

20 December 2013,

To Electricity Industry Code Participants,

Although it is not Western Power's intention to vary or amend the Build Pack, it is with reference to section 5.3(a) of the ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY COMMUNICATION RULES that Western Power is providing notice of intention to upgrade its market facing systems. The Notice will be referenced herewith as **Change Request #13**.

NOTICE

Under Change Request #13, Western Power intends to implement changes to allow retailers to nominate bi-directional services and associated tariffs that affect transactions processed between code participants and Western Power.

Western Power plans to implement system changes for bi-directional tariffs during the weekend Friday 23 May 2014 to Sunday 25 May 2014:

Change Request #13:

- SD-1 Implement Four New Bi-directional Tariff Codes (RT13-16)
- SD-2 Implement a Non-Reference Service Tariff Code ¹
- SD-3 Add the Non- Reference Service option to the Proposed Tariff List in Metering Service Centre
- SD-4 Update the Billing Schema for the Bi-Directional Tariffs and the Non-Reference Tariff

Western Power has assessed that all changes SD-1 through SD-4 listed in this document may have an impact on Code Participant systems as Western Power will publish the Bi-Directional Tariff Codes and the Non-Reference Tariff in Standing Data. The four Bi-directional Tariff Codes are BAER, BTOUS, BAEB and BTOUL. The Non-Reference Service Tariff will be denoted by a prefix of "N" added to RT1 through RT16 for NMI's on a Non-Reference Service.

For Code Participants utilising B2B transactions specifically, Western Power will publish:

1. New component codes for Bi-Directional Tariffs in the B2B specification.
2. An "N" prefix to denote a Non-Reference Tariff sent from Western Power.

There will be no change to the Network Bill Charges file format or structure only a change to the Network Billing Schedules. If a customer is on a Non-Reference Tariff this will be added to the normal billing lines for that particular tariff on which the Non-Reference Service is based.

As a result, Code Participants are invited to undertake B2B and/or Metering Service Centre (Web Portal) testing commencing with Cycle One on Monday 05 May 2014 through to Friday 09 May 2014.

¹ A Non-Reference Service is defined as an exit, entry or a bidirectional service where the applicable service standard, tariff, terms or conditions differ materially from the equivalent reference service.

Code Participants will need to indicate their intention to test by 16:00 WST Friday 07 February 2014 and work with Western Power to ensure that the necessary communications and system connectivity for testing is in place by 16:00 WST Friday 25 April 2014.

All Code Participants are encouraged to review each issue and investigate how the proposed fixes will / may impact their systems.

The following high level schedule is proposed for the Change Request #13:

Week Commencing	Responsibility	16-Dec-13	23-Dec-13	30-Dec-13	06-Jan-14	13-Jan-14	20-Jan-14	27-Jan-14	03-Feb-14	10-Feb-14	17-Feb-14	24-Feb-14	03-Mar-14	10-Mar-14	17-Mar-14	24-Mar-14	31-Mar-14	07-Apr-14	14-Apr-14	21-Apr-14	28-Apr-14	05-May-14	12-May-14	19-May-14	26-May-14	02-Jun-14	09-Jun-14
Change Request First Notice to Code Participants	WP	█																									
Review and Comments by Code Participants	CPs				█																						
Confirm intention to Test	CPs							█																			
Change Request Second Notice to Code Participants	WP												█														
Review and Comments by Code Participants	CPs													█													
Issue Code Participant UAT Plan	WP																	█									
WP Testing	WP																	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Code Participant Testing (SD-1 to SD-5)	CPs																					█	█	█	█	█	█
Testing Acceptance	CPs																								█	█	█
Implementation	WP																										█
Post Implementation Acceptance	CPs																										█

Western Power will be available to meet if requested to discuss questions that individual Code Participants may have.

Code Participants are invited to submit written comments on the proposed fixes to metering.systems.support@westernpower.com.au by no later than 16:00 WST Friday 17 January 2014.

Western Power has no intention to change the Metering Build Pack or the related B2B specifications. However the Network Tariff codes contained in the Metering Build Pack – Key List of Codes will be amended. Also the schedules attached to the Network Billing B2B specifications will be updated with the Network Tariff code components and events. These changes will be sent to all Code Participants for feedback and comment along with the sample data for each fix by 16:00 WST Friday 07 March 2014.

Please note a copy of the current Metering Build Pack Version 3 documents and the including the currently approved Electricity Industry Communication Rules, is available at the Western Power website, under “**Electricity retailers & generators**” / “**Metering**”.

The Network Billing B2B Process Specification Version 2.3a is available under “**Electricity retailers & generators**” / “**Network access billing**”.

Please note that if no response is received by the date specified above, under Clause 5.3 (c) of the ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY COMMUNICATION RULES, Western Power will consider the changes deemed to be agreed and will proceed to schedule the fixes for implementation.

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