

# P272: Frequently Asked Questions



## What is P272?

P272 is the new mandatory legislation created by OFGEM impacting the electricity market. It defines that all non-half hourly (NHH) supplies with profile codes 05-08 must be settled as half hourly (HH) supplies (Profile Code 00) by 1st April 2017, regardless of who your energy supplier is.

## What are the proposed benefits of P272?

Currently the majority of the electricity usage in mainland UK is estimated and therefore suppliers and network operators are unable to know the exact demands on the network & the exact costs of supply.

Over 160,000 meters fall within the scope of P272 – once upgraded these meters will be billed to their exact half hourly consumption rather than individual meter reads which can mask consumption patterns. By using a higher proportion of half hourly data, suppliers can manage network transportation and distribution costs for each half hourly period more accurately.

## How will P272 affect me?

If your Profile Class falls within 05-08 your business will be affected.

Once your supply has undergone a Change of Measurement Class (CoMC), it will be treated as a Half Hourly Supply.

Your invoice therefore will be calculated from actual half hourly data.

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## When will P272 affect me?

The new legislation will be implemented from the 5th November 2015

If your contract has been renewed between the 29th October 2014 and the 5th November 2015, then your supplier has an obligation to settle this supply as Half Hourly before 1st April 2017.

If your supply will be starting a new supply contract between the 5th November 2015 and 1st April 2017, then your supply will need to be settled as Half Hourly within 45 Working Days of your renewal date.

## Will my contract costs change?

Suppliers are currently assessing the financial impact this change will have on their customers.

Your invoice will reflect new half hourly charges, such as Capacity Charges, Reactive Power and metering charges. Only customers with Current Transformer (CT) meters will be subject to Capacity Charges.

Alongside this, Half Hourly supplies are subject to different 'Use of System' and 'Transmission Network' charges to Non-Half Hourly Supplies

## Will this be the same for all Suppliers?

P272 is mandatory and all suppliers have an obligation to settle 05-08 profiles as Half Hourly by the 1st April 2017.

Every Electricity Supplier has to submit a 'Supplier Migration Plan' by the 31st August 2015 outlining how they will deal with migrating their 05-08 profiles (which have AMRs in plac

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## What additional costs do I need to prepare for?

Meter Operator (MOP) and Half Hourly Data Aggregator & Collector (DA/DC) contracts will need to be arranged. If an agreement is not signed up before the CoMC takes place, your supplier will opt for their preferred MOP and DA/DC – Apollo will contact you prior to your arranged CoMC date to make sure you have a competitive MOP and DA/DC agreement ready.

## Why do I need a MOP and DA/DC contract?

Once your supply is settled as Half Hourly, suppliers need access to the actual consumption data that your meter records. Your MOP owns the meter and will ensure that it is maintained and working correctly. The DA/DC gathers and verifies the half hourly data from your meter and provides it to your electricity supplier so that your consumption can be billed to actuals.

## P272: Frequently Used Acronyms

### CoMC

This is a Change of Measurement Class, the process by which your supply is upgraded to a half hourly supply

### CT Metering

This refers to your meter type being a Current Transformer Meter

### HH

Half Hourly Metering provides your supplier with accurate consumption data for half hourly intervals

### NHH

Non Half Hourly Metering does not provide the supplier with actual Half Hourly data, unless a smart meter is installed.

### TNUoS

Transmission Use Of System Charges represent the cost of transporting electricity from the Power Station to the regional Distribution Networks. These charges are regulated by the National Grid.

### DUoS

Distribution Use of System charges represent the cost of distributing electricity (i.e. through overhead & underground cables) from the Distribution Networks to the end user, i.e. your business.

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