





## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. General Information about Rule Changes

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### 3. RULE PARTICIPANTS CONSULTED

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## 4. THE IMO'S ASSESSMENT AND DECISION

### 4.1. Assessment

#### 4.1.1. Consultations

A number of stakeholders have expressed concerns about the proposed changes to the metering rules, particularly regarding the impact on small businesses and residential customers. The IMO has held several public consultations to gather feedback and address these concerns.

The IMO has also conducted a detailed analysis of the proposed changes, taking into account the views of stakeholders and the potential impact on different customer groups. The analysis has shown that the proposed changes are necessary to ensure the accuracy and reliability of metering data, and to improve the overall efficiency of the electricity supply system.

#### Full Portability of Meter Data

The IMO has considered the issue of full portability of meter data, which would allow customers to take their meter data with them when they move to a new property. This would be particularly beneficial for small businesses and residential customers who often move frequently.

However, the IMO has concluded that full portability of meter data is not currently feasible, due to the complexity of the metering system and the need to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data. The IMO will continue to explore alternative solutions to this issue.

#### IRCRs for Loads Under Commissioning

The IMO has also considered the issue of IRCRs for loads under commissioning, which are loads that are not yet fully operational but are expected to be used in the future. The IMO has concluded that IRCRs for these loads should be based on the expected peak load, rather than the current load, to ensure that the system is able to handle the future demand.

#### The Correct Multiplier for Temperature Dependant Loads

The IMO has also considered the issue of the correct multiplier for temperature dependant loads, which are loads that vary with temperature. The IMO has concluded that the correct multiplier should be based on the average temperature, rather than the maximum temperature, to ensure that the system is able to handle the average demand.

#### Improved IRCRs for all Customers

The IMO has also considered the issue of improved IRCRs for all customers, which would allow customers to take advantage of lower rates during off-peak periods. The IMO has concluded that improved IRCRs are necessary to encourage energy efficiency and reduce the overall cost of electricity supply.

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## 5. AMENDING RULES

### 5.1. *Appendix 5*

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### **Appendix 5: Individual Reserve Capacity Requirements**