation participant is not required to comply with the above in relation to electricity generated by the embedded generating station.

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

12.4. Grid owner volumes information (Clause 15.9)

Code reference

Clause 15.9

Code related audit information

The participant (if a grid owner) must deliver to the reconciliation manager for each point of connection for all of its GXPs, the following:

- *submission information for the immediately preceding consumption period, by 1600 hours on the 4th business day of each reconciliation period (clause 15.9(a))*
- *revised submission information provided in accordance with clause 15.4(2), by 1600 hours on the 13th business day of each reconciliation period (clause 15.9(b)).*

Audit observation

I checked the file preparation process and systems to confirm compliance.

Audit commentary

The grid owner is required to provide submission information and revised submission information to the reconciliation manager for each point of connection for all GXPs in accordance with clause 15.9. Compliance has been demonstrated with this requirement. Revision files are seldom required and there were no recent examples to examine.

Audit outcome

Compliant

12.5. Provision of NSP submission information (Clause 15.10)

Code reference

Clause 15.10

Code related audit information

The participant (if a local or embedded network owner) must provide to the reconciliation manager for each NSP for which the participant has given a notification under clause 25(1) Schedule 11.1 (which relates to the creation, decommissioning, and transfer of NSPs) the following:

- *submission information for the immediately preceding consumption period, by 1600 hours on the 4th business day of each reconciliation period (clause 15.10(a))*
- *revised submission information provided in accordance with clause 15.4(2), by 1600 hours on the 13th business day of each reconciliation period (clause 15.10(b)).*

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

12.6. Grid connected generation (Clause 15.11)

Code reference

Clause 15.11

Code related audit information

The participant (if a grid connected generator) must deliver to the reconciliation manager for each of its points of connection, the following:

- *submission information for the immediately preceding consumption period, by 1600 hours on the 4th business day of each reconciliation period (clause 15.11(a))*
- *revised submission information provided in accordance with clause 15.4(2), by 1600 hours on the 13th business day of each reconciliation period (clause 15.11(b)).*

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

12.7. Accuracy of submission information (Clause 15.12)

Code reference

Clause 15.12

Code related audit information

If the reconciliation participant has submitted information and then subsequently obtained more accurate information, the participant must provide the most accurate information available to the reconciliation manager or participant, as the case may be, at the next available opportunity for submission (in accordance with clauses 15.20A, 15.27, and 15.28).

Audit observation

The accuracy of submission information was reviewed, including a review of corrections in **section 8.2**. Alleged breaches during the audit period were reviewed to determine whether any reconciliation submissions were late.

Audit commentary

The accuracy of revisions is confirmed. I also checked a file from MV90 through to the submission file to ensure it was correct for each trading period. Review of alleged breaches confirmed there were no late submissions.

Audit outcome

Compliant

12.8. Permanence of meter readings for reconciliation (Clause 4 Schedule 15.2)

Code reference

Clause 4 Schedule 15.2

Code related audit information

Only volume information created using validated meter readings, or if such values are unavailable, permanent estimates, has permanence within the reconciliation processes (unless subsequently found to be in error).

The relevant reconciliation participant must, at the earliest opportunity, and no later than the month 14 revision cycle, replace volume information created using estimated readings with volume information created using validated meter readings.

If, despite having used reasonable endeavours for at least 12 months, a reconciliation participant has been unable to obtain a validated meter reading, the reconciliation participant must replace volume information created using an estimated reading with volume information created using a permanent estimate in place of a validated meter reading.

Audit observation

The accuracy of submission information was reviewed, including a review of corrections in **section 8.2**.

Audit commentary

Estimated replacement data for the intervals between 6 July 2022 12.00am and 8 July 2022 2.00am was calculated from the actual currents from KIK_0037 combined with the voltage from the unaffected phases. The estimation method met the reasonable endeavours requirement.

All other data during the audit period was actual.

