

CUSTOMER OWN READ (ACTUAL) METHODOLOGY

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1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Clause 3.1.1(g) of the Retail Market Procedures (NSW AND ACT) (RMP NSW AND ACT) states that AEMO must ensure that at all times there is a *Customer-own read (Actual) methodology* which specifies the criteria to be met for a *Customer-own read* to be a *Customer-own read (Actual)* and the requirements for a *Network Operator* to arrange to receive a *Customer-own read (Actual)* from a *Customer* for the purpose of clause 3.1.1(f) of the RMP NSW AND ACT.

The *Customer-own read (Actual) methodology* is an *industry approved methodology* that applies to all *network sections* except the Wagga Wagga and Tamworth *network sections*.

An *industry approved methodology* can only be amended by AEMO after consultation with Gas Retail Consultative Forum (GRCF).

This *Customer-own read (Actual) methodology* contains:

- (i) the criteria that a *Customer-own read* must meet to be a *Customer-own read (Actual)*, and
- (ii) the arrangements for a *Network Operator* to receive a *Customer-own read (Actual)* from a *Customer* for the purpose of clause 3.1.1(f) of the RMP NSW AND ACT.

2. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Reference	Title	Location
Ref #1	Retail Market Procedures (RMP) NSW AND ACT	Published on AEMO website

3. CHANGE PROCESS TO AMEND THE CUSTOMER-OWN READ (ACTUAL) METHODOLOGY.

AEMO is responsible for maintaining this *Customer-own read (Actual) methodology*.

At least 20 *business days* prior to making any amendment this to *Customer-own read (Actual) methodology*, AEMO must inform the Gas Retail Consultative Forum (GRCF) of the change.

This *Customer-own read (Actual) methodology* shall apply effective from the date of its publication on AEMO's website.

4. INTERPRETATION.

An italicised term in this *Customer-own read (Actual) methodology* shall have the same meaning as set out for that term in the RMP (NSW and ACT) as applying at the relevant time.

5. ARRANGEMENT TO RECEIVE A CUSTOMER-OWN READ (ACTUAL).

For the purpose of clause 3.1.1(f) of the RMP (NSW and ACT):

- (a) A *Network Operator* enters into an arrangement with a *Customer* to receive a *Customer-own read (Actual)* if a *Customer* informs the *Network Operator* of an intention to submit a *Customer-own read (Actual)* to the *Network Operator*; and

Note: Informing the *Network Operator* can occur by the *Customer* registering to submit *Customer-own read (Actual)* to the *Network Operator* with a mobile application.

- (b) A *Network Operator's* arrangement with a *Customer* to receive a *Customer-own Read (Actual)* from that *Customer* ends if the *Customer*:
 - (i) informs the *Network Operator* they no longer intend to submit a *Customer-own read (Actual)*;

- (ii) fails to provide a *Customer-own read (Actual)* to the *Network Operator* for two consecutive *scheduled read dates*;
- (iii) provides a *Customer-own read (Actual)* which is not a *validated meter reading* for two consecutive *scheduled read dates*; or
- (iv) fails to provide a *Customer-own read (Actual)* to the *Network Operator* for a *scheduled read date* and provides a *Customer-own read (Actual)* which is not a *validated meter reading* for the next *scheduled read date* or vice versa.

Note: If a *Network Operator's* arrangement with a *Customer* to receive a *Customer-own read (Actual)* ends, the *Network Operator* must use its reasonable endeavours to read the *Customer's meter* in accordance with clause 3.1.1(d) of the RMP NSW AND ACT for the next *scheduled read date* immediately after the arrangement ends.

6. CRITERIA.

The *Network Operator* must apply the following criteria when determining whether a *Customer-own read* is a *Customer-own read (Actual)*:

- (a) the *Customer* has electronically submitted, directly to the *Network Operator*, details of the *meter number*, the *read* undertaken by the *Customer* for the *non-daily metered delivery point* to which the *meter* relates and a current photograph of the *meter* showing the *meter index* and *meter number*; and
- (b) submission of the information specified in paragraph (a) occurs during the applicable *read* window, being no earlier than 4 *business days* before the *scheduled read date*, and no later than 2 *business days* after the *scheduled read date*.

7. VALIDATION.

- (a) A *validated meter reading* for a *Customer-own read (Actual)* (as determined by application of the requirements in clause 6) is:
 - (i) a *Customer-own read (Actual)* that has been validated by the *Network Operator* in accordance with the *approved validation methodology*; or
 - (ii) where the *approved validation methodology* has not been satisfied, if the *Customer-own read (Actual)* is validated by the *Network Operator* in accordance with paragraph (b).
- (b) If a *Customer own read (Actual)* does not satisfy the *approved validation methodology*, the *Network Operator* may validate the *read* undertaken by the *Customer* taking into account:
 - (i) the *meter reading* history;
 - (ii) whether the photographs submitted by the *Customer* as supporting information are of sufficient quality that the applicable *meter number* and *meter index* are clearly legible; and
 - (iii) whether the *read* by the *Customer* and the current photograph (of the *meter index* and *meter number*) are consistent.