

# **Attachment C: 2026–31 access arrangement proposal compliance**

Access Arrangement Information

ACT and Queanbeyan-Palerang gas network 2026–31

Submission to the Australian Energy Regulator

# Compliance checklist

Under the National Gas Rules (NGR), Evoenergy is required to submit an access arrangement proposal (comprising an access arrangement and access arrangement information) in accordance with the requirements of Parts 8, 9 and 10 of the NGR.

Evoenergy's access arrangement revision proposal includes access arrangement information which is comprised of Evoenergy's five-year gas plan 2026–31 and the supporting information contained in its attachments and appendices, and the proposed 2026–31 access arrangement. Together these documents are referred to as Evoenergy's access arrangement proposal. Attachment B to the Overview of our five-year gas plan provides a document list, which identifies the documents making up Evoenergy's access arrangement proposal.

This document provides a reference to various obligations under the NGR and where they are addressed within the access arrangement proposal.

Rules clause	Requirement	Reference
<b>National Gas Law</b>		
113	<p>A scheme pipeline service provider must submit to the AER, for approval by the AER under the Rules, an access arrangement or revisions to an applicable access arrangement, in relation to the pipeline services the service provider provides or intends to provide—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in the circumstances specified by the Rules; and</li> <li>(b) within the period of time specified by the Rules.</li> </ul>	<p>Access arrangement proposal</p> <p>Overview of our five-year gas plan, Access arrangement information, all attachments and appendices</p>
<b>National Gas Rules – version 84</b>		
<b>Part 8 Access arrangements</b>		
<b>Division 2 Access arrangement information</b>		
42	<b>General requirements for access arrangement information</b>	
42(1)	<p>Access arrangement information for an access arrangement or an access arrangement proposal is information that is reasonably necessary for users and prospective users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to understand the background to the access arrangement or the access arrangement proposal; and</li> <li>(b) to understand the basis and derivation of the various elements</li> </ul>	<p>Overview of our five-year gas plan, Access arrangement information, all attachments and appendices</p>

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	of the access arrangement or the access arrangement proposal	
42(2)	Access arrangement information must include the information specifically required by the Law.	Overview of our five-year gas plan, Access arrangement information, all attachments and appendices
<b>43</b>	<b>Requirement to provide access arrangement information</b>	
43(1)	A service provider, when submitting an access arrangement proposal for the AER's approval, must submit, together with the proposal, access arrangement information for the access arrangement proposal.	Overview of our five-year gas plan, Access arrangement information, all attachments and appendices
43(2)	<p>If particular information (<b>sensitive information</b>) is confidential, and its public disclosure could cause undue harm to the legitimate business interests of the service provider, a user or prospective user, the AER may permit the service provider to submit access arrangement information in a form, approved by the AER, in which the sensitive information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) is aggregated or generalised so as to avoid disclosure of the elements that make it sensitive; or</li> <li>(b) if that is not possible – is entirely suppressed.</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment D – Confidentiality Register
<b>Division 4</b>	<b>Full access arrangements</b>	
<b>47A</b>	<b>Reference services</b>	
47A(3)(a)	A service provider must submit a reference service proposal to the AER no later than 12 months prior to the review submission date for the access arrangement	Evoenergy's reference service proposal was submitted to the AER on 28 June 2024 in accordance with Rule 47A. The AER's final decision was published in November 2024.
<b>48</b>	<b>Requirements for full access arrangement (and access arrangement proposal)</b>	
48(1)(a)	An access arrangement must: identify the pipeline to which the access arrangement relates and include a	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 1.3 and 1.4

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	reference to a website at which a description of the pipeline can be inspected	
48(1)(a1)	set out the information specified in subrule 101B(2)(g) (type of gas)	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 1.5
48(1)(b)	describe all of the pipeline services that the service provider can reasonably provide on the pipeline, which must be consistent with the AER's reference service proposal decision under rule 47A, unless there has been a material change in circumstances	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 2, Access arrangement information Attachment A, Attachment 7 and Attachment 8
48(1)(c)	specify the reference services, which must be consistent with the AER's reference service proposal decision under rule 47A, unless there has been a material change in circumstances	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 2, Access arrangement information Attachment 7, Attachment 8 and Appendix 8.1
48(1)(c1)	if the information provided under subrules (1)(b) or (1)(c) is different to the AER's reference service proposal decision under rule 47A, describe the material change in circumstances that necessitated the change having regard to the reference service factors.	We are proposing to introduce differentiated permanent disconnection services in response to independent safety assessment of single detached residential dwellings with a non-consuming service (completed in December 2024) and our stakeholder engagement. See Access arrangement information, Appendix 8.1
48(1)(d)	(i) specify for each reference service the reference tariff  (ii) specify for each reference service the other terms and conditions on which each reference service will be provided	2026–31 access arrangement, Schedule 3, Access arrangement information Attachment 7 and Attachment 8.
48(1)(e)	if the access arrangement is to contain queuing requirements – set out the queuing requirements	Not applicable
48(1)(f)	Set out capacity trading requirements	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 11.
48(1)(g)	Extension and expansion requirements	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 10.

