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1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Electricity—National Scheme (Queensland) Regulation 2014*.

2 Commencement

This regulation commences on 1 July 2015.

3 Definitions

In this regulation—

Ergon Energy Corporation means Ergon Energy Corporation Limited ACN 087 646 062.

National Electricity Law means the National Electricity Law set out in the schedule to the *National Electricity (South Australia) Act 1996* (SA).

National Electricity Rules or ***Rules*** has the meaning given in the National Electricity Law.

4 Nomination of Ergon Energy Corporation for National Electricity Law, s 6A

- (1) Ergon Energy Corporation is nominated as an entity to which the National Electricity Law, section 6A applies for the distribution systems operated by Ergon Energy Corporation that do not form part of the national grid.
- (2) However, the nomination of Ergon Energy Corporation does not apply to the extended Mount Isa–Cloncurry supply network.
- (3) In this section—
extended Mount Isa–Cloncurry supply network—

- (a) means the supply network as defined under the *Electricity Act 1994*, section 8—
 - (i) located in the Mount Isa–Cloncurry region; and
 - (ii) owned by Ergon Energy Corporation immediately before the commencement of this section; and
 - (iii) not connected to the national grid; and
- (b) includes any increase in the supply network after the commencement of this section.

national grid has the meaning given in the Rules.

5 Modification of application of National Electricity Rules for nominated distributor

For the National Electricity Law, section 6A(2), the National Electricity Rules, chapter 5A, applies to Ergon Energy Corporation in its capacity as a nominated distributor, subject to the modifications set out in schedule 1.

6 Regulated stand-alone power systems—National Electricity (Queensland) Law, s 6B

- (1) This section applies to a stand-alone power system that—
 - (a) consists of a distribution system owned, controlled or operated, or proposed to be owned, controlled or operated, by a regulated distribution system operator; and
 - (b) is, or will be, located within 1 of the following areas—
 - (i) the distribution area described in distribution authority no. D01/99, schedule 1;
Note—
The holder of distribution authority no. D01/99 is Ergon Energy Corporation.
 - (ii) the distribution area described in distribution authority no. D07/98, schedule 1;

Note—

The holder of distribution authority no. D07/98 is Energex Limited ACN 078 849 055.

- (iii) an area described in the schedule to special approval no. SA01/11.

Note—

The holder of special approval no. SA01/11 is Essential Energy ABN 37 428 185 226.

- (2) For the National Electricity (Queensland) Law, section 6B, the stand-alone power system forms part of the national electricity system.
- (3) For the National Electricity (Queensland) Law, section 6B(3), the National Electricity Rules apply with respect to the stand-alone power system subject to the modifications set out in schedule 2.

Schedule 1 **Modification of application of National Electricity Rules for nominated distributor**

section 5

1 **Rule 5A.A.1**

- (1) The following rules do not apply—
- (a) rule 5A.A.1, definition *basic connection service*, paragraph (c);
 - (b) rule 5A.A.1, definition *connection charge guidelines*;
 - (c) rule 5A.A.1, definition *connection charge principles*;
 - (d) rule 5A.A.1, definition *connection policy*.

- (2) Rule 5A.A.1, definition *model standing offer*—

omit, insert—

model standing offer means a document setting out the terms and conditions to provide basic connection services (see rule 5A.B.3) or standard connection services (see rule 5A.B.4).

- (3) Rule 5A.A.1, definition *standard connection service*—

omit, insert—

standard connection service means a connection service (other than a basic connection service) for a particular class (or sub-class) of connection applicant.

2 **Rule 5A.B.1**

- (1) Rule 5A.B.1(a)—

omit, insert—

- (a) Subject to paragraph (b), a distribution network service provider may develop

a model standing offer to provide basic connection services to retail customers.

(2) Rule 5A.B.1—

insert—

(d) In deciding whether to develop a model standing offer for a particular class (or sub-class) of retail customers, the distribution network service provider must consider the extent to which the terms and conditions of the model standing offer will satisfy—

(1) for basic connection services for retail customers who are not embedded generators—the requirements of a significant number of the retail customers within the class (or sub-class); or

(2) for basic connection services for retail customers who are micro-embedded generators—the requirements of the retail customers within the class (or sub-class).

3 Rule 5A.B.2

(1) A reference in rule 5A.B.2 to ‘proposed model standing offer’ is taken to be a reference to ‘model standing offer’.

