

# Essential Energy

## 2024–29 Revised Regulatory Proposal

### Confidentiality Claims

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## Table 1 – Confidential items

Title, page and paragraph number of document containing the confidential information.	Description of the confidential information.	Topic the confidential information relates to (e.g. capex, opex, the rate of return etc.)	Identify the recognised confidentiality category that the confidential information falls within.	Provide a brief explanation of why the confidential information falls into the selected category.  If information falls within 'other' please provide further details on why the information should be treated as confidential.	Specify reasons supporting how and why detriment would be caused from disclosing the confidential information.	Provide any reasons supporting why the identified detriment is not outweighed by the public benefit (especially public benefits such as the effect on the long term interests of consumers).
4.01 SAPS Supporting Information – Nov 23 - Confidential  Testing the market – Page 4 - Paragraph 3 - Table 1 - Figure 1  1 page of 8 contains confidential information	Supplier quotes for Stand Alone Power System (SAPS) units	Capex	Market sensitive cost inputs	Providing the quoted prices for the SAPS units may affect our ability to obtain competitive pricing in future transactions. We do not have permission from suppliers to release this information.	Provision of this information may compromise future competitive tender processes.	No material public benefit would be gained from the disclosure of this information. It includes information which could impact future competitive tenders and result in higher network costs for customers.
4.02 Assessment of SAPS Technical Specifications - Aurecon – Nov 23 - Confidential  Entire document of 14 pages is confidential	This report by Aurecon is released to the AER on the basis that it is kept confidential	Opex Capex	Other	Aurecon have specified that this report is to be kept confidential and it was prepared and priced accordingly	Publishing this report will breach the terms on which it has been prepared	This report is intended to provide Essential Energy (and the AER) with additional confidence in the appropriateness of Essential Energy's technical specification for SAPS. The AER will undertake its assessment and make its own conclusions as to the appropriateness of our SAPS specifications and this is not an area that will or can benefit from public debate.
6.04 Nominated pass through event – Bushfire Risk Reclassification – Nov 23 - Confidential  - Page 5, section 1.3.1, paragraph 3	Information relating to briefs of evidence in the Coroners Court of NSW Coronial inquests /	Opex Capex	Other	The information does not fall into any nominated category except 'Other'.  The hearings concluded on 10 August 2023 and the Inquiry has been adjourned for Findings and	Essential Energy has provided specific undertakings and obtained permission from the NSW Coroner for the limited access to, and restricted use of the confidential information.	The information over which confidentiality is claimed is proportionally minimal. The redaction would not prevent stakeholders from understanding and assessing the substance of the issues. The identified detriment is not outweighed by the public benefit.

<p>- Pages 5 and 6, section 1.3.3, paragraphs 2, 3, 2nd bullet point in paragraph 4</p> <p>2 pages of 12 contain confidential information</p>	<p>inquiries into 2019-20 New South Wales Bushfire Season and related deaths.</p>			<p>Recommendations to be delivered on a date to be determined.</p> <p>The information should be treated as confidential as Essential Energy has been granted limited access by the NSW Coroner to the briefs of evidence for the purpose of preparing this Proposal.</p>	<p>Failure to comply could constitute contempt of Court.</p>	
<p>9.03 Long Run Marginal Cost (LRMC) Model – Nov 23 - Confidential</p> <p>Specific worksheets contain confidential information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input / General Inputs</li> <li>• Input / Quantities</li> <li>• Input / Tariffs</li> <li>• Input / Metering</li> <li>• Input / Contributions to Peak</li> <li>• Calc / Revenue</li> <li>• Calc / LRMC by Tariff</li> <li>• Calc / Proposed Residual</li> <li>• Output / Annual Compliance</li> <li>• Output / AER Template (nominal)</li> <li>• Output / AER Template (real)</li> <li>• Output / Revenue (real)</li> </ul> <p>12 worksheets out of 26 contain confidential information</p>	<p>Site specific prices for individual customers</p>	<p>Network prices</p>	<p>Personal information</p>	<p>Prices and/or consumption/demand are shown for individual customers</p>	<p>Essential Energy's ability to successfully negotiate prices in future could be affected. Site specific customers prices may provide competitive advantage to other large customers in the same industry. Essential Energy may also have to manage possible adverse public reaction stemming from a lack of understanding of factors relevant to setting individual prices</p>	<p>There is little public benefit releasing information relating to site specific prices. The circumstances surrounding each price is highly individualistic depending on network configuration and having no relationship to any other customer</p>
<p>10.01 ANS Model Response – Nov 23 – Confidential</p> <p>- Page 3, Section 1.1 Provision of Security Lighting Services, third paragraph</p> <p>1 page of 7 has some confidential information:</p>	<p>Contract rates</p>	<p>Opex</p>	<p>Market sensitive cost inputs</p>	<p>Providing the unit and cost information may affect our ability to obtain a competitive price in future transactions</p>	<p>Provision of this information will compromise competitive tender processes</p>	<p>No material public benefit would be gained from the disclosure of this information. It includes information which could impact future competitive tenders</p>