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48(1)(g1)	Set out the supplier curtailment methodology	2026–31 access arrangement, Schedule 8, Clause 6.
48(1)(h)	Terms and conditions for changing receipt and delivery points	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 12.
48(1)(i)	If there is to be a review submission date – state, the review submission date and the revision commencement date	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 1.10(a).
<b>Division 5</b>	<b>Review and expiry of certain access arrangements</b>	
<b>49</b>	<b>Review submission and revision commencement dates</b>	
49	An access arrangement: (a) must contain a review submission date and a revision commencement date; and (b) must not contain an expiry date.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 1.10(a).
<b>50</b>	<b>Review of access arrangements</b>	
50(1)	A service provider, as part of an access arrangement proposal for a full access arrangement (other than a voluntary access arrangement), must propose a review submission date and a revision commencement date. The proposed revision commencement date must be not less than 12 months after the proposed review submission date.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 1.10(a).
<b>52</b>	<b>Access arrangement revision proposal</b>	
52(1)	A service provider must, on or before the review submission date of an applicable access arrangement, submit an access arrangement revision proposal to the AER.	This access arrangement revision proposal has been submitted by the review submission date, being 30 June 2025. The access arrangement revision proposal comprises the Access arrangement information, Overview of our five-year gas plan and all attachments and appendices

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52(2)	<p>The access arrangement revision proposal must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) set out the amendments to the access arrangement that the service provider proposes for the ensuing access arrangement period.</li> <li>(b) incorporate the text of the access arrangement in the revised form.</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 10, Appendices 10.1–10.4
<b>Division 12</b>	<b>Other provisions about access arrangements</b>	
<b>68A</b>	<b>Availability of applicable access arrangement</b>	
68A	A service provider must ensure that an up-to-date version of any applicable access arrangement for the pipeline is published on the service provider's website.	See <a href="https://www.evoenergy.com.au/About-us/Gas-network/Gas-network-ACT-and-Palerang">https://www.evoenergy.com.au/About-us/Gas-network/Gas-network-ACT-and-Palerang</a>
<b>68B</b>	<b>General requirement for consistency</b>	
68B(1)	<p>The provisions of an access arrangement must be consistent with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the national gas objective; and</li> <li>(b) these rules and the procedures as in force when the terms and conditions of the access arrangement are determined or revised.</li> </ul>	Overview of our five-year gas plan, Access arrangement and all attachments and appendices.
<b>68D</b>	<b>Queuing requirements</b>	
68D(1)(b)	<p>An access arrangement must contain queuing requirements if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) The access arrangement is for a distribution pipeline and the AER notifies the service provider that the access arrangement must contain queuing requirements</li> </ul>	Not applicable. The AER has not notified Evoenergy the access arrangement must contain queuing requirements.
<b>68E</b>	<b>Extension and expansion requirements</b>	
68E(1)	Extension and expansion requirements may state whether the applicable access	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 10.

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	arrangement will apply to incremental services to be provided as a result of a particular extension to the pipeline made during the access arrangement period or may allow for later resolution of that question on a basis stated in the requirements.	
68E(2)	Extension and expansion requirements may, if the service provider agrees, state that the applicable access arrangement will apply to incremental services to be provided as a result of a particular extension to the pipeline made before the revision commencement date for the applicable access arrangement.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 10.
68E(3)	Extension and expansion requirements must state that the applicable access arrangement will apply to incremental services to be provided as a result of any expansion to the capacity of the pipeline during the access arrangement period and deal with the effect of the expansion on tariffs.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 10.
68E(4)	<p>Extension and expansion requirements included in a full access arrangement must, if they provide that an applicable access arrangement is to apply to incremental services provided as a result of an extension to the pipeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in the case of extensions made before the revision commencement date for the applicable access arrangement deal with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the effect of the extension on the opening capital base under rule 77(2)(c1); and</li> <li>(ii) the effect of the extension on the description of reference services specified in the access arrangement proposal; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) in all cases, deal with the effect of the extension on tariffs.</li> </ul>	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 10.

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68E(5)	The extension and expansion requirements cannot require the service provider to provide funds for work involved in making an extension or expansion unless the service provider agrees.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 10.
<b>68F</b>	<b>Capacity trading requirements</b>	
68F(1)(a-b)	Capacity trading requirements must provide for transfer of capacity if the service provider is registered as a participant in a particular gas market – in accordance with rules or Procedures governing the relevant gas market; or if the service provider is not so registered, or the relevant rules or Procedures do not deal with capacity trading – in accordance with this rule.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 11.
68F(6)	The capacity trading requirements may specify in advance conditions under which consent will or will not be given, and conditions to be complied with if consent is given.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 11.
<b>68G</b>	<b>Change of receipt or delivery point by user</b>	
68G(1)	An access arrangement must provide for the change of a receipt or delivery point in accordance with the following principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a user may, with the service provider's consent, change the user's receipt or delivery point;</li> <li>(b) the service provider must not withhold its consent unless it has reasonable grounds, based on technical or commercial considerations, for doing so.</li> </ul>	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 12 (see also RSA 2026–31, Clause 11).
68G(2)	The access arrangement may specify in advance conditions under which consent will or will not be given, and conditions to be complied with if consent is given.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 12.3
<b>Part 9</b>	<b>Price and revenue regulation</b>	
<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Access arrangement information relevant to price and revenue regulation</b>	



