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# ActewAGL Distribution – General communication

## Basic Customer Connection online form submission

You can now submit a range of forms online on ActewAGL's website at [actewagl.com.au](http://actewagl.com.au). This includes request for service (RFS), request for service marking (RSM), solar connection request (SCR) and the supply abolishment form. On submission of the form you will receive a confirmation email with a receipt number for your records and receive a response from us within five working days. If you have any questions about the form once submitted, please contact us on 02 6293 5749 or visit us at the Greenway Depot Monday to Friday 7:30am to 5:00pm.

## Opening hours

A reminder that our Greenway Depot, located on the corner of Anketell and Oakden Streets, Greenway (ph: 02 6293 5749) is open week days 7:30am to 5:00pm to provide you with more convenient access at the start and end of the working day.

## Streetlight supply connection approval procedure

Customer connections released a revised procedure for Streetlight supply connection approvals in September 2016. This document can be found on our website under the Electricity/General section:

<http://www.actewagl.com.au/Networks/Forms-applications-publications.aspx>

## Embedded Generation Requirements

Asset Standards and Acceptance have completed a review of requirements for Embedded Generation Connections to the ActewAGL network. The updated document was published on our website in September 2016, following 30 days of being available for industry comment.

This updated document includes the requirements of the National Electricity Rules – Section 5 being updated to include embedded generator connection up to 5MW and the introduction of new technologies which integrate with embedded generation, such as battery storage.

*'Requirements for Connection of Embedded Generators up to 5MW to the ActewAGL Distribution Network'* is now available on the ActewAGL website under the 'Connecting Solar under Solar- related forms' section.

<http://www.actewagl.com.au/Networks/Networks-for-customers/Connections/Solar-connections.aspx>

For any enquiry on technical requirements for Embedded Generation please contact the Assets Standards and Acceptance team by email on [Standards.Acceptance@actewagl.com.au](mailto:Standards.Acceptance@actewagl.com.au)

## ActewAGL Distribution – Useful web links

- For ActewAGL Network Connection/Disconnection/ Network Alterations Application Forms –

<http://www.actewagl.com.au/Networks/Forms-applications-publications.aspx>

- For ActewAGL Electricity and Gas Network Prices 2016-17 and Network Charges Policy and FAQ –

<http://www.actewagl.com.au/Networks/About-our-network/Network-prices.aspx>

- For Electrical Safety Rules (The Blue Book) -

<http://www.actewagl.com.au/Networks/Networks-for-industry/Network-rules/Blue-book.aspx>

- For Electrical Safety Rules (The Blue Book) and other training -

<http://www.actewagl.com.au/Networks/Networks-for-industry/ActewAGL-training.aspx>

- For Industry Consultation -

<http://www.actewagl.com.au/Networks/Networks-for-industry/Industry-consultation.aspx>

We welcome any feedback, improvement suggestions and requests for additional information via –

<http://www.actewagl.com.au/About-us/Contact-us/Website-feedback.aspx>

# Regulatory Updates – Electricity network

## Power of Choice – Metering Contestability

During the September quarter presentations were given to the MBA, Energy Consumer Reference Council, Property Council and ACT Govt.

For any enquiries / feedback regarding the development of this regulatory change please email: [powerofchoiceproject@actewagl.com.au](mailto:powerofchoiceproject@actewagl.com.au)

Consultation with the electrical industry is planned for early 2017 to ensure key aspects are considered and to inform affected stakeholders. The new regulatory framework is planned to be defined by mid-2017. This provides ~ 6 months for affected stakeholders to be prepared by the regulatory implementation timeframe of 1 December 2017.

An overview of the changes are provided for your reference:

The Australian Energy market Commission (AEMC) has introduced the following National Electricity Rule (NER) changes –

- The National Electricity Amendment (Expanding competition in metering and related services) Rule 2015 and the National Energy Retail Amendment (Expanding competition in metering and related services) Rule 2015, these will be effective from 1 December 2017.
- The new rule changes transfer the responsibility for future meter installation and ownership from Electrical Distributors to Electrical Retailers.
- Introduction of the new Metering Coordinator (MC) entity into the National Electricity Market.
- Introduction of a contestable market (Metering Types 4, 5 and 6) for the provision of market meters, meter maintenance, meter reading and meter data services.
- From 1 December 2017 all meters installed in new installations, existing customers churning retailers and any routine meter replacement programs will be required to install a Type 4 meter (smart meter - remote communication capable).
- The Retailer will determine what type of meter is to be installed, it must meet the National Meter Minimum Standards, and will organise the meters installation through the MC. The MC will then organise the meter installation through accredited Meter Providers (MP) and then organise for a Meter Data Provider (MDP) to be responsible for the future meter readings.
- There are no proposed changes to the existing MP and MDP registration or operational requirements so all existing registered market players will be eligible to tender for accredited work to any market MC.

AAD is involved in a Joint Working Group with the ACT Chief Electrical Inspector, ACT Technical Regulator and the ACT Energy Policy Directorate. Issues being discussed include:

- Meter installer accreditation requirements within the ACT
- The provision of training courses to meet the accreditation requirements
- Meter board modifications to provide easier meter isolation. This will necessitate a change to the AAD Electrical Supply Installation Rules.

- Inspection requirements
  - The management of faulty meter call outs

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