

Notice inviting submissions: AusNet Services electricity transmission business – Framework and approach

The Framework and Approach (F&A) is the first step in a process to determine efficient prices for electricity services. For electricity transmission businesses, the F&A determines, amongst other things, how the AER will set prices for electricity transmission services and the application of any incentive schemes. The F&A process also facilitates early public consultation and assists each network service provider prepare its regulatory proposal.

AusNet Services has written to the AER requesting that we amend or replace their current F&A.

In accordance with the National Electricity Rules (NER), the AER invites submissions on whether it is necessary or desirable to amend or replace the current F&A for the next regulatory control period commencing on 1 April 2022¹ for AusNet Services (VIC electricity transmission).

The matters the AER may amend or replace in its F&A paper are listed in clause 6A.10.1A of the NER. Briefly for electricity transmission businesses, these include:

- the application of a range of incentive schemes that encourage things like service quality, improvements in network reliability or efficient capital and operating expenditure
- the application of the AER's Expenditure Forecast Assessment Guideline
- whether depreciation of assets will be based on actual or forecast capital expenditure.

The current Final Framework and Approach papers for AusNet Services can be found at <https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/ausnet-services-determination-2017%E2%80%932022/initiation>

AusNet Services electricity transmission determination, published on 28 April 2017, can be found at <https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/ausnet-services-determination-2017%E2%80%932022/final-decision>

How to make submissions

The AER invites submissions on whether it is necessary or desirable to amend or replace the F&A paper for AusNet Services. Submissions close at **5pm AEST on Friday 30 August 2019**.

Submissions should be sent electronically to AusNetServices2022@ aer.gov.au

Alternatively, you may mail submissions to:

¹ NER, cl. 6A.10.1A(c)(2).

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The AER prefers that all submissions be publicly available to facilitate an informed and transparent consultative process. The AER will treat submissions as public documents unless otherwise requested. Parties wishing to submit confidential information are requested to:

- clearly identify the information that is the subject of the confidentiality claim
- provide a non-confidential version of the submission in a form suitable for publication.

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