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<b>72</b>	<b>Specific requirements for access arrangement information relevant to price and revenue regulation</b>	
72(1)(a)(i)	The access arrangement information ... must include capital expenditure (by asset class) over the earlier access arrangement period.	Access arrangement information, Appendix 5.2
72(1)(a)(ii)	The access arrangement information ... must include operating expenditure (by category) over the earlier access arrangement period.	Access arrangement information Attachment 4, Appendix 4.1
72(1)(a)(iii)(A)	The access arrangement information ... must include usage of the pipeline over the earlier access arrangement period showing minimum, maximum and average demand	Access arrangement information, Attachment 2
72(1)(a)(iii)(B)	The access arrangement information ... must include for a distribution pipeline, customer numbers in total and by tariff class	Overview of our five-year gas plan, Access arrangement information, Attachment 2
72(1)(b)	The access arrangement information ... must include how the capital base is arrived at and, if the access arrangement period commences at the end of an earlier access arrangement period, a demonstration of how the capital base increased or diminished over the previous access arrangement period.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 5, Appendix 5.2
72(1)(c)(i)	The access arrangement information ... must include the projected capital base over the access arrangement period, including a forecast of conforming capital expenditure for the period and the basis for the forecast.	Access arrangement information, Appendix 5.1, Attachment 3, Appendix 3.1.
72(1)(c)(ii)	The access arrangement information ... must include the projected capital base over the access arrangement period, including a forecast of depreciation for the period including a demonstration of how the forecast is derived on the basis of the proposed depreciation method.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 5, Appendix 5.1, Appendix 5.3, Attachment 6

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72(1)(d)	The access arrangement information ... must include to the extent it is practicable to forecast pipeline capacity and utilisation of pipeline capacity over the access arrangement period, a forecast of pipeline capacity and utilisation of pipeline capacity over that period and the basis on which the forecast has been derived.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 2.
72(1)(e)	The access arrangement information ... must include a forecast of operating expenditure over the access arrangement period and the basis on which the forecast has been derived.	Access arrangement information Attachment 4, Appendix 4.1
72(1)(g)	The access arrangement information ... must include the allowed rate of return for each regulatory year of the access arrangement period	Access arrangement information Attachment 5, Appendix 5.1, Appendix 5.5
72(1)(h)	The access arrangement information ... must include the estimated cost of corporate income tax calculated in accordance with rule 87A, including the allowed imputation credits referred to in that rule.	Access arrangement information Attachment 5, Appendix 5.1
72(1)(i)	The access arrangement information ... must include—if an incentive mechanism operated for the previous access arrangement period—the proposed carry-over of increments for efficiency gains or decrements for efficiency losses in the previous access arrangement period and a demonstration of how allowance is to be made for any such increments or decrements.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 5. More information is available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attachment 3 and RIN Attachment 10 (capital expenditure sharing scheme(CESS)); and</li> <li>• Attachment 4 (efficiency carryover mechanism (ECM)).</li> </ul>
72(1)(j)(i)	The access arrangement information ... must include the proposed approach to the setting of tariffs including the suggested basis of reference tariffs, including the method used to allocate costs and a demonstration of the relationship between costs and tariffs.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 7
72(1)(j)(ii)	The access arrangement information ... must include the proposed approach to the setting of tariffs including a description of	Access arrangement information, Attachment 7

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	any pricing principles employed but not otherwise disclosed under this rule.	
72(1)(k)	The access arrangement information ... must include the rationale for any proposed reference tariff variation mechanism.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 9
72(1)(l)	The access arrangement information ... must include the rationale for any proposed incentive mechanism.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 4 (ECM)
72(1)(m)	The access arrangement information ... must include the total revenue to be derived from pipeline services for each regulatory year of the access arrangement period.	Access arrangement information, Overview of our gas plan, Attachment 5 (Transport (including metering) Reference Service and Attachment 8 for Ancillary Activities Reference Service.
72(1)(n)	The access arrangement information ... must include the information in subrule 82(4)	Not applicable.
72(1)(o)	The access arrangement information ... must include the information specified in subrule 101B(2)(h) or a link to the part of the service provider's website on which that information can be located (future change to type of gas)	Not applicable.
72(3)	Where the AER has published financial models under rule 75A, the access arrangement information for a full access arrangement proposal must be provided using the financial models.	Evoenergy has used the AER's PTRM, RFM, Depreciation tracking module, Opex model, Capex forecast model and ANS model. See Access arrangement information, Appendices 3.1, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 8.2. The AER's published financial models were also used for RIN Attachment 9 (ECM) and RIN Attachment 10 (CESS).
<b>73</b>	<b>Basis on which financial information is to be provided</b>	
73(1)	Financial information must be provided on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a nominal basis; or</li> <li>b) a real basis; or</li> <li>c) some other recognised basis for dealing with the effects of inflation.</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment A. We have consistently presented information in \$2025-26 dollars, with the exception of the ANS model, which converts charges to \$2026-27 dollar terms.