Audit outcome

Compliant

12.9. Reconciliation participants to prepare information (Clause 2 Schedule 15.3)

Code reference

Clause 2 Schedule 15.3

Code related audit information

If a reconciliation participant prepares submission information for each NSP for the relevant consumption periods in accordance with the Code, such submission information for each ICP must comprise the following:

- *half hour volume information for the total metered quantity of electricity for each ICP notified in accordance with clause 11.7(2) for which there is a category 3 or higher metering installation (clause 2(1)(a)) for each ICP about which information is provided under clause 11.7(2) for which there is a category 1 or category 2 metering installation (clause 2(1)(b)):*
 - a) *any half hour volume information for the ICP; or*
 - b) *any non-half hour volumes information calculated under clauses 4 to 6 (as applicable).*
 - c) *unmetered load quantities for each ICP that has unmetered load associated with it derived from the quantity recorded in the registry against the relevant ICP and the number of days in the period, the distributed unmetered load database, or other sources of relevant information (clause 2(1)(c))*
- *to create non half hour submission information a reconciliation participant must only use information that is dependent on a control device if (clause 2(2)):*
 - a) *the certification of the control device is recorded in the registry; or*
 - b) *the metering installation in which the control device is location has interim certification.*
- *to create submission information for a point of connection the reconciliation participant must apply to the raw meter data (clause 2(3)):*
 - a) *for each ICP, the compensation factor that is recorded in the registry (clause 2(3)(a))*
 - b) *for each NSP the compensation factor that is recorded in the metering installations most recent certification report (clause 2(3)(b)).*

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

12.10. Historical estimates and forward estimates (Clause 3 Schedule 15.3)

Code reference

Clause 3 Schedule 15.3

Code related audit information

For each ICP that has a non-half hour metering installation, volume information derived from validated meter readings, estimated readings, or permanent estimates must be allocated to consumption periods using the techniques described in clauses 4 to 7 to create historical estimates and forward estimates.

Each estimate that is a forward estimate or a historical estimate must clearly be identified as such (clause 3(2)).

If validated meter readings are not available for the purpose of clauses 4 and 5, permanent estimates may be used in place of validated meter readings (clause 3(3)).

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

12.11. Historical estimate process (Clauses 4 and 5 Schedule 15.3)

Code reference

Clauses 4 and 5 Schedule 15.3

Code related audit information

The methodology outlined in clause 4 of Schedule 15.3 must be used when preparing historical estimates of volume information for each ICP when the relevant seasonal adjustment shape is available, and the reconciliation participant is not using an approved profile in accordance with clause 4A.

If the Authority has approved a profile for the purpose of apportioning volume information (in kWh) to part or full consumption periods, a reconciliation participant may use the profile despite the relevant seasonal adjustment shape being available; and if it uses the profile, must otherwise prepare the historical estimate in accordance with the methodology in clause 4.

*If a seasonal adjustment shape is not available, and the **reconciliation participant** is not using an approved **profile** under clause 4A, the methodology for preparing an historical estimate of volume information for each ICP must be the same as in clause 4, except that the relevant quantities kWh_{p_x} must be prorated as determined by the reconciliation participant using its own methodology or on a flat shape basis using the relevant number of days that are within the consumption period and within the period covered by kWh_{p_x}.*

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

12.12. Forward estimate process (Clause 6 Schedule 15.3)

Code reference

Clause 6 Schedule 15.3

Code related audit information

Forward estimates may be used only in respect of any period for which an historical estimate cannot be calculated.

The methodology used for calculating a forward estimate may be determined by the reconciliation participant, only if it ensures that the accuracy is within the percentage of error specified by the Authority.

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

12.13. Compulsory meter reading after profile change (Clause 7 Schedule 15.3)

Code reference

Clause 7 Schedule 15.3

Code related audit information

If the reconciliation participant changes the profile associated with a meter, it must, when determining the volume information for that meter and its respective ICP, use a validated meter reading or permanent estimate on the day on which the profile change is to take effect.

The reconciliation participant must use the volume information from that validated meter reading or permanent estimate in calculating the relevant historical estimates of each profile for that meter.

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

13. SUBMISSION FORMAT AND TIMING

13.1. Provision of submission information to the RM (Clause 8 Schedule 15.3)

Code reference

Clause 8 Schedule 15.3

Code related audit information

For each category 3 of higher metering installation, a reconciliation participant must provide half hour submission information to the reconciliation manager.

For each category 1 or category 2 metering installation, a reconciliation participant must provide to the reconciliation manager:

- *Half hour submission information; or*
- *Non half hour submission information; or*
- *A combination of half hour submission information and non-half hour submission information*

However, a reconciliation participant may instead use a profile if:

- *The reconciliation participant is using a profile approved in accordance with clause Schedule 15.5; and*
- *The approved profile allows the reconciliation participant to provide half hour submission information from a non-half hour metering installation; and*
- *The reconciliation participant provides submission information that complies with the requirements set out in the approved profile.*

Half hour submission information provided to the reconciliation manager must be aggregated to the following levels:

- *NSP code*
- *reconciliation type*
- *profile*
- *loss category code*
- *flow direction*
- *dedicated NSP*
- *trading period*

The non-half hour submission information that a reconciliation participant submits must be aggregated to the following levels:

- *NSP code*
- *reconciliation type*
- *profile*
- *loss category code*
- *flow direction*
- *dedicated NSP*
- *consumption period or day*

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

13.2. Reporting resolution (Clause 9 Schedule 15.3)

Code reference

Clause 9 Schedule 15.3

Code related audit information

When reporting submission information, the number of decimal places must be rounded to not more than two decimal places.

