

MARKET OPERATIONS RULES
(NSW GAS RETAIL MARKET
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1. NAME OF RULES

These Rules are the Market Operations Rules (NSW Gas Retail Market Business System Interfaces) 2001.

2. COMMENCEMENT

These Rules commence from date of gazettal.

3. POWER TO MAKE RULES

These Rules are made under section 33K(1)(d) of the *Gas Supply Act* 1996, which provides for the Minister to approve rules with respect to the establishment and operation of retail market business systems for the natural gas industry.

4. APPLICATION

These Rules apply to all natural gas authorisation holders and self-contracting users interfacing with the retail market business systems of the Gas Market Company (GMC) (as the Approved Scheme), in respect of customer transfers, data migration, and additionally, in the case of self-contracting users, compliance with the Business Rules.

5. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF RULES

5.1 General Purpose

The purpose of these Rules is to ensure authorisation holders and self-contracting users have the ability to interface with the GMC systems in the establishment and operation of the retail market business systems for the natural gas industry in NSW.

5.2 Objectives

The objectives of these Rules are to establish specific requirements for the efficient operation of the NSW retail gas market with GMC by:

- a) Requiring authorised suppliers to have the necessary internal systems capable of transferring customers out and generating customer bills;
- b) Requiring authorised reticulators to have the necessary internal systems that support the transfer of data to retailers about consumption history of customers, final meter reading and delivery point identifier discovery processes;

- c) Requiring authorisation holders and self-contracting users to have the ability to participate in the nominations and balancing process under the Gas Market Business Rules;
- d) Requiring authorisation holders and self-contracting users to provide the necessary data for the operation of the GMC retail market business systems; and
- e) Ensuring self-contracting users comply with the Business Rules.

6. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN RULES

6.1 In these Rules:

Administrator means a person who develops, administers and implements the Business Rules and retail market business systems for an Approved Scheme.

Approved Scheme means a scheme, approved by the Minister, to develop, administer and implement, appropriate Business Rules and retail market business systems in the distribution system

- i) in which an Authorised Reticulator operates, and
- ii) in which an Authorised Supplier supplies natural gas, and, where applicable,
- iii) in which a Self-Contracting User is supplied with natural gas.

Authorised Reticulator means a person described in the Dictionary of the *Gas Supply Act 1996*.

Authorised Supplier means a person described in the Dictionary of the *Gas Supply Act 1996*.

Business Rules means the rules of an entity, established under an Approved Scheme, governing the operation of retail market business systems.

Data includes migration data, nomination data and similar data.

Interface Systems means the systems to support the transfer of Data between the systems of the Authorised Reticulator, Authorised Supplier and Self-Contracting User (as the case may be) and the retail market business systems of an Approved Scheme.

Retail Market Business Systems means those IT and information communication services provided to retailers and network operators and self contracting users which are required to support full retail competition in gas.

Self-Contracting User means a person who is supplied with natural gas by means of a distribution system otherwise than by a supplier. **Note:** as defined in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of 'Ancillary Market Participant' in the Dictionary under the *Gas Supply Act 1996* (NSW).

7.0 AUTHORISED RETICULATOR SYSTEM INTERFACES WITH RETAIL MARKET BUSINESS SYSTEMS OF AN APPROVED SCHEME

- 7.1 The Authorised Reticulator must do all such things necessary to ensure it establishes, maintains and operates, interface systems that are compatible and compliant with the retail market business systems as reasonably prescribed from time to time by the Administrator of an Approved Scheme.
- 7.2 The Authorised Reticulator must supply all such Data to an Approved Scheme as is required from time to time for the operation of the retail market business systems under an Approved Scheme or as the Administrator of the Approved Scheme advises is necessary for the operation of the retail market business systems under the Approved Scheme.
- 7.3 All Data transferred from the Authorised Reticulator systems to the retail market business systems of an Approved Scheme must be in a format as prescribed by the Administrator of an Approved Scheme from time to time.

8.0 AUTHORISED SUPPLIER SYSTEM INTERFACES WITH RETAIL MARKET BUSINESS SYSTEMS OF AN APPROVED SCHEME

- 8.1 The Authorised Supplier must do all such things necessary to ensure it establishes, maintains and operates, interface systems that are compatible and compliant with the retail market business systems as reasonably prescribed from time to time by the Administrator of an Approved Scheme.
- 8.2 The Authorised Supplier must supply all such Data to an Approved Scheme as is required from time to time for the operation of the retail market business systems under an Approved Scheme or as the Administrator of the Approved Scheme advises is necessary for the operation of the retail market business systems under the Approved Scheme.
- 8.3 All Data transferred from the Authorised Supplier systems to the retail market business systems of an Approved Scheme, must be in a format as prescribed by the Administrator of an Approved Scheme from time to time.

9.0 SELF-CONTRACTING USERS TO COMPLY WITH THE BUSINESS RULES OF AN APPROVED SCHEME FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 33K(1)(d) OF THE GAS SUPPLY ACT 1996 (NSW)

- 9.1 The Self-Contracting User is required to comply, as if it were a user or an authorisation holder, with the Business Rules of an Approved Scheme issued from time to time, and any guidelines and approved plans, issued from time to time by the Director-General, regarding the Business Rules of an Approved

Scheme, for the purposes of section 33K(1)(d) of the *Gas Supply Act 1996* (NSW).

10.0 SELF-CONTRACTING USER SYSTEM INTERFACES WITH RETAIL MARKET BUSINESS SYSTEMS OF AN APPROVED SCHEME

- 10.1 The Self-Contracting User must do all such things necessary to ensure it establishes, maintains and operates, interface systems that are compatible and compliant with the retail market business systems as reasonably prescribed from time to time by the Administrator of an Approved Scheme.
- 10.2 The Self-Contracting User must supply all such Data to an Approved Scheme as is required from time to time for the operation of the retail market business systems under an Approved Scheme or as the Administrator of the Approved Scheme advises is necessary for the operation of the retail market business systems under the Approved Scheme.
- 10.3 All Data transferred from the Self-Contracting User systems to the retail market business systems of an Approved Scheme must be in a format as prescribed by the Administrator of an Approved Scheme from time to time.