

Australian Capital Territory

Utilities (Electricity Network Boundary Code) Determination 2012

Disallowable instrument DI2012–159

made under the

Utilities Act 2000, s 59 (Determined codes) and s 63 (Public access)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Utilities (Electricity Network Boundary Code) Determination 2012*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences at the same time as section 6 of the *National Energy Retail Law (ACT) Act 2012*, A2012-31.

3 Revocation of code

The Commission revokes the Electricity Network Boundary Code, which was determined on 21 December 2000, under the Utilities (Industry Codes) Determination 2000 (DI2000-368).

4 Determination of code

The Commission determines the attached Electricity Network Boundary Code.

5 Public access to documents

Copies of the Electricity Network Boundary Code are available for inspection by members of the public between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday, at the Commission's offices at Level 8, 221 London Circuit, Canberra City ACT and on the Commission's website (www.icrc.act.gov.au). Copies of these documents can be made at the Commission's offices. Electronic copies are available on request. No charge will apply.

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Electricity Network Boundary Code

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1 APPLICATION AND PURPOSE OF THIS CODE

1.1 Application

This Code applies to **Electricity Distributors**.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Code is to define the boundary between:

- (1) a **Transmission Network** and an **Electricity Network**;
- (2) the **Electricity Network** of one Person and the **Electricity Network** of another Person, where those **Electricity Networks** are connected;
- (3) an **Electricity Distributor's Electricity Network** and a Customer's Premises.

2. DICTIONARY

2.1 Dictionary Attached

The dictionary at the end of this **Electricity Network Boundary Code** is part of this Code.

3. BOUNDARIES OF ELECTRICITY NETWORK

3.1 Boundary Between Transmission Network and Electricity Network

The boundary between a **Transmission Network** and an **Electricity Network** is the **Connection Point** as defined in the **National Electricity Rules**.

3.2 Boundary Between Electricity Networks

- (1) The boundary between two **Electricity Networks** is the point agreed to by the **Electricity Distributors** whose **Electricity Networks** are connected.
- (2) **Electricity Distributors** shall not connect their **Electricity Networks** unless they have agreed on the boundary between the **Electricity Networks**.

3.3 Boundary between Electricity Network and Customers' Premises

- (1) The boundary between an **Electricity Network** and a **Customer's Premises** is at the **Customer's** side of the service fuse at:
 - (a) the point of attachment of an overhead service line to the **Customer's** building or structure: or
 - (b) the point of entry of an underground service cable to the **Customer's** building or structure; or
 - (c) if neither paragraphs (a) nor (b) apply, as otherwise agreed under clause 3.4, subject to clause 3.3(2).

(2) An **Electricity Distributor** may, taking into account industry standards, reasonably determine the boundary between its **Electricity Network** and a **Customer's Premises**.

3.4 Code Does not Prevent Parties Agreeing on Alternative Boundary Between Network and Customers' Premises

Despite any other provision in this Code, an **Electricity Distributor** and a **Customer** may:

- (1) agree upon an alternative boundary between the **Electricity Network** and the **Customer's Premises**; and/or
- (2) define assets within a **Customer's Premises** to be part of the **Electricity Network**.

DICTIONARY

- (1) “**Act**” means the Utilities Act 2000;
- (2) “**Connection Point**” has the same meaning as in the **National Electricity Rules**;
- (3) “**Customer**” has the same meaning as in the **Act**;
- (4) “**Electricity Distributor**” means a **Person** who holds a **Utility Services Licence** for the distribution of electricity;
- (5) “**Electricity Network**” has the same meaning as in the **Act**;
- (6) “**Electricity Network Boundary Code**” means the **Electricity Network Boundary Code** approved by **ICRC** as an **Industry Code** under the **Act**;
- (7) “**ICRC**” means the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission established under section 5 of the *Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission Act 1997*;
- (8) “**Industry Code**” means a code approved or determined by **ICRC** under Part 4 of the **Act**;
- (9) “**National Electricity Rules**” means the Rules approved in accordance with the **National Electricity Law**;
- (10) “**National Electricity Law**” means the **National Electricity Law** agreed to be enacted by New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and the **Territory** pursuant to an agreement made on 9 May 1996 being the schedule (as amended from time to time) to the *National Electricity Act 1996* (South Australia);
- (11) “**Person**” includes a natural person, a firm, an unincorporated association or a body corporate;
- (12) “**Premises**” has the same meaning as in the **Act**;
- (13) “**Territory**” means the **Australian Capital Territory**;
- (14) “**Transmission Network**” has the same meaning as in the **National Electricity Rules**;
- (15) “**Utility**” means a **Person** who holds a **Utility Services Licence**;
- (16) “**Utility Services Licence**” means a licence granted to a **Utility** by **ICRC** under the **Act**.