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### Abstract:

This document seeks comment on a range of technical changes to the text of the Metering Code. The changes are needed to bring the Metering Code up to date with recent changes and to introduce a number of definitions.

### Target Audience:

Generators, large users, the System Operators and the electricity industry will be interested in this consultation.

### Related Documents:

[ESB Networks Ltd Statement of Charges - 2012](#)

[Rules for Application of DUoS Tariff Group - 2004](#)

[Metering Code Decision – 2007 \(AIP Web site\)](#)

[Metering Code Decisions – 2003 and 2007 \(CER Web site\)](#)

Responses to this consultation should be returned by email, post or fax and marked for the attention of Nigel Morris (nmorris@cer.ie) at CER.

**CER intends to publish all submissions received.** Respondents who do not wish part of their submission to be published should mark this area clearly and separately or enclose it in an Appendix, stating the rationale for not publishing this part of their comments.

## Executive Summary

This Consultation Paper sets out updates to the Metering Code to update it from the 2007 version which is currently in force. The changes:

- update references to “Single Electricity Market Trading and Settlement Code” to “Trading and Settlement Code”;
- add definitions of “Active Energy”, “Active Power”, “Apparatus”, “Connection Point” and “Plant”;
- adds a table referring to a number of relevant documents.

CER also provides a number of supporting documents for consultation. They include:

- Metering Role descriptions: which gives clarity regarding the roles and responsibilities of EirGrid and ESB Networks in regard to metering obligations;
- Note on Metering Data: sets out the how a market participant gets access to metering data.

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## 1.0 Introduction

### 1.1 *The Commission for Energy Regulation*

**Standard Introduction** – *The Commission for Energy Regulation* (‘the CER’) is the independent body responsible for overseeing the regulation of Ireland's electricity and gas sectors. The CER was initially established and granted regulatory powers over the electricity market under the *Electricity Regulation Act 1999*. The enactment of the *Gas (Interim) (Regulation) Act 2002* expanded the CER's jurisdiction to include regulation of the natural gas market, while the *Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006* granted the CER powers to regulate electrical contractors with respect to safety, to regulate to natural gas undertakings involved in the transmission, distribution, storage, supply and shipping of gas and to regulate natural gas installers with respect to safety. The *Electricity Regulation Amendment (SEM) Act 2007* outlined the CER's functions in relation to the Single Electricity Market (SEM) for the island of Ireland. This market is regulated by the CER and the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (NIAUR). The CER is working to ensure that consumers benefit from regulation and the introduction of competition in the energy sector.

### 1.2 *Purpose of this paper*

**Standard text** – The purpose of this paper is to seek the view of the public and CER's stakeholders with regard to *the Metering Code*. In order to make an informed and impartial decision on this topic, CER wishes to obtain comments from members of the public, the energy industry, customers and all interested parties. CER commits to considering all views equally and affording each respondent the opportunity to clarify any issue raised in this paper.

### 1.3 *Background Information*

The Metering Code was last updated in 2007. Since then there have been some legislative changes. In addition, the Metering Code has shown some deficiencies in definitions etc. The revised version builds on the experience of CER and the SOs in working with the 2007 version.

### 1.4 *Responding to this paper*

Responses to this paper should be sent to Nigel Morris ([nmorris@cer.ie](mailto:nmorris@cer.ie)) by 15 November 2013.

CER's policy is to publish all responses unless the respondent **clearly indicates to the contrary**.

## 2.0 Updating revision of the Metering Code

### 2.1 Introduction

The Metering Code was last updated in 2007. There have been some legislative changes since, and CER and the SOs have had some experience working with the 2007 version. The proposed revisions are based on the experiences of CER and the SOs.

### 2.2 Trading and Settlement Code

“Single Electricity Market Trading and Settlement Code” is changed throughout the document to “Trading and Settlement Code”.

### 2.3 Definitions

Definitions of “Active Energy”, “Active Power”, “Apparatus”, “Connection Point” and “Plant” have been added.

### 2.4 Additional documents

CER publishes for consultation two additional documents which will assist users of the metering system. The first is “Metering Role Descriptions” which gives clarity regarding the roles and responsibilities of EirGrid and ESB Networks in regard to metering obligations.

The second is “Note on Metering Data” which sets out the how a market participant gets access to metering data. In this context it sets out how the MRSO provides metering data to a Supplier in respect of Meter Point Reference Numbers (“MPRN”) to which that Supplier is registered.

**Proposal** – CER is proposing to adopt the attached version of the Metering Code.

## 3.0 Conclusions and Next Steps

CER will consider the responses to this consultation paper prior to making a decision on publishing the revised Metering Code.

**Responses to this consultation paper are due by 15 November 2013.**