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Under section 78 of the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014*, the technical regulator's function is to monitor compliance with technical codes by regulated utilities. Including the performance of their services and functions and their compliance with licence conditions. Reports are on a financial year basis and must be submitted to the the Technical Regulator within three months of the end of that year (i.e. by 1 October). The reported information forms the basis for the Technical Regulator's annual compliance report for licensed utility service providers.



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Section 1: Gas Network Boundary Code

1.0 Network boundary compliance

Reporting requirement	Response
1	Has the gas utility been in compliance with the “ <i>Gas Network Boundary Code – May 2013 ACT</i> ” within this reporting period? Yes
If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	



Section 2: Gas General Metering Code

2.0 Required operational documents

Reporting requirement		Response				
		Did the utility have compliant ¹ documents or procedures? (Yes/No* ²)	Document Reference Name, Number or Description	No. of non-conformance reports raised against these documents or procedures during the report year?	Were independent audits conducted on these documents or procedures during the report year? (Yes/No)	If "Yes", did the audits raise any negative conclusions or non-conformances? (Yes* ³ /No)
1	Metering Equipment test records*4	Yes	Testing and sealing of meters are carried out by a government	0	Yes	No
2	Metering Equipment installation procedures for:					
	1. Utility personnel	Yes	Jeremia Field Guidelines; standard installation drawings	0	Yes	No
	2. Licensed gasfitters	Yes	As above	0	Yes	No
3	Metering Equipment maintenance plan for:					
	1. Domestic premises	Yes	TPC PROC. 4.99.7 "Metering Equipment Maintenance and	0	Yes	No
	2. Commercial premises	Yes	As above	0	Yes	No
	a) Low pressure	Yes	As above	0	Yes	No
	b) Medium pressure	Yes	As above	0	Yes	No
	3. Industrial premises	Yes	As above	0	Yes	No
4	Metering data	Yes		0	Yes	No

1 "compliant" here means that on the last day of the report year the document or procedure was up-to-date, fully compliant with the Utilities Act 2000 and Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014 requirements (if any) and, where applicable also approved.

- 2 If "No", attach explanatory statement indicating when this item was last up-dated and detailing remedial action including actual or proposed resourcing and completion date.

- 3 If "Yes", attach explanatory statement analysing the predominant causes (examining, in particular, the possibility of any systemic weaknesses) and outlining preventive measures and actual or target implementation dates.

- 4 Specify meter type, testing authority, testing regime and applicable standards used.

2.1 Metering equipment

Reporting requirement		Response		
		Comments	Domestic Meters	Business Meters
5	Total number of Metering Equipment tests initiated by customer requests to a supplier	Nil	11	0
6	Number of above tests which confirmed the accuracy of the metering equipment	Nil	9	0
7	Total number of Metering Equipment tests initiated by the utility	Nil	170	20
8	Number of meters that failed to meet the prescribed tests accuracy levels (the test methods are prescribed in AS4944 – Gas meters – In service compliance testing)	Nil	3,597	0
9	Total number of gas meters in service	Nil	135,112	6,359
10	Total number of gas meters in service < 15 years of age.	Nil	84,031	51,091
11	Total number of gas meters in service > 15 years of age.	Nil	6,178	181
12	Has the utility applied to extend the in service life of meters > 15 years of age in this reporting period?	Yes	Yes	Yes
	If yes, provide program and test reports.			

13	Did the utility have a documented process for identifying aged meters and replacement program for those meter for this reporting period?	Yes	Yes	Yes
If yes, provide procedure and program report.				
14	Supply the total number of gas meters exchanged under this program during this reporting period.		5,759	2,015
				Response
15	Has the gas utility been in compliance with the “ <i>Gas General Metering Code – 2000 ACT</i> ” within this reporting period?	Yes		
If "No", provide an explanatory statement.		N/A		

Section 3: Gas Safety and Operating Plan Code (SaOP)

3.0 Required operational documents

Reporting requirement		Response				
		Did the utility have compliant* ¹ documents or procedures? (Yes/No* ²)	Document Reference Name, Number or Description	No. of non-conformance reports raised against these documents or procedures during the report year?	Were independent audits conducted on these documents or procedures during the report year? (Yes/No)	If "Yes", did the audits raise any negative conclusions or non-conformances? (Yes* ³ /No)
1	Procedures for accurately recording all asset locations.	Yes	ACT Gas Mapping Standard ACT-GAS-ST-001	0	Yes	No
2	Procedures for updating and accessing network maps.	Yes	As above	0	Yes	No
3	Network integrity and future network supply capacity planning.	Yes	TPG.DES.020	0	Yes	No
4	Network engineering records.	Yes	Records Management Plan PRJ-00150-01	0	Yes	No
5	All other procedures required under the Safety and Operating Plan in force during the year	Yes	Please refer to the Summary of the 2016 Periodical Audit report which was provided to	0	Yes	No
6	All other records required to be maintained under the Safety and Operating Plan in force during the year	Yes	As above for item 4	0	Yes	No

