

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

**ELECTRICITY REFORM (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT
REGULATIONS 2015**

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Electricity Reform (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2015

I, John Laurence Hardy, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Electricity Reform Act*.

Dated 23 April 2015

J. L. HARDY
Administrator

By His Honour's Command

J. W. ELFERINK
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
acting for
Treasurer

* Notified in the *Northern Territory Government Gazette* on 24 April 2015.

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Electricity Reform (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2015*.

2 Regulations amended

These Regulations amend the *Electricity Reform (Administration) Regulations*.

3 Regulation 2 amended

- (1) Regulation 2, definition ***same business or enterprise***

omit

- (2) Regulation 2

insert (in alphabetical order)

operate a wholesale market means to operate or administer a wholesale exchange for electricity in relation to a power system.

4 Regulation 3C and Part 1A inserted

After regulation 3B, in Part 1

insert

3C Meaning of ***electricity supply industry***

For the definition ***electricity supply industry*** in section 4(1) of the Act, operating a wholesale market is prescribed as a kind of operation that is part of the electricity supply industry.

Part 1A Utilities Commission

3D Additional functions of Utilities Commission

For section 6(c), the Utilities Commission has the following functions:

- (a) to oversee the exercise of system control of power systems and the operation of wholesale markets;
- (b) to monitor and enforce compliance by electricity entities:
 - (i) with Part 3 of the Act; and
 - (ii) with technical codes in force under section 38 of the Act;

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- (c) to facilitate the resolution of disputes between electricity entities relating to matters regulated under Part 3 of the Act.

5 Regulations 3E and 3F inserted

Before regulation 4, in Part 2

insert

3E Operations for which licence is required

For section 14(3)(e) of the Act, operating a wholesale market is prescribed as an operation for which a licence is required.

3F Exemption for system controller to operate wholesale market

The system controller for the Darwin-Katherine power system:

- (a) is exempt from the requirement under section 14(1) of the Act to hold a licence in relation to the operation of a wholesale market in relation to that power system; and
- (b) for the purposes of the Act is to be treated as an electricity entity that is authorised to operate a wholesale market in relation to that power system as if its system control licence were also a licence authorising it to operate a wholesale market in relation to that power system.

6 Regulation 5A inserted

After regulation 5, in Part 2

insert

5A System control technical code

- (1) For section 38(1) of the Act, a technical code prepared by the system controller for a power system may make provision for one or more of the following:
 - (a) operating protocols;
 - (b) system security and dispatch;
 - (c) disconnection;
 - (d) any other matter relevant to the reliability, safety or security of the system or the monitoring or control of the operation of the system.

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- (2) If regulation 3F applies, a code prepared by the system controller for the Darwin-Katherine power system may also make provision for the operation of a wholesale market in relation to that system.
 - (3) The Utilities Commission must not approve a code, or any amendment to a code, under section 38(1) of the Act, unless satisfied that the system controller has consulted with all electricity entities that are engaged in the operation of, contribute electricity to, or take electricity from, the power system.
 - (4) In this regulation:

disconnect includes to operate switching equipment so as to prevent the transfer of electricity through a point at which electricity is transferred to or from the power system.

7 Expiry of Regulations

These Regulations expire on the day after they commence.