

NOTICE

Approval of Proposed Mandatory Link Criteria

The Economic Regulation Authority has approved the proposed mandatory link criteria submitted by Western Power and Horizon Power under Part 6 of the *Electricity Metering Code 2005*.

Both documents are identical in content as they were prepared by Western Power which has a Service Level Agreement to act for Horizon Power as its metering data agent.

The mandatory link criteria deals with the communication links required by metering installations so as to enable meters to be read from a remote location via a telecommunication network.

This approval follows a notice published by the Authority on 29 June 2006 saying that Western Power and Horizon Power had sought approval to the proposed mandatory link criteria.

The Authority is satisfied that the proposed mandatory link criteria complies with clauses 6.5 of the Metering Code, as it:

- complies with the Metering Code;
- does not impose inappropriate barriers to entry to a market;
- is consistent with good electricity industry practice;
- is reasonable;
- is consistent with the Code objectives;
- is consistent with the market rules; and
- is consistent with other enactments, to the extent that they are relevant.

The approved mandatory link criteria and decision of the Authority are available from the Authority's website at: www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity/meteringCode.cfm.

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