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Section 3: Gas Safety and Operating Plan Code (SaOP)**3.1 Compliance summary**

Reporting requirement		Response
7	Nominated place for keeping a copy of the Safety and Operating Plan:	Jemena, North Sydney; Zinfra, Hume; and ActewAGL office in Canberra. The document is available to all three parties in ECMS (Jemena's electronic document management system).
8	Has an awareness training session been conducted during the review year for external agencies (e.g. Police, Fire Brigade, other utilities, etc)? Name the agencies, contacts, training session dates and location, and who supplied the training. Provide all above with this report.	No formal awareness presentations have been conducted during 2016/17 with the example group. Attendance at the ACT Emergency Services quarterly Joint Operations Command Group meetings is on-going.
9	Was the Gas Network Safety and Operating Plan reviewed during the report year? ^{*1}	Yes
	Please provide the document revision number and date.	ACT PL 0424 Revision 17 - March 2017
10	Date for next review.	Mar-18
11	Has maintenance been carried out in accordance with the required maintenance schedule? ^{*2}	Yes
12	Total number of public safety related incidents during the report year:	0
13	Total number of public safety related incidents during the report year reported to the ESDD Director General:	0
14	Number of above public safety related incidents EXCLUDING those proven to result from the actions of third parties. ^{*3}	0

15	Number of above public safety related incidents INCLUDING those proven to result from the actions of third parties: ⁴	0
16	Did the annual audit establish any non-compliance or draw any negative conclusions concerning utility operations?	No
		Response
17	Has the gas utility been in compliance with the “ <i>Gas Safety and Operating Plan Code – 2000 ACT</i> ” within this reporting period.	Yes
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	N/A

1 If “Yes” attach review documentation.

2 If any work items were NOT carried out within the timeframe or to the extent required by the maintenance schedule, attach a statement listing those items (individually if they are valued at over \$20,000 and in summary form otherwise) and indicating for each item the expected impacts of the incomplete or delayed maintenance work.

3 For each incident state the following information (for convenience this information may be presented in tabular form):

- The type of incident – fire/ explosion/ leak/ supply disruption/serious injury - (indicate more than one where applicable)
- Number of deaths involved in the accident – specify members of public/employees/contractors of the licensees/other workers (e.g. of other utilities)
- Number of persons affected by serious injuries – specify members of public/employees/contractors of the licensees/other workers (e.g. of other utilities)
- Did the incident result in supply disruptions – if yes, specify the number of customers affected and the length of time of the disruption
- The cause of the accident
- Lessons learned and any initiatives taken to avert such future incidents.

4 Third parties means parties other than the utility or its agents or contractors.

5 If the immediate report submitted to the Chief Executive for a serious gas accident has all the relevant information requested above, then it would be adequate to either attach copy of that report or provide the location of the incident and the date of the immediate report. If the immediate report did not have all the information, then the above information must be included. Attach an analysis of predominant causes (examining, in particular, the possibility of any systemic weaknesses) and attach copies of action plans showing target implementation dates to rectify any deficiencies.



Section 3: Gas Safety and Operating Plan Code (SaOP)

