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**Clause 6.10.1(f) National Electricity Code**

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**1. Interpretation**

- 1.1 This rule is made by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (the Tribunal) as the jurisdictional regulator under clause 6.10.1(f) of the National Electricity Code.
- 1.2 This rule is to be referred to as “Rule 2001/1 - Miscellaneous Amendment Rule”.
- 1.3 This rule applies to a Distribution Network Service Provider (“DNSP”) in New South Wales.
- 1.4 This rule will remain in force until revoked by the Tribunal. This rule may be amended or supplemented by the Tribunal from time to time.
- 1.5 Except where indicated, expressions used in this rule have the same meaning as in the National Electricity Code (approved for the purpose of National Electricity (NSW) Law) and any determination of the Tribunal under the National Electricity Code.
- 1.6 The notes do not form part of this Rule.
- 1.7 The repeal or amendment of a Rule does not affect the validity of anything lawfully done under the Rule immediately prior to its repeal or amendment.

**2. Repeal of Rule 99/4**

By way of confirmation, “Charges for monopoly services Rule 99/4” was repealed in July 2000.

[**Note:** “Charges for monopoly services Rule 99/4” was replaced by “Charges for monopoly services Rule 2000/1” in July 2000]

### **3. Repeal of Rule 99/3**

“Charges for miscellaneous network services Rule 99/3” is repealed with effect from midnight 1 February 2001.

[**Note:** “Charges for miscellaneous network services Rule 99/3” is replaced by “Charges for miscellaneous services Rule 2001/2”.]

### **4. Amendment of Rule 2001/2**

“Charges for miscellaneous services provided by distribution network service providers Rule 2001/2” is amended with effect from 17 May 2002 as follows:

4.1 By deleting the entire paragraph headed ‘Special meter reading’ on page 2 and substituting the following:

#### **“Special meter reading**

##### **When a charge may be levied**

A DNSP may levy a charge for a special meter reading in the following circumstances:

- (a) if a customer requests a special meter reading to verify the accuracy of an original meter reading undertaken by a DNSP and that special meter reading confirms the accuracy of that original reading;
- (b) if a meter is inaccessible at the time the meter is usually read, an estimated reading has been offered to the customer but the customer declines the offer and requests that an actual reading of the meter be carried out; or
- (c) if a customer requests a special meter reading in connection with the customer’s decision to change its retail supplier or to change from a standard form customer supply contract to a negotiated customer supply contract or vice versa.

##### **When a charge may not be levied**

A DNSP may not levy a charge for a special meter reading except as provided above. For the avoidance of doubt, a DNSP may not levy a charge in the following circumstances:

- (a) if a customer requests a special meter reading to verify the accuracy of an original meter reading undertaken by a DNSP and that special meter reading confirms that the original meter reading was inaccurate; or
- (b) for a meter reading undertaken by a DNSP for the purpose of issuing a final account when the customer is vacating the premises. “

4.2 By deleting the fifth paragraph under the heading “Interpretation” on page 1 and substituting the following:

“Except where indicated, expressions used in this rule have the same meaning as in the National Electricity Code (approved for the purposes of the National Electricity (NSW) Law), any determination of the Tribunal under the National Electricity Code and the Electricity Supply Act 1995, as amended from time to time.”