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73(2)	The basis on which financial information is provided must be stated in the access arrangement information	Access arrangement information, Attachment A.
73(3)	All financial information must be provided, and all calculations made, on the same basis and using any applicable financial models published by the AER under these Rules	Access arrangement information, Appendices 3.1, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 8.2.  We comply with this requirement by preparing all financial information and calculations using the applicable AER-published financial models and by ensuring that the correct inflation assumptions are consistently applied throughout.
<b>74</b>	<b>Forecasts and estimates</b>	
74(1)	Information in the nature of a forecast or estimate must be supported by a statement of the basis of the forecast or estimate.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 2, Attachment 3, Attachment 4, Attachment 5, Attachment 8.
74(2)	A forecast or estimate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) must be arrived at on a reasonable basis; and</li> <li>b) must represent the best forecast or estimate possible in the circumstances.</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 2, Attachment 3, Attachment 4, Attachment 5, Attachment 8.
<b>75</b>	<b>Inferred or derivative information</b>	
75	Information in the nature of an extrapolation or inference must be supported by the primary information on which the extrapolation or inference is based.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 2, Attachment 3, Attachment 4, Attachment 5, Attachment 8.
<b>75A</b>	<b>Preparation and amendment of financial models</b>	
75A(2)	If the AER publishes a financial model under this rule, a service provider must use the model in accordance with the requirements of these rules.	Access arrangement information, Appendices 3.1, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 8.2.  We confirm that we have used the AER-published financial models in accordance with the requirements of

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		the Rules, following the guidance set out in the relevant model handbooks.
<b>75B</b>	<b>Contents of the financial models</b>	
75B(1)	A revenue model must set out the manner in which the service provider's total revenue is to be calculated.	See Access arrangement information Appendix 5.1
75B(2)	<p>The revenue model must include (but is not limited to)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the revenue requirements of the service provider calculated in accordance with the building block approach in rule 76;</li> <li>(b) the method that the AER determines is likely to result in the best estimates of expected inflation;</li> <li>(c) the timing assumptions and associated discount rates that are to apply in relation to the calculation of the building blocks referred to in rule 76;</li> <li>(d) the manner in which working capital is to be treated; and</li> <li>(e) the manner in which the estimated cost of corporate income tax is to be calculated</li> </ul>	See Access arrangement information Appendix 5.1
75B(3)	<p>A capital base roll forward model must set out the AER's method for determining the roll forward of the capital base for a full regulation pipeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) from the immediately preceding access arrangement period to the beginning of the first regulatory year of the next access arrangement period, so as to establish the value of the opening capital base as at the beginning of the first regulatory year of the next access arrangement period; and</li> <li>(b) from one year in an access arrangement period to the next regulatory year in that same access arrangement period, so as to establish the value of the capital</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 5, Appendix 5.2

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	<p>base as at the beginning of the next regulatory year;</p> <p>and under which the roll forward of the capital base from the immediately preceding access arrangement period to the beginning of the first regulatory year of the next access arrangement period is consistent with this Part 9.</p>	
<b>Division 3</b>	<b>Building block approach</b>	
<b>76</b>	<b>Total revenue</b>	
76	<p>Total revenue is to be determined for each regulatory year of the access arrangement period using the building block approach in which the building blocks are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a return on the projected capital base for the year (See Divisions 4 and 5); and</li> <li>(b) depreciation on the projected capital base for the year (See Division 6); and</li> <li>(c) the estimated cost of corporate income tax for the year (See Division 5A); and</li> <li>(d) increments or decrements for the year resulting from the operation of an incentive mechanism to encourage gains in efficiency (See Division 9); and</li> <li>(e) a forecast of operating expenditure for the year (See Division 7).</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 5, Appendix 5.1
<b>Division 4</b>	<b>The Capital base</b>	
<b>77</b>	<b>Opening capital base</b>	
77(2)	<p>If an access arrangement period follows immediately on the conclusion of a preceding access arrangement period, the opening capital base for the later access arrangement period is to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the opening capital base as at the commencement of the earlier access arrangement period</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Appendix 5.2

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	<p>adjusted for any difference between estimated and actual capital expenditure included in that opening capital base. This adjustment must also remove any benefit or penalty associated with any difference between the estimated and actual capital expenditure; plus:</p> <p>(b) conforming capital expenditure made, or to be made, during the earlier access arrangement period; plus:</p> <p>(c) any amounts to be added to the capital base under rule 82, 84 or 86; plus:</p> <p>(c1) in relation to any existing extension specified in the extension and expansion requirements in accordance with rule 68E(2) the following value:</p> <p>(i) the cost of construction of the extension; plus</p> <p>(ii) capital expenditure on the extension since construction of the extension;</p> <p>less:</p> <p>(iii) depreciation of the extension since the date the extension was commissioned; and</p> <p>(iv) the value of pipeline assets constituting the extension disposed of since commissioning of the extension;</p> <p>less:</p> <p>(d) depreciation over the earlier access arrangement period (to be calculated in accordance with any relevant provisions of the access arrangement governing the calculation of depreciation for the purpose of establishing the opening capital base); and</p> <p>(e) redundant assets identified during the course of the earlier access arrangement period; and</p>	

