

# National Electricity Code – Australian Capital Territory Transitional Metering Arrangements – Derogations from Chapter 7 Request for submissions

On 18 March 2005, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) received applications for authorisation (Nos A40100, A40101 and A40102) of amendments to the National Electricity Code (code). These applications were lodged by the National Electricity Code Administrator (NECA).

The application seeks to amend clauses 9.24A.1, 9.24A.2 and 9.24A.3 of the Australian Capital Territory's current metering derogations from Chapter 7 of the code. The ACT derogations make distributors exclusively responsible for metering installation types 5 (interval meters), 6 (accumulation meters) and 7 (unmetered supply) for a transitional period until 28 February 2006. The derogations also specify arrangements for payment of distributors' metering costs, which expired on 30 June 2004. The application seeks to extend the duration of the derogations until 31 December 2006. The application also seeks to amend clause 9.24A.1 to align it with the ACCC's recent final determinations in relation to similar New South Wales and Victorian metering derogations. That is, the proposed derogation amendments will ensure that retailers may elect to be responsible for the provision, installation and maintenance of remotely read type 5 meters.

To assist the ACCC's consideration of these applications, interested parties are invited to comment on the potential anti-competitive detriment and public benefit associated with the proposed amendments to the code. The ACCC also proposes to consider all submissions made to NECA that relate to the issues arising under these applications for authorisation.

All submissions will be placed on public register unless confidentiality for the submission (or any part of the submission) is requested. Submissions can be sent electronically to: [electricity.group@acc.gov.au](mailto:electricity.group@acc.gov.au). Alternatively, written submissions or submissions on disk, in Word 7.0 compatible format, can be sent to:

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A copy of the application will be available from the ACCC website (<http://www.accc.gov.au>).

The closing date for submissions is **Friday 15 April 2005**. If you require further information please contact the Electricity Group on (03) 9290 1968.