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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Fiona

Re: Request for extension of time – cost pass through application for Varied Licence Conditions

Thank you for your letter of 24 February 2026, requesting an extension of time to submit a cost pass through application to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER), pursuant to clause 6.6.1(k) of the National Electricity Rules (NER).

The potential pass through event identified in your letter relates to the variation in Ausgrid's licence conditions, signed by the NSW Minister for Energy on 10 December 2025, to support the NSW Government's delivery of the NSW Emergency Backstop Mechanism, the Consumer Energy Resources Installer Portal and flexible export limits.

I understand from your correspondence that Ausgrid is seeking this extension for the following reasons:

- To prepare a cost pass through application that reflects a clearer understanding of the incremental costs in FY26, as this is the critical year for implementing the required capabilities.
- To incorporate a larger proportion of FY26 actual and committed costs, minimising the reliance on early estimates and strengthening the accuracy of quantifying the effect of the pass through event.

Based on the information provided, the AER is satisfied that an extension in time to submit a cost pass through application is necessary to allow Ausgrid to fully assess and quantify the implementation costs associated with obligations arising from the variation in licence conditions.

In light of these circumstances, the AER has determined to extend the time that Ausgrid has to submit a cost pass through application related to the above mentioned event until 30 June 2026.

For the avoidance of doubt, I note that in providing this extension the AER has not formed a view as to whether a positive change event has occurred. The AER will make a decision on any cost pass through application after it has been submitted, in accordance with the requirements of the NER.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact David Monk at

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Yours sincerely

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Sent by email on: 05.03.2026