

## **Proposed Amendments to the Retail Settlement Code**

Section 7.2.2 of the Code is amended by inserting the following sentence after the first sentence in the second paragraph:

All metered and unmetered service points with respect to a particular account shall be aggregated by a retailer when providing a distributor with bill amounts.

Section 7.5 of the Code is amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end of the section:

The provider of competitive electricity services to a consumer does not change solely as a result of a consumer being disconnected in accordance with this section.

Where a distributor disconnects a property in which a consumer is served by a retailer, the distributor shall notify the retailer.

Section 7.6 of the Code is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the section:

Where a distributor reconnects a property in which a consumer is served by a retailer, the distributor shall notify the retailer.

Section 8.4 of the Code is amended by deleting the third paragraph and replacing it with the following:

A distributor may charge a retailer and a retailer may charge a distributor interest on any overdue settlement payments at a rate equal to the prime rate charged by the bank of the party which is owed money plus 2 per cent per annum.

Section 10.5.1 is amended by deleting the second sentence of the first paragraph and replacing it with the following:

Despite the requested service transfer date set out in an STR, a distributor may specify in its Service Agreement with a competitive retailer a number of days prior to any next scheduled meter read where, if a distributor receives an STR requesting a change in service provider less than the number of days specified in the Service Agreement before the next scheduled meter read, the distributor is not obligated to change service provider until the scheduled meter read following the next scheduled meter read. The number of days specified in the Service Agreement shall not exceed twenty business days before the next scheduled meter read.

Section 10.5.1 of the Code is further amended by deleting the last two sentences of the third paragraph and replacing them with the following:

In the event that a special meter read is unlikely to be successful or is attempted and fails, a distributor shall, depending on which option it has chosen in its Service Agreement with a competitive retailer, process the transfer using an estimated read, use estimates provided by customers in lieu of an estimated read or negotiate a different course of action. Where a distributor chooses more than one of the options set out above in its Service Agreement, the competitive retailer may, where the circumstance described above arises, choose whichever one of the options available from the distributor that it wishes.