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	(f) the value of pipeline assets disposed of during the earlier access arrangement period.	
<b>78</b>	<b>Projected capital base</b>  The projected capital base for a particular period is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the opening capital base;</li> <li>plus:</li> <li>(b) forecast conforming capital expenditure for the period;</li> <li>less:</li> <li>(c) forecast depreciation for the period; and</li> <li>(d) the forecast value of pipeline assets to be disposed of in the course of the period.</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 5, Attachment 6, Appendix 5.2
<b>79</b>	<b>New capital expenditure criteria</b>	
79(1)	Conforming capital expenditure is capital expenditure that conforms with the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the capital expenditure must be such as would be incurred by a prudent service provider acting efficiently, in accordance with accepted good industry practice, to achieve the lowest sustainable cost of providing services; and</li> <li>(b) the capital expenditure must be justifiable on a ground stated in subrule 79(2); and</li> <li>(c) the capital expenditure must be for expenditure that is properly allocated in accordance with the requirements of subrule 79(6).</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 3 and related appendices.
79(2)	Capital expenditure is justifiable if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the overall economic value of the expenditure is positive, subject to subrule 79(3); or</li> <li>(b) the present value of the expected incremental revenue to be</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 3 and related appendices, Attachment 2, Appendix 2.1. RIN Attachment 1 – written response.



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	<p>generated as a result of the expenditure exceeds the present value of the capital expenditure; or</p> <p>(c) the capital expenditure is necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to maintain and improve the safety of services; or</li> <li>(ii) to maintain the integrity of services; or</li> <li>(iii) to comply with a regulatory obligation or requirement; or</li> <li>(iv) to maintain the service provider's capacity to meet levels of demand for services existing at the time the capital expenditure is incurred (as distinct from projected demand that is dependent on an expansion of pipeline capacity); or</li> <li>(v) to contribute to meeting emissions reduction targets through the supply of services; or</li> </ul> <p>(d) the capital expenditure is an aggregate amount divisible into 2 parts, one referable to incremental services and the other referable to a purpose referred to in paragraph (c), and the former is justifiable under paragraph (b) and the latter under paragraph (c).</p>	
79(3)	<p>In deciding whether the overall economic value of capital expenditure is positive, consideration is to be given only to economic value directly accruing to the service provider, gas producers, users and end users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the economic value, other than of changes to Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, directly accruing to the service provider, producers, users and end users; and</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 3

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	<p>(b) the economic value of changes to Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, whether or not that value accrues (directly or indirectly) to the service provider, producers, users and end users.</p>	
79(4)	<p>In determining the present value of expected incremental revenue:</p> <p>(a) a tariff will be assumed for incremental services based on (or extrapolated from) prevailing reference tariffs or an estimate of the reference tariffs that would have been set for comparable services if those services had been reference services; and</p> <p>(b) incremental revenue will be taken to be the gross revenue to be derived from the incremental services less incremental operating expenditure for the incremental services; and</p> <p>(c) a discount rate is to be used equal to the rate of return implicit in the reference tariff.</p>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 3.
79(5)	<p>If capital expenditure made during an access arrangement period conforms, in part, with the criteria laid down in this rule, the capital expenditure is, to that extent, to be regarded as conforming capital expenditure.</p>	<p>Access arrangement information, Attachment 3.</p> <p>We confirm that all capital expenditure during the access arrangement period meets the requirements of Rule 79 and is treated as conforming is our proposal.</p>
79(6)	<p>Conforming capital expenditure that is included in an access arrangement revision proposal must be for expenditure that is allocated between:</p> <p>(a) reference services;</p> <p>(b) other services provided by means of the scheme pipeline; and</p>	<p>Access arrangement information, Attachment 3.</p> <p>Our approach to conforming capital expenditure satisfies this requirement.</p>

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	<p>(c) other services provided by means of non-scheme parts (if any) of the pipeline,</p> <p>in accordance with rule 93.</p>	
<b>82</b>	<b>Capital contributions to new capital expenditure</b>	
82(1)	A service provider may receive a capital contribution towards the service provider's capital expenditure. Note: A service provider may receive a capital contribution towards its capital expenditure from any person, including a user or government funding body.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 3. RIN Attachment 1 – written response.
82(2)	If a service provider receives a capital contribution towards its capital expenditure, the capital expenditure may, with the AER's approval, be rolled into the capital base for a pipeline but not to the extent of any such capital contribution.	Not applicable
82(3)	Despite subrule 82(2), the AER may approve the rolling of capital expenditure (including a capital contribution received by the service provider or part of such a capital contribution) into the capital base for a pipeline on condition that the access arrangement contain a mechanism to prevent the service provider from benefiting, through increased revenue, from the contribution to the capital base.	Not applicable
82(4)	<p>A service provider must inform the AER if it or another entity receives a government contribution from a government funding body and provide the following information to the AER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the name of the government funding body that provided the government contribution and contact details for that body;</li> <li>(b) a description of the amount and type of government contribution provided;</li> <li>(c) if the government contribution was provided to an entity other than the service provider, the name and</li> </ul>	Evoenergy has not received and does not expect to receive, a government contribution for the provisions of its reference services.