3.2 Description of the gas network

Reporting requirement	Response				
	Off Take &/or Transfer Stations	Trunk Receiving Stations	Primary Receiving Stations	Secondary Regulator Stations	Water Bath Heaters or Equivalent
18 Number in Service	2	2	3	93	3
19 Location (e.g., Street, Block & Section, Suburb or Parish)	Hoskinstown TRS, Plains Rd, Hoskinstown NSW 2621 Bungendore POTS, Plains Rd, Hoskinstown NSW 2621	Fyshwick TRS, Dairy Flat Rd, Fyshwick 2609 Watson TRS, Federal Highway, Watson 2602	Phillip PRS, Athllon Drive, Phillip 2606 Gungahlin PRS, Gundaroo Drive, Gungahlin 2912		Hoskinstown TRS, Plains Rd, Hoskinstown NSW 2621 Bungendore POTS, Plains Rd, Hoskinstown NSW 2621
20 Nominated Standard Operational Pressures (Inlet & Outlet Pressures)	Hoskinstown (NSW) (I) 14,900kPa	Fyshwick (I) 12,000kPa	Watson (I) 6,895kPa	DRS (I) 1,050kPa	Hoskinstown (NSW) 14,900kPa
21 Maximum Operational Pressures recorded during reporting period (Inlet & Outlet Pressures)	Hoskinstown (NSW) (I) 14,228kPa	Fyshwick (I) 14,187kPa	Watson (I) 5,974kPa	Outlet pressure would only go above 210kPa if out of calibration.	Hoskinstown (NSW) 14,228kPa
22 Minimum Operational Pressures recorded during reporting period (Inlet & Outlet Pressures)	Hoskinstown (NSW) (I) 10,434kPa	Fyshwick (I) 4,311kPa	Watson (I) 2,930kPa	not recorded outlet as at 210kPa. Would only vary from this pressure if	Hoskinstown (NSW) 10,434kPa
23 Number planned for construction (2017-2018)	0	0	0	2	0
24 Total network mains (km's) in service	See Attachment A	See Attachment A	See Attachment A	See Attachment A	See Attachment A
25 Total network mains (km's) added this reporting period	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above
26 Total No. of Operating valves in network (by Pressure).	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above
27 Total number of Cathodic Protection Points	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above
28 Total number of Cathodic Protection Test Points	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above
29 Planned facility upgrade works for next reporting period	0	0	0	0	0
30 Planned network extension/s (in km's, by mains class) for next reporting period	See Attachment A	See Attachment A	See Attachment A	See Attachment A	See Attachment A

		Response
31	Has the gas utility been in compliance with the "Licence to provide gas distribution and connection services under the Utilities Act 2000 (ACT) – Schedule 1: Section 5. NOTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC EVENTS" for this reporting period.	Yes
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	N/A

Section 3: Gas Safety and Operating Plan Code (SaOP)**3.3 Safety management system**

Reporting requirement		Response	
		No. of personnel, contractors/subcontractors authorised to work on gas network	No. of personnel, contractors/subcontractors who completed required training ¹
32	Gas Safety Training (new employee & refresher)	51	51
33	Number of Construction work audits conducted during reporting period.		1,015
34	Number of Construction work audits conducted during reporting period found not compliant.		28
35	Number of Maintenance work audits conducted during reporting period.		143
36	Number of Maintenance work audits conducted during reporting period found not compliant. .		13
		Response	
37	Has the utility instigated actions or plans to alleviate or minimise any non-compliant activities on the gas network.		Yes

If "Yes", indicate plans or actions taken.

Gas Meter replacement programme

1 If not 100%, provide explanatory notes.

Section 3: Gas Safety and Operating Plan Code (SaOP)**3.4 Design, recording and review**

Reporting requirement		Response
38	Has the utility undertaken a Network Supply Performance Validation report for the reporting period. Give a description of activities undertaken and supply validation report.	Yes
39	Has the utility accurately recorded the location of all pipelines and connection service assets on a mapping data base ?	Yes
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	N/A
40	Was the accurately recorded asset information available to external parties (EG: Dial Before You Dig) on request ?	Yes
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	N/A
41	Has the utility undertaken a Long Term Capacity report for the reporting period. Give a description of activities undertaken and supply validation report.	Yes

Section 3: Gas Safety and Operating Plan Code (SaOP)

3.5 Operation and monitoring

Reporting requirement		Response
42	Has the utility undertaken network surveillance activities during the current reporting period?	Yes
	If yes, were any incidents recorded (provide detail/s).	No
43	Have Network Surveillance improvement and/or risk reduction measures been implemented during this reporting period?	No
	If yes, provide details.	N/A
44	Have any new safety measures been introduced to reduce the risk to the network and/or personnel during this reporting period?	Yes
	If yes, provide details.	Personalised GPS tracking for remote surveillance of right of ways.
45	Did the utility conduct Leakage Surveys on the network during this reporting period?	Yes
	If "Yes", provide report identifying number, leak severity class, location of leak(main or meter set) and number of consumers - per suburb.	
46	Were any reports or investigations generated into the condition of the Secondary Steel mains gas network (1050kPa) during this reporting period?	Yes
	If "Yes" – supply name, number or reference of report/s.	Northbourne Avenue - Secondary Main Review
47	Were any reports or investigations generated into the condition of the Primary Steel mains gas network (MAOP 6895kPa) during this reporting period?	Yes
	If "Yes" – supply name, number or reference of report/s.	Canberra Primary Main and Hoskinstown to Fyshwick pipeline 5 yearly SMS report
48	Were any reports or investigations generated into the condition of the Transmission Steel mains gas network (MAOP 14900kPa) during this reporting period?	Yes
	If "Yes" – supply name, number or reference of report/s.	Canberra Primary Main weld inspection and repair.