If the unrounded digit to the right of the second decimal place is greater than or equal to five, the second digit is rounded up, and

If the digit to the right of the second decimal place is less than five, the second digit is unchanged.

Audit observation

I checked the content of submission files to confirm rounding practices are correct.

Audit commentary

Submission information is appropriately rounded to two decimal places.

Audit outcome

Compliant

13.3. Historical estimate reporting to RM (Clause 10 Schedule 15.3)

Code reference

Clause 10 Schedule 15.3

Code related audit information

By 1600 hours on the 13th business day of each reconciliation period the reconciliation participant must report to the reconciliation manager the proportion of historical estimates per NSP contained within its non-half hour submission information.

The proportion of submission information per NSP that is comprised of historical estimates must (unless exceptional circumstances exist) be:

- *at least 80% for revised data provided at the month 3 revision (clause 10(3)(a))*
- *at least 90% for revised data provided at the month 7 revision (clause 10(3)(b))*
- *100% for revised data provided at the month 14 revision (clause 10(3)(c)).*

Audit observation

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit commentary

Transpower does not have responsibilities under this clause.

Audit outcome

Not applicable

14. CHANGES TO THE GRID (CLAUSE 15.14 OF PART 15)

Code reference

Clause 15.14 of Part 15

Code related audit information

Each grid owner must give written notice to the reconciliation manager, in accordance with any procedures or other requirements reasonably specified by the reconciliation manager from time to time, of any changes that the grid owner intends to make to the grid that will affect reconciliation.

The grid owner must give the notice at least 1 month before the effective date of the intended change.

Audit observation

I reviewed the NSP table and identified five changes to NSP information and checked whether the reconciliation manager was notified on time. Transpower has a standard form for all notifications.

Audit commentary

Transpower provides notification of any changes to GIPs or GXPs which affect reconciliation by letter and by updating the RM portal at least one month prior to the change taking effect. Review of the NSP table the following changes to the grid which affect reconciliation during the audit period:

- ATU1101WPOWGN and SBK0331MPOWGN were end dated,
- HLY0331WAIKGN and MPE1101NPOWGN changes from X flow only to X and I flow, and
- ARI1101POCOGN was created.

For all of the changes the reconciliation manager was notified at least one month in advance.

Audit outcome

Compliant

15. NOTIFICATION OF POINTS OF CONNECTION SUBJECT TO OUTAGES OR ALTERNATIVE SUPPLY (CLAUSE 15.15 OF PART 15)

Code reference

Clause 15.15 of Part 15

Code related audit information

No later than 2 hours after publication of final prices for all trading periods in a consumption period,—
(a) the WITS manager must give written notice to the reconciliation manager of the following:

- (i) each point of connection to the grid that had no load or generation connected to it in the system operator's modelling system in the consumption period.
- (ii) in relation to each point of connection referred to in subparagraph (i), the trading periods in the consumption period during which the point of connection to the grid had no load or generation connected to it in the system operator's modelling.

Audit observation

Up until 31 October 2022 Transpower as a system operator was required to provide notifications of outages for points of connection, or points of connection provided from a different point of connection.

From 1 November 2022 responsibility for notification of points of connection with no load or generation connected has transferred to the WITS manager.

Transpower had a process to provide notifications of outages for points of connection as required by Clause 15.15 of Part 15 up until the code change from 1 November 2022.

Audit commentary

No points of connection have had outages during the audit period, and points of connection are never supplied from another point of connection.

No notifications have been required under Clause 15.15 of Part 15 during the audit period.

Audit outcome

Compliant

CONCLUSION

This audit found compliance with the Code. Transpower once again demonstrated strong controls in all areas audited. The next audit frequency indicator recommends that the next audit be conducted in 36 months, and I recommend that the next audit is completed in 24 months which is the maximum period allowed under the Code.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSE

Transpower have reviewed this report and did not wish to make any participant comments.