

Final decision

System Strength Project (hybrid priority network infrastructure project)

(1 October 2026 – 30 September 2031)

Appendix A Quarterly payment schedule

September 2026

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Table A.1 below details the quarterly schedule of payments as determined by the AER. As set out in section 6.2.2 of the final decision, the below schedule of payments will be amended annually to reflect, among other factors, actual CPI, cost pass-throughs and an updated rate of return.

Table A.1 AER determined schedule of payments and timing (\$ nominal)

	Quarter 1 (31 December)	Quarter 2 (31 March)	Quarter 3 (30 June)	Quarter 4 (30 September)	Total
2026–27	4,017,251	4,104,886	4,194,432	4,285,932	16,602,501
2027–28	13,540,836	13,783,612	14,030,741	14,282,300	55,637,489
2028–29	22,683,863	23,090,566	23,504,561	23,925,978	93,204,968
2029–30	26,182,520	26,651,951	27,129,798	27,616,213	107,580,482
2030–31	26,332,683	26,804,806	27,285,394	27,774,599	108,197,483

Source: AER analysis.

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.