<p>10.02 Ancillary Network Services (ANS) Standardised Model – Nov23 - Confidential</p> <p>Specific worksheets contain confidential information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input\Fee Based</li> <li>• Input\Fee Based Mapping</li> <li>• Calc\Fee Based</li> </ul> <p>3 worksheets out of 14 contain confidential information</p>	Third party materials and contract rates	Opex Capex	Market sensitive cost inputs	Providing the unit and cost information may affect our ability to obtain a competitive price in future transactions	Provision of this information will compromise competitive tender processes	No material public benefit would be gained from the disclosure of this information. It includes information which could impact future competitive tenders
<p>10.03 - Ancillary Network Services (ANS) - Special Meter Test Travel Log – Confidential</p> <p>Specific worksheets contain confidential information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021</li> <li>• 2022</li> <li>• 2023</li> </ul> <p>3 worksheets out of 4 contain confidential information</p>	Customer details - names, addresses, NMI, Meter No.  Employee names	Customer and employee personal details	Personal Information	The information includes employee names, customer addresses, NMIs and meter numbers	Personal information is required to be kept confidential	No material public benefit would be gained from the disclosure of this personal information.
<p>10.04 - ANS - Night Vision Consumption Contract – Mar 23 - Confidential</p> <p>Entire document of 3 pages is confidential</p>	Contract rates	Opex	Market sensitive cost inputs	Providing the unit and cost information may affect our ability to obtain a competitive price in future transactions	Provision of this information will compromise competitive tender processes	No material public benefit would be gained from the disclosure of this information. It includes information which could impact future competitive tenders
<p>10.05 – Public Lighting Explanatory Document – Nov 23 - Confidential</p> <p>- Page 8, Section 3.6 Category V prices, Table 3</p> <p>1 page of 14 contains confidential information</p>	LED Contract prices	Capex	Market sensitive cost inputs	Providing the contract prices may affect our ability to obtain competitive pricing in future transactions.	Provision of this information may compromise future competitive tender processes.	No material public benefit would be gained from the disclosure of this information. It includes information which could impact future competitive tenders and result in higher network costs for customers.
<p>10.06 Public Lighting Model – Nov 23 - Confidential</p>	Prices for contracted services or third	Opex Capex	Market sensitive cost inputs	Providing the unit and cost information may affect our ability to obtain a competitive	Provision of this information will compromise competitive tender processes	No material public benefit would be gained from the disclosure of this information. It includes

<p>Specific worksheets contain confidential information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C_CAPEX – Hybrid Calcs</li> <li>• C_OPEX Calc</li> <li>• I_CAPEX</li> <li>• I_CAPEX – Stock costs</li> <li>• I_OPEX Input</li> </ul> <p>5 worksheets out of 17 contain confidential information</p>	<p>party contract materials utilised in the provision of Public Lighting</p>			<p>price in future transactions such as tender processes</p>		<p>information which could impact future competitive tenders</p>
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**Table 2 – Proportion of confidential material**

Submission Title	Number of pages of submission that include information subject to a claim of confidentiality	Number of pages of submission that do not include information subject to a claim of confidentiality	Total number of pages of submission	Percentage of pages of submission that include information subject to a claim of confidentiality	Percentage of pages of submission that do not include information subject to a claim of confidentiality
2024–29 Revised Regulatory Proposal Overview	0	7	7	0%	100%
2024–29 Revised Regulatory Proposal	0	64	64	0%	100%
2024–29 Revised Regulatory Proposal Attachments	45	658	703	6%	94%
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>94%</b>

*Note – page count assumes 1 page for each worksheet in excel files. The calculation above excludes this confidentiality claim and the covering letter that accompanies the submission.*