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	<p>ACN of the entity that received the government contribution and contact details for that entity;</p> <p>(d) a copy of the agreement between the government funding body and the service provider or, if relevant, the entity that received the government contribution that sets out the terms on which the government contribution was provided;</p> <p>(e) a description of the capital expenditure in relation to which the government contribution was provided;</p> <p>(f) if the government contribution was provided to an entity other than the service provider, how some or all of the benefit of the government contribution was provided to the service provider; and</p> <p>(g) a statement from the service provider as to whether the government funding body intended that some or all of the value of the government contribution be treated as a capital contribution.</p>	
<b>84</b>	<b>Speculative capital expenditure account</b>	
84(1)	A full access arrangement may provide that the amount of non-confirming capital expenditure, to the extent that it is not to be recovered through a surcharge on users or a capital contribution is to be added to a notional fund (the speculative capital expenditure account)	Not applicable
<b>Division 5</b>	<b>Rate of return</b>	
<b>87</b>	<b>Rate of return</b>	
87	The return on the projected capital base for a service provider for a regulatory year of an access arrangement period for an applicable access arrangement ( <b>RPCB<sub>t</sub></b> ) is to be calculated using the following formula:	Access arrangement information, Attachment 5, Appendix 5.1

Rules clause	Requirement	Reference
	$RPCB_t = a_t \times v_t$ where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>a_t</math> is the allowed rate of return for the regulatory year; and</li> <li><math>v_t</math> is the value, as at the beginning of the regulatory year, of the projected capital base for the regulatory year (as established under rule 78 and subject to rule 82(3)).</li> </ul>	
<b>Division 5A</b>	<b>Estimated cost of corporate income tax</b>	
<b>87A</b>	<b>Estimated cost of corporate income tax</b>	
87A	<p>The estimated cost of corporate income tax of a service provider for each regulatory year of an access arrangement period (<math>ETC_t</math>) is to be estimated in accordance with the following formula:</p> $ETC_t = (ETI_t \times r_t) (1 - \gamma)$ <p>Where:</p> <p><math>ETI_t</math> is an estimate of the taxable income for that regulatory year that would be earned by a benchmark efficient entity as a result of the provision of reference services if such an entity, rather than the service provider, operated the business of the service provider;</p> <p><math>r_t</math> is the expected statutory income tax rate for that regulatory year as determined by the AER; and</p> <p><math>\gamma</math> is the allowed imputation credits for the regulatory year.</p>	Access arrangement information Attachment 5, Appendix 5.1
<b>Division 6</b>	<b>Depreciation schedule</b>	
<b>88</b>	<b>Depreciation</b>	
88(1)	The depreciation schedule sets out the basis on which the pipeline assets constituting the capital base are to be depreciated for the purpose of determining a reference tariff.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 6, Appendix 5.3

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<b>89</b>	<b>Depreciation criteria</b>	
89(1)	<p>The depreciation schedule should be designed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) so that reference tariffs will vary, over time, in a way that promotes efficient growth in the market for reference services; and</li> <li>(b) so that each asset or group of assets is depreciated over the economic life of that asset or group of assets; and</li> <li>(c) so as to allow, as far as reasonably practicable, for adjustment reflecting changes in the expected economic life of a particular asset, or a particular group of assets; and</li> <li>(d) so that (subject to the rules about capital redundancy), an asset is depreciated only once (ie that the amount by which the asset is depreciated over its economic life does not exceed the value of the asset at the time of its inclusion in the capital base (adjusted, if the accounting method approved by the AER permits, for inflation)); and</li> <li>(e) so as to allow for the service provider's reasonable needs for cash flow to meet financing, non-capital and other costs</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 6
<b>90</b>	<b>Calculation of depreciation for rolling forward capital base from one access arrangement period to the next</b>	
90(1)	A full access arrangement must contain provisions governing the calculation of depreciation for establishing the opening capital base for the next access arrangement period after the one to which the access arrangement currently relates.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 5
90(2)	The provisions must resolve whether depreciation of the capital base is to be based on forecast or actual capital expenditure	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 5.2. Access arrangement information, Attachment 5

