

A.20 Nominated Averaging Period

2026-31 Enabling Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Infrastructure Project (non-contestable)

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1. Nominated Averaging Periods

Transgrid has nominated averaging periods for the 2026-31 regulatory period as set out in this document in accordance with the AER's 2022 Rate of Return Instrument (RORI Instrument). We request these averaging periods be confidential as per footnote 3 of the RORI Instrument.¹

1.1. Risk free rate averaging period

Clause 8 of the RORI Instrument states the risk-free rate nominated averaging period must:

- (a) be over a period of 20 or more business days up to a maximum of 60 business days
- (b) start no earlier than 8 months prior to the commencement of the regulatory control period
- (c) finish no later than 4 months prior to the commencement of the regulatory control period, and
- (d) be nominated both:
 - (i) prior to the start of the risk-free rate averaging period, and
 - (ii) no later than the date of lodgement of the regulatory proposal for the regulatory control period.

1.2. Return on debt averaging periods

Clause 24 of the RORI Instrument states the return on debt nominated averaging period must:

- (a) be over a period of 10 or more consecutive business days, up to a maximum of 12 months, and
- (b) start no earlier than 17 months prior to the commencement of a regulatory year, and
- (c) finish no later than 5 months prior to the commencement of a regulatory year, and
- (d) be specified for each regulatory year within the regulatory control period, and
- (e) not overlap for each different regulatory year, although the averaging period is not required to be identical for each regulatory year, and
- (f) be nominated both:
 - (i) prior to the start of the return on debt averaging period, and
 - (ii) no later than the lodgement date of the regulatory proposal for the regulatory control period.

Transgrid has nominated the averaging periods for the return on debt rate as set out in Table 1-1 in accordance with Clause 24 of the RORI Instrument.

Table 1-1: Return on debt averaging period for the 2026-31 regulatory period

Regulatory Year	Averaging Period Start Date	Averaging Period End Date

¹ AER, Rate of return instrument, February 2023, p20, [Rate of Return Instrument, February 2023](#)

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