

Reference number(s)	004 – Distributor NSP Information Notifications to Reconciliation Manager
Relevant Clause(s)	<p>Clause 10.25(2) and (3) – Responsibility for ensuring there is metering installation for NSP that is not point of connection to grid</p> <p>Clause 10.30(2) – When distributor or embedded network owner may connect NSP that is not point of connection to grid</p>
Problem definition	<p>Under clause 10.25(2) of the Code, a distributor must, if it proposes the creation of a new NSP that is not a point of connection to the grid, advise the reconciliation manager of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the reconciliation participant for the NSP b) the participant identifier of the metering equipment provider for each metering installation for the NSP c) the certification expiry date of each metering installation for the NSP. <p>The distributor must advise the reconciliation manager of the information under paragraphs a) and b) no later than 20 business days after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) assuming responsibility for being the MEP for each metering installation at the NSP; or b) contracting someone to be the MEP for each metering installation at the NSP. <p>The distributor must advise the reconciliation manager of the certification expiry date of the metering installation no later than 20 business days after the date of certification of each metering installation.</p> <p>Under clause 10.25(3) of the Code, a distributor must, no later than 20 business days after a metering installation at the NSP is recertified, advise the reconciliation manager of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the reconciliation participant for the NSP: b) the participant identifier of the metering equipment provider for the metering installation: c) the certification expiry date of the metering installation. <p>In contrast to the <u>20</u> business day timeframes under clause 10.25(2) and(3), under clause 10.30(2) of the Code, a distributor must, within <u>five</u> business days of connecting an NSP, advise the reconciliation manager of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the NSP that has been connected b) the connection date c) the participant identifier of the metering equipment provider for each metering installation for the NSP d) the certification expiry date of each metering installation for the NSP.

	<p>Currently, under clauses 10.25(2) and 10.30(2), a distributor must provide the following information to the reconciliation manager in accordance with two different timeframes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the participant identifier of the metering equipment provider for the metering installation b) the certification expiry date of the metering installation. <p>This increases the likelihood of a distributor inadvertently breaching one of these clauses while in the process of complying with the other clause. It also causes confusion for auditors that are trying to assess distributors' compliance with the Code. This is increasing audit costs.</p>
Proposal	<p>The Authority proposes to amend clause 10.25(2) and (3) of the Code, to require a distributor to advise the reconciliation manager of the following information within five business days of the date on which the NSP is connected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the participant identifier of the metering equipment provider for the metering installation b) the certification expiry date of the metering installation. <p>This would make the timeframe for providing this information consistent between clause 10.25(2) and (3) and clause 10.30.</p>
Proposed Code amendment	<p>10.25 Responsibility for ensuring there is metering installation for NSP that is not point of connection to grid</p> <p>...</p> <p>(2) A distributor must, if it proposes the creation of a new NSP that is not a point of connection to the grid,—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for each metering installation for the NSP, either— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) assume responsibility for being the metering equipment provider; or (ii) contract with a person who, in that contract, assumes responsibility for being the metering equipment provider; and (b) no later than <u>within 20 business days</u> after assuming responsibility or entering into the contract under paragraph (a), advise the reconciliation manager of— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the reconciliation participant for the NSP; and (ii) the participant identifier of the metering equipment provider for the metering installation; and (c) no later than 20 <u>within 5 business days</u> after the date of certification of each metering installation, advise the reconciliation manager of— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) <u>the participant identifier of the metering equipment provider for the metering installation</u>; and

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>(ii)</u> the certification expiry date of the metering installation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">...</p>
Assessment of proposed Code amendment against section 32(1) of the Act	<p>The proposed Code amendment is consistent with the Authority's objective, and section 32(1) of the Act, because it would make it easier for distributors to understand their obligations to update metering information about NSPs.</p> <p>The proposed amendment is expected to have no effect on competition or reliability of supply.</p>
Assessment against Code amendment principles	
Principle 1: Lawfulness.	The proposed Code amendment is consistent with the Act, as discussed above in relation to the Authority's statutory objective and the requirements set out in section 32(1) of the Act.
Principle 2: Clearly Identified Efficiency Gain or Market or Regulatory Failure	The proposed Code amendment is consistent with principle 2 because it addresses an identified efficiency gain, which requires a Code amendment to resolve.
Principle 3: Quantitative Assessment	Please refer to the assessment of costs and benefits in section 3 of the consultation paper.
Regulatory statement	
Objectives of the proposed amendment	The objective of the proposal is to improve the efficient operation of the electricity industry by clarifying when distributors must advise the reconciliation manager of certain metering information for an NSP.
Evaluation of the costs and benefits of the proposed amendment	Please refer to the assessment of costs and benefits in section 3 of the consultation paper.
Evaluation of alternative means of achieving the objectives of the proposed amendment	The Authority has not identified an alternative means of achieving the objectives of the proposed Code amendment.