Rules clause	Requirement	Reference
<b>Division 7</b>	<b>Operating expenditure</b>	
<b>91</b>	<b>Criteria governing operating expenditure</b>	
91(1)	Operating expenditure must be such as would be incurred by a prudent service provider acting efficiently, in accordance with accepted good industry practice, to achieve the lowest sustainable cost of delivering pipeline services.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 4 and related appendices.
91(2)	<p>The forecast of required operating expenditure of a pipeline service provider that is included in the full access arrangement must be for expenditure that is allocated between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) reference services;</li> <li>(b) other services provided by means of the covered pipeline; and</li> <li>(c) other services provided by means of uncovered parts (if any) of the pipeline,</li> </ul> <p>in accordance with rule 93.</p>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 4 and related appendices.
<b>Division 8</b>	<b>Tariffs</b>	
<b>92</b>	<b>Revenue equalisation</b>	
92(1)	A full access arrangement must include a mechanism (a reference tariff variation mechanism) for variation of a reference tariff over the course of an access arrangement period.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 8 and Schedule 4 and Schedule 5. Access arrangement information, Attachment 9.
92(2)	<p>Except to the extent that subrule 92(3) applies, the reference tariff variation mechanism must be designed to equalise (in terms of present values):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) forecast revenue from reference services for the access arrangement period; and</li> <li>(b) the portion of total revenue allocated to reference services for the access arrangement period.</li> </ul>	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 8 and Schedule 4 and Schedule 5, Attachment 9. See also Access arrangement information Appendix 5.1

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<b>93</b>	<b>Allocation of total revenue and costs</b>	
93(1)	Total revenue is to be allocated between reference and other services in the ratio in which costs are allocated between reference and other services.	Access arrangement information, Attachment 5, Attachment 7, Attachment 8. RIN – Attachment 1 – written response.
93(2)	Costs are to be allocated between reference and other services as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) costs directly attributable to reference services are to be allocated to those services; and</li> <li>(b) costs directly attributable to pipeline services that are not reference services are to be allocated to those services; and</li> <li>(c) other costs are to be allocated between reference and other services on a basis (which must be consistent with the revenue and pricing principles) determined or approved by the AER.</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 4, Attachment 5, Attachment 7, Attachment 8. RIN – Attachment 1 – written response.
<b>94</b>	<b>Tariffs – distribution pipeline</b>	
94(1)	For the purpose of determining reference tariffs, customers for reference services provided by means of a distribution pipeline must be divided into tariff classes.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 9, Schedule 3. Access arrangement information, Attachment 7.
94(2)	A tariff class must be constituted with regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the need to group customers for reference services together on an economically efficient basis; and</li> <li>(b) the need to avoid unnecessary transaction costs</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 7.
94(3)	For each tariff class, the revenue expected to be recovered should lie on or between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) an upper bound representing the stand alone cost of providing the</li> </ul>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 7.



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	<p>reference service to customers who belong to that class; and</p> <p>(b) a lower bound representing the avoidable cost of not providing the reference service to those customers.</p>	
94(4)	<p>A tariff, and if it consists of 2 or more charging parameters, each charging parameter for a tariff class:</p> <p>(a) must take into account the long run marginal cost for the reference service or, in the case of a charging parameter, for the element of the service to which the charging parameter relates;</p> <p>(b) must be determined having regard to:</p> <p>(i) transaction costs associated with the tariff or each charging parameter; and</p> <p>(ii) whether customers belonging to the relevant tariff class are able or likely to respond to price signals.</p>	Access arrangement information, Attachment 7.
<b>96</b>	<b>Prudent discounts</b>	
96(1)	Despite the other provisions of this Division, the AER may, on application by a service provider, approve a discount for a particular user or prospective user or a particular class of users or prospective users.	None proposed.
<b>97</b>	<b>Mechanics of reference tariff variation</b>	
97(1)	<p>A reference tariff variation mechanism may provide for variation of a reference tariff:</p> <p>(a) in accordance with a schedule of fixed tariffs; or</p> <p>(b) in accordance with a formula set out in the access arrangement; or</p> <p>(c) as a result of a cost pass through for a defined event (such as a cost</p>	2026–31 access arrangement, Schedule 4, Schedule 5. Access arrangement information, Attachment 9

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	<p>pass through for a particular tax); or</p> <p>(c1) as a result of the application of a portion of the revenue generated from the sale of rebateable services to reduce the reference tariff as contemplated under rule 93(3); or</p> <p>(d) by the combined operation of 2 or more or the above.</p>	
97(2)	<p>A formula for variation of a reference tariff may (for example) provide for:</p> <p>(a) a variable caps on the revenue to be derived from a particular combination of reference services; or</p> <p>(b) tariff basket price control; or</p> <p>(c) revenue yield control; or</p> <p>(d) a combination of all or any of the above</p>	<p>Evoenergy has proposed a revenue cap TVM for the Transportation (including metering) Reference Service, and price cap TVM for the Ancillary Activities Reference Service. See 2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 8, Schedule 4, Schedule 5. See also Access arrangement information, Attachment 9</p>
97(3)(b)	<p>In deciding whether a particular reference tariff variation mechanism is appropriate to a particular access arrangement, the AER must have regard to the possible effects of the reference tariff variation mechanism on administrative costs of the AER, the service provider, and users or potential users</p>	<p>2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 8 and Schedule 4 and Schedule 5. Access arrangement information, Attachment 9.</p>
97(4)	<p>A reference tariff variation mechanism must give the AER adequate oversight or powers of approval over variation of the reference tariff.</p>	<p>2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 8 Schedule 4, Schedule 5. Access arrangement information, Attachment 9.</p>
97(5)	<p>Except as provided by a reference tariff variation mechanism, a reference tariff is not to vary during the course of an access arrangement period.</p>	<p>2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 8 Schedule 4, Schedule 5. Access arrangement information, Attachment 9.</p>
<b>Division 9</b>	<b>Incentive mechanisms</b>	
<b>98</b>	<b>Incentive mechanisms</b>	