49	How many potential testing activities for the purpose of identifying gas steel pipe coating defects were completed during the reporting period?	0
50	Were any DCVG surveys conducted on the steel gas pipeline network during the reporting period ?	No
	If "Yes" – supply name, number or reference of report/s.	N/A
51	How many pipe coating integrity excavations were conducted on the steel mains during this reporting period?	1 (Canberra Primary Main weld inspection and repair)
	Please provide reports where applicable	
52	Did the utility change any "Operation and monitoring" policies during the reporting period.	No
	Please provide policy change (pre & post), detailed risk assessment/s and the implication to assets under management.	N/A

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3.6 Maintenance and repair						
		Response				
Reporting requirement		Priority 0	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	
53	How many gas leaks were reported by the general public or third parties on the gas pipeline network ?	0	172	1231	2	
54	How many gas leaks were repaired as a result of the above.	0	172	1231	2	
55	How many gas leaks were reported on domestic gas meter sets located external of buildings ?	0	133	1083	1	
56	How many gas leaks were repaired as a result of the above.	0	133	1083	1	
57	How many gas leaks were reported on domestic gas meter sets located internal of buildings ?	0	1	6	0	
58	How many gas leaks were repaired as a result of the above.	0	1	6	0	
59	How many gas leaks were reported on Commercial / Industrial gas meter sets located internal of buildings ?	0	1	3	0	
60	How many gas leaks were repaired as a result of the above.	0	1	3	0	
61	How many gas leaks were reported on Commercial / Industrial gas meter sets located external of buildings ?	0	7	35	0	
62	How many gas leaks were repaired as a result of the above.	0	7	35	0	
63	Of the total gas leaks repaired on the gas mains network, identify the general causes of these leaks and corrective measures or plans being implemented to ensure gas network integrity and public safety.	<p>Causes include: third party damage, leakage where pipes have been joined, applicable to plastic systems</p> <p>The threats from gas leaks are managed through a number of controls including: the design of the network, installing mains below ground, Dial Before You Dig (DBYD), stakeholder management where colleagues meet with third parties to reinforce the need to use DBYD. Gas is odorised at a level which is detectable (by the sense of smell) well below the lower explosive level of a gas in air.</p> <p>The general design, construction and installation of meter sets is performed to prevent gas leaks.</p>				
64	Of the total gas leaks repaired on domestic meter sets, identify the general causes of these leaks and corrective measures or plans being implemented to ensure gas network integrity and public safety.	<p>External meter sets include a regulator which is designed to vent gas under specific conditions. Jemena does receive reports from customer of gas leaks. On investigation the leaks are typically venting of very small amounts of gas from the regulator. Due to the cost, it is more efficient to replace the regulator rather than adjust the venting mechanism within the regulator. Internal meter sets with venting regulators (there would only be a few of these) are fitted with vent pipes. This</p> <p>The general design, construction and installation of meter sets is performed to prevent gas leaks.</p>				
65	Of the total gas leaks repaired on Commercial / Industrial gas meter sets, identify the general causes of these leaks and corrective measures or plans being implemented to ensure gas network integrity and public safety.	<p>External meter sets include a regulator which is designed to vent gas under specific conditions. Jemena does receive reports from customer of gas leaks. On investigation the leaks are typically venting of very small amounts of gas from the regulator. Depending on the model of meter set it may be more efficient to replace a regulator rather than adjust the venting mechanism. Internal meter sets with venting regulators are fitted with vent pipes. Actions & additional controls include</p>				
66	Did the utility change any "Maintenance and repair" policies during the reporting period.	No				

	Please provide policy change (pre & post), detailed risk assessment/s and the implication to assets under management.	N/A
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Section 4: Gas Service and Installation Rules Code

4.0 Compliance summary

Reporting requirement		Response		
		Comments	Domestic Meter Sets	Business Meter Sets
1	Total number of gas meters sets in service	Nil	135,112	6,359
2	Total number of gas meter set installations completed this reporting period	Nil	8837	358
3	a) Total number of gas meter sets audited/inspected at installation or completion stage for this reporting period	Nil	355	358
	b) Total number of gas meter sets found to be non-compliant at installation or completion stage for this reporting period.	Nil	0	0
4	Total number of known gas meter installations currently in service that do not meet compliant standards or codes.	Nil	2	2
5	Has the utility conducted a Risk Assessment to evaluate risk controls for each of the above site/s by an independant party .	Nil	Yes	Yes
	If "Yes", provide independent party details			
6	Has the gas utility been in compliance with the "Gas Service and Installation Rules Code – 2013" within this reporting period.			Yes
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.			

