

Market Operations Rule (NSW Electricity Business to Business Procedures) No. 1 of 2017

1. NAME OF RULE

This rule is the *Market Operations Rule (NSW Electricity Business to Business Procedures) No. 1 of 2017* (Rule).

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Rule commences from 1 December 2017.

3. APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION

- (a) Under section 63C(4) of the *Electricity Supply Act 1995* (the Act), the Minister for Energy and Utilities (Minister) revokes *Market Operations Rule (NSW Electricity Business to Business Procedures) No. 1 of 2013*.
- (b) Under section 63C(1) of the Act and clause 67(b) of the *Electricity Supply (General) Regulation 2014* (the Regulation) the Minister approves this Rule, which applies to:
 - (i) all retailers (as defined in the *National Energy Retail Law (NSW)*) with respect to the sale of electricity to customers in NSW (electricity retailers); and
 - (ii) holders of a distributor's licence granted under the Act (distributors).
- (c) The terms in this Rule have the same meaning as in the Act and the Regulation unless otherwise stated.

4. PURPOSE OF RULE

- (a) The purpose of this Rule is to ensure the efficient operation of the sale and supply of electricity in NSW by ensuring electricity retailers and distributors have the necessary business processes and information technology and telecommunications systems ability to interface with each other.

5. METHOD OF COMMUNICATION

Electricity retailers and distributors must comply with:

- (a) the *NSW Business to Business (B2B) Process Specification – Network Billing* as published by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment from time to time; and
- (b) the *Delivering NSW Network Billing Transactions* as published by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment from time to time.

6. SYSTEM, PROCESS AND DATA REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Electricity retailers and distributors must establish, maintain and operate systems and processes that comply, and are otherwise consistent, with this Rule.
- (b) Electricity retailers and distributors must ensure all data transferred in accordance with this Rule is in the format required by clause 5 of this Rule.