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98(1)	A full access arrangement may include (and the AER may require it to include) one or more incentive mechanisms to encourage efficiency in the provision of services by the service provider.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 3. Access arrangement information Attachment 3
98(2)	An incentive mechanism may provide for carrying over increments for efficiency gains and decrements for losses of efficiency from one access arrangement period to the next.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 3. Access arrangement information Attachment 3
98(3)	An incentive mechanism must be consistent with the revenue and pricing principles.	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 3. Access arrangement information Attachment 3
<b>Division 10</b>	<b>Fixed principles</b>	
<b>99</b>	<b>Fixed principles</b>	
99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) A full access arrangement may include a principle declared in the access arrangement to be fixed for a stated period.</li> <li>(2) A principle may be fixed for a period extending over 2 or more access arrangement periods.</li> <li>(3) A fixed principle approved before the commencement of these rules, or approved by the AER under these rules, is binding on the AER and the service provider for the period for which the principle is fixed</li> </ul>	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 6.
<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Obligations on service providers</b>	
<b>Subdivision 1</b>	<b>Information disclosure requirements</b>	
<b>101B</b>		
101B(2)(c)	For a distribution pipeline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The quantity of gas that can be transported through each gate station on the distribution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Access arrangement information, Attachment A</li> </ul>

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	<p>pipeline in any 24 hour period; and</p> <p>(ii) The details of all points on the pipeline where gas is injected into the pipeline; and</p> <p>(iii) if a gas supply facility is connected to a point specified under subrule (ii):... (not applicable to Evoenergy)</p> <p>(iv) a schematic map of the pipeline that shows the location on the pipeline of the points referred to in (ii) and the geographic limits of the areas served by the pipeline;</p>	<p>(ii) 2026–31 access arrangement, Schedule 9</p> <p>(iii) NA</p> <p>(iv) 2026–31 access arrangement, Schedule 10</p>
101B(2)(d)	Any technical or physical characteristics of the pipeline that may affect access to or use of the pipeline or the price for pipeline services provide by means of the pipeline.	NA.
101B(2)(e)	<p>Policies of the service provider that may affect access to or use of the pipeline or the price for pipeline services provided by means of the pipeline which may include:</p> <p>(i) queuing requirements</p> <p>(ii) receipt or delivery point change policy</p> <p>(iii) metering or measurement policy</p> <p>(iv) a balancing policy</p>	<p>(i) 2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 13 (NA)</p> <p>(ii) 2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 12</p> <p>(iii) RSA 2026–31, Clause 15</p> <p>(iv) RSA 2026–31, Annex. 3</p>
101B(2)(f)	Service provider's supplier curtailment methodology	2026–31 access arrangement, Schedule 8, Clause 6
101B(2)(g)	<p>The pipeline information in respect of a pipeline comprises:</p> <p>The type of gas transported through the pipeline including, if the gas transported is a gas blend</p> <p>(i) the primary gases that have been blended together to create the gas blend; and</p> <p>(ii) whether the pipeline is subject to or applies a blending limit and, if so, that blending limit; and</p>	2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 1.5.

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101B(2)(h)	The pipeline information in respect of a pipeline comprises:  If the service provider is aware that the type of gas being transported through the pipeline is going to change in the future:....(i)-(vi)	NA. No changes proposed.
101B(3)(a-b)	The pipeline service information for a pipeline comprises a list of the pipeline services available on the pipeline and for each pipeline service:  (a) a description of the service and any locational limitations on availability; and  (b) the priority ranking of the service in relation to the other pipeline services including when scheduling and in the event of curtailment	(a) 2026–31 access arrangement, Clause 2.  (b) 2026–31 access arrangement, Schedule 8, Clause 6.
101B(4)(b)	For each entry and exit point on a large distribution pipeline:  (i) Daily flow data  (ii) Where a meter is installed, the hourly flow data  (iii) Minimum inlet and minimum outlet pressures over each hour  (iv) A static table or chart showing maximum flow rate of the entry or exist point against pressure	Reports available on <a href="#">Evoenergy's website</a>
101B(5)(a)	An outlook of the firm capacity of the pipeline that the service provider has available for sale or that it will have available for sale for each month in the following 36 month period; and	Access arrangement information, Attachment A: Background.
101B(5)(b)	Information about matters expected to affect the capacity of the pipeline (including any planned expansions of the capacity) for each month in the following 12 month period, including (i)-(iii)	NA.
101B(5)(c)	Information on any other limitations on the availability of the pipeline services identified in the pipeline service information.	NA.