



CERTIFICATE OF TRIAL WAIVER

This certificate records, for the purposes of clause 8.16.6(a) of the National Electricity Rules, that the Australian Energy Regulator has granted a trial waiver to the proponent for the approved trial project identified below as required by the National Electricity Rules.

Certificate reference: TWC0002 **Date issued:** 14 July 2026

Trial waiver proponent	PLUS ES
ABN	30 179 420 673
Trial project name	PLUS ES electric vehicle charger metering
Innovative project description	The installation and operation of up to 1,000 novel electric vehicle chargers contributing to a potentially cheaper and faster EV charging roll-out. The learnings to support the Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading rule change.
Regulatory framework	National Energy framework
Waived obligation(s)	NER Cl. 7.3.1(b)(2) and 7.8.3(a)
Waiver commencement date	March 2025
Waiver end date	March 2030
Decision authority	Delegated AER Board member

Certification statement. The Australian Energy Regulator certifies that, following assessment of the application and relevant supporting material, a trial waiver has been granted to the proponent identified above for the approved trial project, subject to the scope, duration, conditions (attached below) and any reporting requirements set out in the AER's written decision and associated instruments.

Decision record and conditions. This certificate is evidence of the grant of the trial waiver only. It must be read together with the AER's final decision, any notice of decision, waiver instrument, approved conditions, reporting requirements and any subsequent variation, revocation, or replacement instrument.

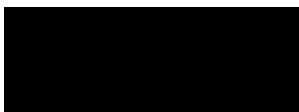
Final decision reference	AER Final Decision - PLUS ES March 2025
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Important note: This certificate does not certify that the proponent or the trial project complies with all applicable regulatory requirements. The proponent remains responsible for compliance with all obligations that have not been expressly waived or modified by the AER's decision.

In accordance with clause 8.16.6(a) of the National Electricity Rules, this trial waiver is certified on behalf of the AER Board by Board member:

Name: Jarrod Ball

Signed:



Date: 14 July 2026

Conditions

The trial waiver is granted subject to the following conditions, and the waiver may be invalid and cease to apply if any of these conditions are not met. If PLUS ES is found to be in breach of these conditions, they risk termination of the trial waiver as per clause 4.3 of the Trial Projects Guidelines.

Condition 1: Comply with remaining procedural obligations.

This waiver is only granted in relation to the installation of identified trial EV charging metering installations, and only in relation to clause 3.1(a)(i) of the AEMO Metrology Procedure Part A.

This is provided by waiving compliance with clause 7.3.1(b)(2), which requires compliance with the procedures authorised under the rules, including the Metrology Procedure Part A, and reinstatement of the remainder of the AEMO Metrology Procedure Part A and all other Procedures to which clause 7.3.1(b)(2) of the NER relates as conditions of this waiver.

Accordingly, as a condition of this waiver of clause 7.3.1(b)(2), we require compliance with:

- a) All provisions of the AEMO Metrology Procedure Part A (as updated from time to time), except for clause 3.1(a)(i); and
- b) All other Procedures to which clause 7.3.1(b)(2) of the NER relates.

Condition 2: Meter installation date

So that information and data regarding deployment planning, installation, commissioning, and initial operation can be provided to support AEMO's consultation and procedure development timeframes, it is a requirement that an initial tranche of trial metering installations are in operation prior to 31 March 2025. We note PLUS ES is still finalising some commercial negotiations and the NSW Round 2 grant outcome has yet to be released. At this stage the delivery schedule is not certain and therefore is not published, but will be released once the outcomes of these processes are known. The AER will engage closely with PLUS ES and AEMO to ensure sufficient meters are delivered to provide insights on this trial.

To ensure this, we have included an expectation that PLUS ES make all reasonable endeavours that at least 10% of meters are to be installed by 31 December 2025 to ensure the timely delivery of this trial and that sufficient insights are delivered to AEMO. The residual installations are to be in operation by 30 June 2026 and should provide additional insights into ongoing maintenance and variations in installation and commissioning through deployment expansion. The waiver will continue to operate until the five-year time limit or AEMO procedures are updated to a point where these meters are permitted, and thus a waiver is no longer relevant.

Condition 3: Meter replacements

As noted in the PLUS ES waiver application, there may be some instances where the trial meters may need to be replaced earlier than expected if the equipment deteriorates due to the environmental conditions. In such cases, these meters must be replaced with either compliant meters or new trial meters as appropriate. This will be managed through the metering provider and their asset management performance and AEMO.

If there is a malfunction within a trial meter that could result in harm or damage to consumers, their assets or the network, then these meters must be removed within 2 business days, after which they can be replaced with either compliant meters or new trial meters.

Where there is a delay to this rectification, for example, the proponent has a barrier to accessing the metering installation, the reason for this will need to be provided.

Condition 4: Reporting requirements

It is a condition of this waiver that PLUS ES must provide regular reports to the AER at set intervals and containing the following intervals.

Frequency	Type	Metric
5 business days after event (Once meters are fully operation) (meter to be replaced within 2 days as per condition 3)	Anomalies, technical failures or repairs	• Type of failure • Reason of failure • Location (DNSP region) • Charge Point Operator • Replacement status • Reason for replacement delay (if applicable)
20 business days after complaint received by CPO	Customer complaints received from the Charge Point Operator (CPO)	De-identified customer complaint information, including the issue and how this was/will be rectified
6 monthly	Roll-out status	• Number of meters by DNSP regions and conditions • Charge Point Operator
	Installation status	Number of meters successfully installed • Remaining number of meters to be installed • Summary of metering installation issues • Commissioning • Data delivery • Cost savings attributable to the trial meter installations (this will be confidential, except to the extent that the percentage savings will be publicly released)
End of trial report	Detailed summary of learnings from trial, including specifically details of predicted vs actual cost-savings of these installations compared to non-trial installations (this will be confidential, except to the extent that the percentage savings will be publicly released). Summary of outcomes (including total meters installed by DNSP region).	

Conditions 5: NSW Reports

As a number of the meters under this trial will be delivered as part of the NSW Government EV Kerbside Charging Grants, the AER and AEMO will be provided with the same 6 months reports (and other ad hoc reporting) that the NSW Government receives, including (but not limited to):

Type	Metric
Energy usage	• energy sourced from onsite renewable resources to electricity consumption of all Chargers • voluntary surrender of Green Products equivalent to electricity consumption of all EVSE • Green Power purchased equivalent to electricity consumption of all chargers
Charger usage	• number of charging sessions per day/week/month • time of day of the charging session • length of each charging session • electricity consumed (kWh) per charging session • post code of each unique user (where available); and associated customer ID (customer name and contact details to be kept anonymous) • other non-PII data reasonably requested by PLUS ES that may be beneficial in assessing the usage of the charger
System data	• copies of servicing and maintenance logs • chargers' status and configuration • charge behaviours (i.e. do the customer IDs charge elsewhere) • the number of new sign ups to the Public Charging Service vs existing customers of the Public Charging Service (as identified using a customer ID)
Customer complaint information	• Any complaints or feedback about the charger received by the CPO or Retailer