

AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET COMMISSION – EMBEDDED NETWORKS FINAL DETERMINATION 17 DEC 2015

POWER OF CHOICE RULES UPDATE

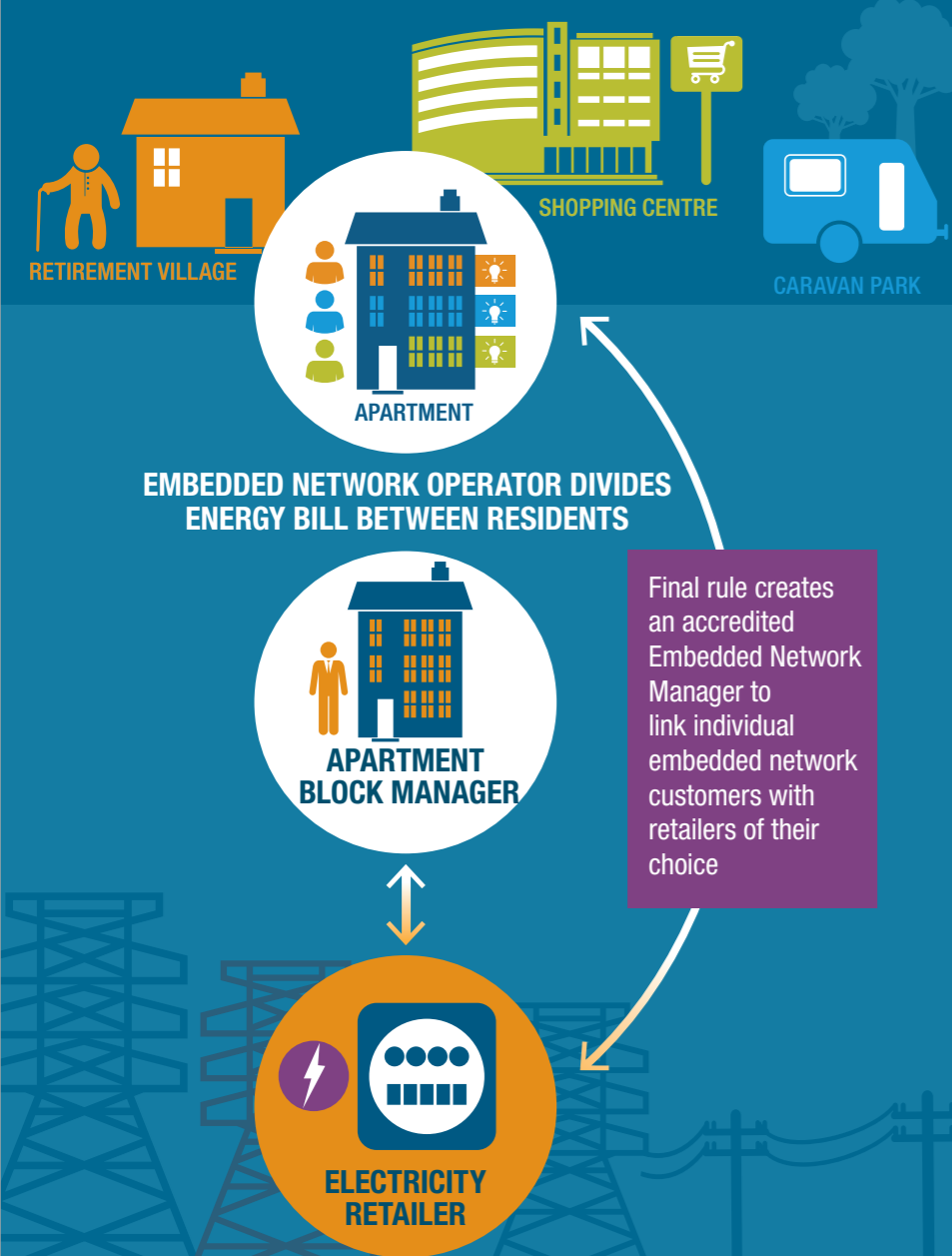
A market-wide energy reform program called Power of Choice is putting in place more efficient price signals, allowing customers to choose between a wider range of services and giving them the information they need to choose the electricity services that suit them best.

The Embedded Networks Final Determination is part of a package of rules which builds on reforms already made so customers have more choices in the way they use energy and manage their bills.

Governance agencies working together on reform program

2015	2016	2017	
AEMC	AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET OPERATOR AEMO	AUSTRALIAN ENERGY REGULATOR AER	AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET OPERATOR AEMO
Final determination published 17 DEC 2015	Amend and publish existing procedures 1 SEP 2016	Distribution network ring-fencing guideline published and exemption guidelines revised 1 DEC 2016	Embedded Network Manager service level procedures and accreditation requirements published 1 MAR 2017
Final determination published 26 NOV 2015	Amend and publish existing procedures 1 SEP 2016	Distribution network ring-fencing guideline published 1 DEC 2016	Metering Coordinator registration documentation published 1 MAR 2017
Draft determination published 17 DEC 2015 Publish final determination MAR 2016	Update meter churn procedures if required 1 SEP 2016		Anticipated commencement of Meter Replacement Processes rules 1 DEC 2017
Advice published 8 OCT 2015 Consultation paper published 17 DEC 2015			Anticipated commencement of Shared Market Protocol
New rules start			Commencement of Embedded Networks rules 1 DEC 2017
			Commencement of Competition in Metering rules 1 DEC 2017

EXAMPLES OF EMBEDDED NETWORKS



Embedded Networks

To promote competition by giving more embedded network customers a choice between services from retailers or from their embedded network operators.



Competition in Metering

To remove the networks' effective metering monopoly and allow new competitors to offer metering services – giving consumers a choice to either keep their existing working meter or take up new services that advanced meters enable.



Meter Replacement Processes ⁽¹⁾

To clarify rule requirements on when meters can be changed during the switching process so energy service providers are clear on their roles and obligations – increasing the metering framework's efficiency.



Shared Market Protocol (Updating the electricity B2B framework) ⁽¹⁾

To define the language or format of communication between parties using advanced meters. This is an important step in the reform program to establish a competitive market for new energy services.

⁽¹⁾ Implementation timeframes provided for indicative purposes only, if any rule is made