



# Notice

4 September 2017

## Review of Horizon Power's Mandatory Link Criteria

Horizon Power has submitted its [updated mandatory link criteria](#) to the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) for approval.

The criteria specify any communication links required as part of a metering installation. A communications link enables a meter to be read from a remote location.

Nearly all of Horizon Power's meters are read remotely, since the installation of 47,000 advanced meters across regional and remote Western Australia.

Prior to giving its approval, the ERA must undertake a review of the mandatory link criteria. The ERA is seeking comments from interested parties regarding the criteria, including the proposed updates.

### INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

Interested parties are invited to make submissions on Horizon Power's updated mandatory link criteria by 4:00 PM (WST) Tuesday, 3 October 2017. Please mark submissions to the attention of the Regulation and Inquiries Division.

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Horizon Power will then have a further 10 business days (until 17 October 2017) to consider any submissions made by interested parties. It can then submit amended mandatory link criteria taking into account any matters raised within the submissions.

### METROLOGY PROCEDURE

The ERA is currently reviewing Horizon Power's metrology procedure, including proposed updates. The procedure provides guidance on the provision, installation and maintenance of metering installations that are connected to the Horizon Power network.

Consultation on Horizon Power's metrology procedure closed 21 August 2017. The ERA is required under the Metering Code to publish a draft findings report on the metrology procedure by 3 October 2017.

The ERA has decided to extend the time by which it is required to publish its draft report on Horizon Power's metrology procedure to coincide with the release of its draft findings on the mandatory link criteria. The ERA believes it is beneficial to consider and publish draft findings for both the mandatory link criteria and metrology procedure to keep decision making consistent.

Draft findings on the mandatory link criteria are expected to be published by mid-November 2017.

The ERA will also accept additional submissions on Horizon Power's metrology procedure that are received in response to this notice.

## **BACKGROUND**

Horizon Power's mandatory link criteria and metrology procedure were first approved in September 2006 under the *Electricity Industry (Metering) Code 2005*. This code was repealed in December 2012 and replaced with the *Electricity Industry (Metering) Code 2012 (Metering Code)*.

The ERA commenced a review of Horizon Power's metrology procedure on [24 July 2017](#).

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