Section 5: Emergency Planning Code

5.0 Compliance Summary

Reporting requirement		Response
1	Did the utility have procedures for preparedness, response and recovery of emergency events during the current reporting period?	Yes
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	N/A
2	Did the utility maintain these emergency management procedures during the current reporting period?	Yes
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	N/A
3	Did the utility have an approved emergency management plan during the current reporting period?	Yes
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	N/A
4	Did the utility provide a "list of positions and contact details for key personnel" to the Technical Regulator during the reporting period ?	Yes
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	N/A

5	Did the utility provide emergency event training to employees and officers during the reporting period ?	Yes
	If "Yes", provide details of training venue, date/s and participants.	6th & 12th December 2016, EMT, North Sydney Jemena Office 99 Walker Street. D. Hughes, P. Colvin, G. Christodoulou, N. Holmes, G. Thomas, M. Jones, B. Whittaker, L. Welsh, O. Romero, E.J. Bowden, M. Dragar, M. Cvetkavska, C. Cool, D. Ryan, M. Pintabona, N. Graham, T. Martin.
6	Did the utility test and revise the emergency plan during the reporting period ?	Yes (revised) No (test)
	If "Yes", provide details of venues, date/s and participants.	Jemena Office in Vic, January 2017 T. Martin and N. Graham.
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	There were no emergency excercised conducted during 2016/17.
8	Did the utility give 20 days notice to the Technical Regulator prior to testing and review of the emergency plan during the reporting period.	No
	If "No", provide an explanatory statement.	N/A
9	Did the utility record any emergency events during the reporting period.	No
	If "Yes" – supply name, number or reference of report/s.	N/A
10	Did the utility keep compliant records as required by the code during the reporting period ?	Yes
	If "Yes" – supply location where the records are kept.	Aspire (software system)
11	Has the gas utility been in compliance with the “ <i>Emergency Planning Code – 2011</i> ” within this reporting period.	Yes

If "No", provide an explanatory statement.

N/A

Section 6: Consumer Liaison

6.0 Customer Liaison

Reporting requirement		Response	
1	Customer contact	What is AAD's customer engagement strategy (other than billing or formal notices) for consulting with each group of customers? The groups are	AAD's customer engagement strategy is detailed in the Gas Branch Plan. The key objective is to "implement long term customer plan to deliver improved customer services". There are a few key channels where AAD engaged with customers:
		1. Residential (single unit, apartments townhouses);	As detailed above.
		2. commercial (high gas users - high rise offices, businesses, cafes, restaurants etc);	As detailed above.
		3. Industrial (high gas users – manufacturing, large complexes etc)	As detailed above.
		Please provide details of customer engagement strategy with each group.	Same strategy applies to all the groups.
2	Customer engagement issues	What are the specific issues (other than billing and formal notices) on which AAD engages with its customers?	Role of gas in ACT Net Zero Emissions, energy prices, marketing programs and various green gas initiatives in ACT
3	Customer engagement frequency	What is the frequency of customer engagement for each group of customers for specific issues?	As detailed above.

4	Customer engagement estimation	Please provide an estimation of customers who are contacted and engaged on specific issues?	As detailed above.
5	Customer engagement into business plan	Does AAD's Business Plan reflect AAD's engagement with customers to understand their priorities, needs and requirements?	Yes, detailed 2018 Gas Branch Plan
6	Customer engagement outcome	Please provide a short summary of the outcome of the customer engagement program for 2016/17	ECRC survey conducted in August identified a number of target areas for improvement
7	Customer satisfaction	How does ActewAGL assess customer satisfaction ?	Feedback currently via ECRC survey, conducted annually. AAD is also looking at implementing customer satisfaction benchmarking in 2018/19. AAD is currently in discussion with CSBA, a leading customer specialists consultant, planning the benchmarking process.