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# **Subject: Process updates to Field Recording Obligations**

This General Information Notice (GI) is to notify ASP1s of changes to the process of submitting field recording As-builts and the associated Certification of As-builts (COA) form. As advised in September via alert GI22\_21, as of 1 January 2022, ASP1s will be undertaking all Field Recording of Network Assets (FRNA), **including field recording of commissioning works**, for Level 1 contestable projects. This also applies to in-flight projects where any new assets are yet to be commissioned as of January 1, 2022.

# **Updated FRNA Requirements**

From 1 January 2022, ASP1s will be required to complete all FRNA for Level 1 contestable projects (including field recording of commissioning works).

The following outlines the updated FRNA process.

### Submission of as-built field recordings

All submissions of as-built information must be accompanied by a Certification of As-Builts (COA) form, with the "Contractor Request" section completed on either the Preliminary Certification of As-Builts (PCOA) or Final Certification of As-Builts (FCOA). The Preliminary Certification of As-Builts section is used for all submissions prior to the completion of a project and the Final Certification of As-Builts section is used to document and confirm that all required as-built information for the project has been submitted & accepted and complies with the relevant network standards.

### **Incremental Submissions**

During large projects, as-builts should be submitted incrementally as each section of works is constructed (incremental submission). A Preliminary Certification of As-Built (PCOA) must accompany all as-builts submitted in this manner, with the "Contractor Request" section completed and "Incremental Civil Works" selected from the "Purpose of PCOA" dropdown list. Examples of suitable incremental submissions might be between joint bays on major cable runs, a residential block in a URD, etc. On very large or high-profile projects, sections of work should be determined in conjunction with Ausgrid Data Maintenance (gis@ausgrid.com.au) during the project planning stage. Failure to appropriately stage submission of as-builts may cause delays in processing the contestable works.

## **Electrification Requests**

Five (5) business days prior to Pre-Electrification Inspection (three (3) weeks prior to proposed electrification date), asbuilt drawings detailing all works planned to be commissioned (other than any jointing or terminations work required during the commissioning process) must be submitted to Ausgrid Data Maintenance, along with a PCOA form with the "Submission required for Pre-Electrification Meeting" selected from the "Purpose of PCOA" drop-down list and the corresponding SAO number entered on the form. SAO number may be obtained from the ASP Compliance Officer (ASP CO) assigned to the project.

If as-built information for any of the works to be commissioned has been previously submitted as an incremental submission (above), the receipt number from the previous submission(s) must be included in the "Scope of current works" section of the PCOA form.

ASP submits certified PCOA relating to the Electrification Request to ASP CO during Pre-Electrification Meeting.

The Electrification outage will only proceed if a certified PCOA (detailing the Electrification Request) and all other necessary documents have been received by the ASP CO. If the relevant PCOA is not received at the Pre-Electrification Inspection, the Electrification outage may be cancelled.

### **Completed Electrification Works**

As-built drawings detailing any jointing or other works performed as part of electrification must be submitted within two (2) business days following commissioning of any assets. If the electrification marked the completion of the project, the asbuilts must be accompanied by an FCOA form. If, however, the electrification marked a stage / milestone in an on-going project, the as-builts must be accompanied by a PCOA form with "Associated with works undertaken during an outage where further works required" selected from the "Purpose of PCOA" drop-down list and the corresponding SAO number entered on the form.

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#### **Removal of Assets**

In the case that a design indicates assets to be removed, this should be documented on the submitted as-builts prior to certifying a PCOA relating to an Electrification Request, except where the ASP Compliance Officer provides confirmation that the assets that cannot be removed until after new assets are commissioned, in which case details of the removed assets must be included as part of the FCOA submission.

## **COA** form scenarios

The following describes examples of how to use the updated PCOA/FCOA forms.

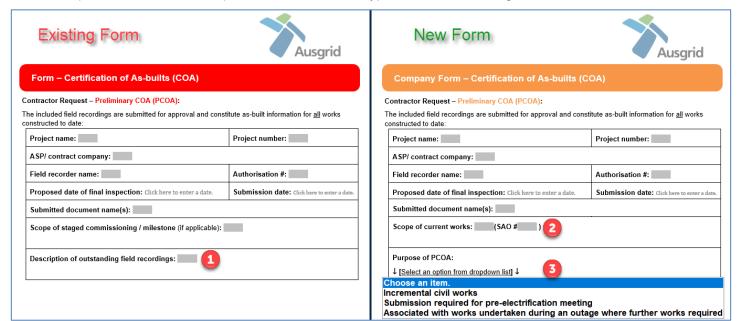
Scenario	COA	SAO#	Purpose of PCOA
	type	req'd?	
Submission of as-builts during a long duct install or cable run	PCOA	No	Incremental Civil Works
Submission of as-builts 5 days prior to Pre- Electrification meeting to commission new assets	PCOA	Yes	Submission required for Pre-Electrification Meeting
Submission of as-builts detailing commissioning joints performed <i>during</i> electrification of the first stage of a multistage project	PCOA	Yes	Associated with works undertaken during an outage where further works required
Submission of as-builts detailing commissioning works performed during electrification of the final outage	FCOA	Yes	NA

# **Updates to COA form**

The following describes the changes from the existing COA forms.

### **PCOA Changes**

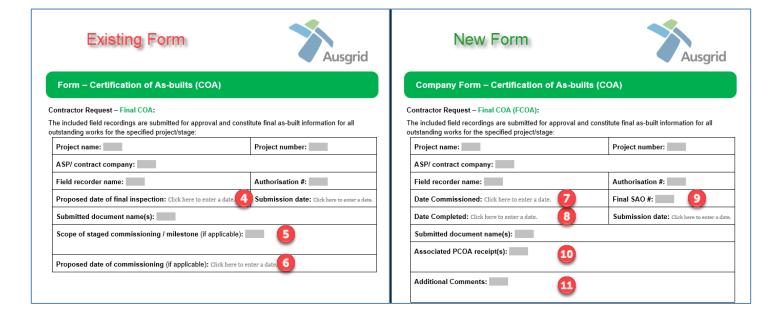
- 1. Description of outstanding field recordings no longer required
- 2. Scope of current works must include SAO number where "Purpose of PCOA" is anything other than "Incremental civil works" and receipt number from the previous submission(s)
- 3. Purpose of PCOA new drop-down list to select the type of submission being made.



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### **FCOA Changes**

- 4. Proposed date of final inspection no longer required
- 5. Scope of staged commissioning / milestone no longer required
- 6. Proposed date of commissioning no longer required
- 7. Date Commissioned For staged projects, this is the date of the final electrification. Not required for Ausgrid initiated contract works.
- 8. Date Completed Date that ALL required work has been completed for the project. Usually coincides with date of final electrification
- 9. Final SAO# For staged projects, this is the SAO detailing the final electrification. Not required for Ausgrid initiated contract works.
- 10. Associated PCOA Receipt(s) List of PCOA receipt numbers to validate all prior submissions associated with the project.
- 11. Additional comments free text field for any additional information.



# **In-flight Projects**

In the case where an FCOA had previously been issued on any current in-flight project prior to January 1, 2022, a new FCOA must be submitted in conjunction with the related as-builts once all assets have been commissioned and the project is complete. A new FCOA receipt number will be issued for the final project close-out.

For any questions relating to the content of this GI, please email <a href="mailto:gis@ausgrid.com.au">gis@ausgrid.com.au</a> with the subject line, GI28\_21 Query: Your Brief detail

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