

Contact officer: Riya Goyal
Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

GPO Box 520
Melbourne VIC 3001
Telephone: (03) 9290 1444
Facsimile: (03) 9290 1457
www.aer.gov.au

16 December 2021

Mary-Clare Crowley
Network Regulation Manager
PO Box 5730
Port Macquarie NSW 2444

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mary-Clare

Notice under clause 6.6.1(k1) of the National Electricity Rules

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice pursuant to clause 6.6.1(k1) of the National Electricity Rules (NER) that the AER is extending the time limit to assess Essential Energy's 2019–20 bushfire cost pass through application, dated 28 September 2021.

Clause 6.6.1(k1) of the National Electricity Rules provides that the AER must extend the time limit to assess a cost pass through application if the AER is satisfied that the complexity or difficulty of assessing or quantifying the effect of the relevant pass through event justifies the extension.

In accordance with clause 6.6.1(k1), we are extending the time limit the AER has to assess Essential Energy's cost pass through application by 60 business days due to the complexity of assessing the necessity and efficiency of the costs included in the application.

Essential Energy submitted the cost pass through application on 28 September 2021. On 30 November 2021 we issued a second notice to Essential Energy under clause 6.6.1(e1) of the National Electricity Rules for information that we require to assess the cost pass through application. On 14 December 2021 we received an information response from Essential Energy. The AER has a standard 40 business day period to assess the cost pass through application commencing from 14 December 2021. This extension adds 60 business days to this standard period, giving the AER 100 business days in total commencing from 14 December 2021.

If you would like to discuss further, or have any questions, please contact Riya Goyal, Network Expenditure Branch, on [REDACTED] in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Sebastian Roberts
General Manager
Network Expenditure, AER