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Scope and Purpose of the Corrigenda

Development of the Gas Compliance Reporting Manual

The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) first published the Gas Compliance Reporting Manual (**Manual**) on in September 2007.

The Authority published the Manual in order to provide:

- A consolidated list of the terms and conditions for gas licences to assist licensees with identifying the compliance obligations relevant to the licence(s) they have been granted;
- Categorisation of licence conditions to assist with reporting obligations;
- A self-assessment framework for licensees to facilitate compliance with licence conditions and report non-compliance to the Authority on a self-reporting basis; and
- The reports that licensees must provide to the Authority and the timing of these reports.

After publishing the Manual in September 2007, the Authority received a number of formal and informal comments from licensees indicating that there is scope to further improve the utility of the Manual, which resulted in the publication of an amended Manual in April 2008.

Gas Marketing Code of Conduct 2008

On 12 January 2009, the Authority announced that it had approved the new Gas Marketing Code of Conduct 2008 (Marketing Code) and new customer protection provisions to be contained in gas licences. The Marketing Code was gazetted on 23 January 2009.

The Authority has amended Schedule 2 of gas trading licences to replace the licence obligations related to the Gas Marketing Standard with new obligations that give effect to the Marketing Code. As a result of the amendment to the gas trading licences, section 13 of the Manual has been amended to incorporate the licence compliance obligations under the Marketing Code.

Miscellaneous Amendments to the Gas Compliance Reporting Manual

The Authority has also taken the opportunity to review and amend the Manual to remove redundant information and restructure the Manual to improve its utility. These amendments are described in more detail in the following sections of this corrigenda.

Amendments to the Manual

Section 1 – Scope

This section has been deleted. The section originally provided an introduction to the Manual in relation to the review of gas licences that was undertaken in 2007.

The text related to the Authority's review of water services licences, which was a precursor to the development of the Manual, has been removed now that the Authority has replaced water licences with the new standard form licences.

Section 2 – Introduction

Renumbered to section 1.

This section has been updated to include reference to the background to the review, and subsequent amendment, of gas licences that took place in 2007.

The reference to the National Energy Retail Performance Indicators has been updated to reflect the publication by the Steering Committee on National Regulatory Reporting Requirements (SCONRRR) of the final report in 2007.

The Authority's disclaimer in relation to the use of the Manual by licensees to determine their compliance obligations has been amended to align with the disclaimer in the Electricity Compliance Reporting Manual.

Section 3 – Additional Performance Reporting Obligations

This section has been deleted. The purpose of this section was to provide a context for the performance reporting obligations that was introduced with the new standard form gas licences. Given that the licensees commenced performance reporting against these obligations in 2008, the Authority considers that this is now redundant information.

Section 4.5 – Amending this Reporting Manual

This section has been renumbered to section 2.

Section 4.6 – Planned Amendments to this Reporting Manual

Renumbered to section 2.1. Amended to provide information about a planned amendment to the Manual when the Gas Customer Code 2008 comes into effect on 1 July 2009.

Section 4.1 – Reporting Cycle

Amended to remove the performance reporting obligations. The performance reporting obligations have been moved to a new section 3.

Section 4.6 – Lodging Immediate Notifications and Compliance Reports

This section has been renumbered to section 4.4, otherwise unchanged.

Section 13 – Licence Compliance Requirements: Gas Marketing Standard

The obligations under to the Gas Marketing Standard have been replaced with the provisions under the Gas Marketing Code of Conduct.

Section 14.1 – Performance Information Trading Licensees

Amended the definition of indicators RC7 and RC8 to insert the words “who were previously” between the words “customers” and “disconnected”.

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