

NTESMO Communications Guideline V1.4 Final Report

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Executive Summary

The publication of this Final Report and Determination (Final Report) concludes the Northern Territory National Electricity Rules (NT NER) consultation process conducted by NTESMO on proposed changes to the NTESMO Communications Guideline.

The Draft Report was published on 29 November 2024 detailing the proposed changes. NTESMO received 2 submissions from participants.

NTESMO has developed section 9 of the Communications Guideline to include interim market procedures to apply in the NTEM.

NTESMO has additionally made the following changes to the Communications Guideline procedure document:

Due to the recent delays to the anticipated commencement date for the NT use of MSATS, NTESMO has removed the end date for the interim procedures linked to the compliance date in the NT Regulations. This provides NTESMO with greater flexibility in determining the applicable operating period for the interim procedures. The interim procedures will now be in operation up to the time NTESMO provides a market notice to all participants. That market notice will provide participants with 45 calendar day notice prior to the conclusion of the interim procedures and adoption of the use of MSATS in the NT.

1. Stakeholder Consultation Process

NTESMO is consulting on the proposed changes to the Communications Guideline in accordance with the Rules Consultation Procedures in clause 8.9 of the NT NER, as required by clause S7A.1.3 of the NT NER.

NTESMO's indicative timeline for this consultation is outlined below. Future dates may be adjusted depending on the number and complexity of issues raised in submissions.

Deliverable	Indicative date
Issues Paper published	18 October 2024
Submissions due on Issues Paper	18 November 2024
Draft Report published	29 November 2024
Submissions due on Draft Report	10 January 2025
Final Report published	24 January 2025

The publication of this Final Report marks the conclusion of the consultation process.

2. Background

2.1 NT NER requirements

NTESMO is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a Communications Guideline specified in S7A.1.3 of the NT NER.

The Communications Guideline authorised by NTESMO under Chapter 7A must be established and amended by NTESMO in accordance with the Rules consultation procedures.

2.2 Context for this consultation

NTESMO has developed the Changes to improve the functionality and efficiency of information exchange transactions between the NTEM participants. The Changes were developed by NTESMO.

In summary, the Changes are to:

- Include interim procedures into the Communications Guideline to address a market discrepancy which has caused participants to not be transacting in accordance with the Communications Guideline

The Communications Guideline authorised by NTESMO under Chapter 7A must be established and amended by NTESMO in accordance with the Rules consultation procedures.

The proposed effective date for the documents is 24 January 2025.

2.3 First stage consultation

On 18 October 2024, NTESMO issued a Notice of First Stage Consultation and published an Issues Paper and initial draft amended procedure document. This information is available on NTESMO's website.

The Issues Paper included a summary of the proposed changes.

In response, NTESMO received 3 submissions.

NTESMO has published copies of all written submissions (excluding any confidential information) on NTESMO's website.

2.4 Second stage consultation

On 29 November 2024, NTESMO issued a Second Stage Consultation and published a draft determination procedure document. This information is available on NTESMO's website.

In response, NTESMO received 2 submissions.

NTESMO has published copies of all written submissions (excluding any confidential information) on NTESMO's website.

3. Summary of Material Issues

There were no material issues raised through the consultation process on the Draft Report.

Appendix A: Summary of Submissions and NTESMO's Responses

Number	Question	Consulted Person	Participant Comments	NTESMO Response
1	Do participants support the 30 calendar days' notice to end the interim procedures before the expiry?	Jacana Energy	Jacana Energy would like to extend the notice period to 45 business days to allow more time for operational readiness, thus supporting the reduction in operational risks associated with implementing the new communication procedures.	NTESMO notes the response from Jacana Energy and has supported their comment. NTESMO has updated the Communications Guideline document to reflect 45 calendar days
1	Do you support the inclusion of the interim procedures into the Communications Guideline?	Power and Water	Power and Water supports the 30 day notice period as being sufficient.	NTESMO notes the response from Power and Water
2	Do you have any other suggestions, comments or questions regarding this consultation?	Jacana Energy	No further feedback	NTESMO notes the response from Jacana Energy.
2	Do you have any other suggestions, comments or questions regarding this consultation?	Power and Water	Power and Water has no further questions or comments.	NTESMO notes the response from Rimfire Energy.

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