

Q&A's: parts A, E, H, and J proposed rule changes

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CLARIFICATION: to question no 1 – added 7 October 2009

NEW: questions no's 7 - 10 added 7 October 2009

Question no.	Rule reference	Question	Response
1.	19 of part E	<p><u>Process for resolving registry discrepancies</u></p> <p>Please advise what type of errors the market administrator is expecting to be reported? It is difficult to identify the information referred to in rule 19.2 as being under subclause 1.</p> <p><u>Further clarification sought:</u> Clarification required on what an “error” is. Is this a discrepancy between our system and the registry, or incorrect data within both systems? Is this just a report advising of the errors or requirement for correction as well?</p>	<p>This is the correction of any discrepancies with the registry within 20 business days.</p> <p><u>Clarification:</u> we mean incorrect information within the registry. Required is advice of errors, we would expect that corrections would be made.</p>
2.	20 of part E	<p><u>Information to be provided in the format specified by the Board</u></p> <p>Can you provide further info as to the likely format and transmission method that the Board is to specify – this will allow us to assess the system and process impacts?</p>	<p>There will be no immediate changes. Any changes can and will only be made after full consultation with affected parties. However, we are looking at a change to the registry to require secure FTP as a minimum requirement for communications with the registry. A consultation document will be released in the next few months for this.</p>
3.	26 of part E	<p><u>Registry notifications</u></p>	<p>The requirement would remain for pickup for the period that</p>

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		Can you please confirm if the expectation of the registry is to provide instant notifications whenever a change is received by the registry or will participant administrators be able to set when notifications are to be sent?	has been nominated, but the registry will recognise the change immediately.
4.	3.2 of schedule E1 of part E	Can you please explain the rationale behind moving the notification timeframe to 3 days before a site is scheduled to be energised? This proposed rule change requires registry updates prior to the completion of fieldwork and is likely to impact data accuracy.	This is as a result of a rule change proposal from a participant. Some participants do already achieve this; however please feel free to suggest another option and include discussion around this.
5.	1.2A.2 of schedule E2 of part E	Please clarify the wording – how many traders are involved here, if more than one, then which one is to ignore event dates? Can you please explain what this rule is trying to say?	It is relevant to "that" trader only. Perhaps use of the word "that" would be clearer, each losing trader must report its own stats. The reason for two months was potential difficulties in obtaining a meter read where customers switch rapidly between retailers.
6.	Part A, ICP day definition	Is there a typing error in the proposed change to the wording definition of ICP Day in part A? It refers to installation type of C or B. Currently there is L, B and G but not a C. Is there another change proposed or is this just a typing error?	There is an error in the drafting of the definition of ICP day. It should read L or B, <u>not</u> C. We will make a note of this and ensure it is corrected in the definition.
7.	17 of part E	An installation associated with an ICP (including an ICP representing shared unmetered load) must only be electrically connected for the first time after a trader has accepted responsibility for the ICP.	This is definitional. We mean when electricity is able to flow.

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		Clarification required on what “electrically connected” means. As a site can be electrically connected and not livened does this mean when electricity is able to flow, or when electricity it is capable?	
8.	2.2 of schedule E1	<p>The distributor must provide information specified in subclause 1 to the registry as soon as practicable after the ICP identifier for the ICP to which the information relates is created, and before electricity is traded at the ICP.</p> <p>Clarification required as to when “electricity is traded”. This could be interpreted differently by different parties. Is it to be taken in context with the definition of trade, in this case is it the reconciliation, invoice date for purchase or when we bill the customer?</p>	This means before electricity is conveyed through the point of connection.
9.	1 of schedule E1 and rule 15 of part E	Clarification on what is deemed an “unconditional agreement”.	Unconditional agreement means that there are no remaining conditions that agreement may be subject to (and agreement could be withdrawn) to be met to allow the agreement to become binding. Eg credit check.
10.	1.4.3 of schedule E2	Clarification required on what is meant by “with all necessary amendments”.	This means any subsequent amendments to the rule referenced. In this case it references rule 12 of part J.