(2) Rule 5A.B.2(a)—

omit, insert—

(a) A model standing offer developed by a distribution network service provider or under rule 5A.B.1 to provide basic connection services to retail customers must comply with the terms and conditions mentioned in paragraph (b).

4 Particular rules not to apply

The following rules do not apply—

- (a) rule 5A.B.3;
- (b) rule 5A.B.5;
- (c) rule 5A.B.6;
- (d) rule 5A.C.3(a)(5)(iii);
- (e) rule 5A.C.3(a)(7);
- (f) rule 5A.E.1;
- (g) rule 5A.E.3;
- (h) rule 5A.F.4(d);
- (i) rule 5A.G.1;
- (j) rule 5A.G.2;
- (k) rule 5A.G.3.

5 Rule 5A.B.4

(1) Rule 5A.B.4(a) and (b)—

omit, insert—

- (a) A distribution network service provider may develop a model standing offer to provide standard connections services on specified terms and conditions.
- (b) Different sets of terms and conditions may apply for different classes of connection services or different classes of retail customer.

(2) Rule 5A.B.4(c)(5)(ii)—

omit, insert—

- (ii) the cost of any necessary augmentation of the distribution system for which provision has

not already been made through a tariff applicable to the connection;

Schedule 2 Modification of application of National Electricity Rules for regulated stand-alone power systems

section 6(3)

1 New clause 5A.A.6

After clause 5A.A.5—

insert—

5A.A.6 New connection to or by means of regulated SAPS in particular area of Queensland

- (a) This clause applies, despite clause 5A.A.5, in relation to a regulated SAPS proposed to be located within the distribution area described in distribution authority no. D01/99, schedule 1.

Note—

The holder of distribution authority no. D01/99 is Ergon Energy Corporation.

- (b) If a retail customer applies for a connection service that is a new connection for premises, Ergon Energy Corporation may establish the new connection by—
- (1) converting a part of its network located within the distribution area mentioned in paragraph (a) to a regulated SAPS; or
 - (2) establishing a new regulated SAPS within the distribution area mentioned in paragraph (a).

2 Amendment of clause 5A.E.1 (Connection charge principles)

Clause 5A.E.1, after paragraph (e)—

insert—

- (e1) Paragraphs (e2) and (e3) apply in relation to a connection service for a retail customer to be provided by means of, or in connection with, a regulated SAPS owned, controlled or operated by a distribution network service provider.
- (e2) The distribution network service provider may require the retail customer to pay connection charges for the connection service that include a reasonable capital contribution towards either of the following—
 - (1) the cost of converting a part of the distribution network service provider's network to a regulated SAPS;
 - (2) the cost of establishing a new regulated SAPS.
- (e3) However, the distribution network service provider must calculate the reasonable capital contribution mentioned in paragraph (e2) in accordance with this clause, as if the connection service were to be provided by means of, or in connection with, a part of the distribution network service provider's network not in a regulated SAPS.

3 Amendment of clause 7.8.2 (Metering installation components)

Clause 7.8.2, after paragraph (a2)—

insert—

- (a3) Despite paragraph (a), a type 4A metering installation may be installed for a

connection point for a market generating unit or market bidirectional unit in, or connected to, a Queensland regulated SAPS.

(a4) However, a type 4A metering installation may only be installed if—

- (1) the Queensland regulated SAPS comprises of, or is connected to, either only 1 market generating unit or only 1 market bidirectional unit; and
- (2) the amount of electricity supplied at the connection point over 12 months does not exceed 100 megawatt hours; and
- (3) the financially responsible market participant for the connection point is a market SAPS resource provider.

(a5) For paragraphs (a3) and (a4), a ***Queensland regulated SAPS*** is a regulated SAPS located within either of the following areas—

- (1) the distribution area described in distribution authority no. D01/99, schedule 1;

Note—

The holder of distribution authority no. D01/99 is Ergon Energy Corporation.

- (2) the distribution area described in distribution authority no. D07/98, schedule 1.

Note—

The holder of distribution authority no. D07/98 is Energex Limited ACN 078 849 055.

(a6) If paragraphs (a3) to (a5) are inconsistent with any other requirements in the National Electricity Rules in relation to a metering installation for a connection point for a market generating unit or market bidirectional unit in, or connected to, a

Queensland regulated SAPS, paragraphs (a3) to (a5) prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.