

Notice inviting submissions: Powerlink 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.

Powerlink Queensland ('Powerlink') has written to the AER requesting that we amend or replace its 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 five-year regulatory control period commencing on 1 July 2022¹ for Powerlink.

The matters the AER may amend or replace in Powerlink's 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 F&A paper for Powerlink can be found at:

<https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/powerlink-determination-2017-2022>

Powerlink's electricity transmission determination, published on 28 April 2017, can be found at:

<https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/powerlink-determination-2017-2022/final-decision>

How to make a submission

The AER invites submissions from interested stakeholders on whether it is necessary or desirable to amend or replace the F&A paper for Powerlink. Submissions close at **5pm AEST on Tuesday 3 December 2019**.

¹ NER, cl. 6A.10.1A(c)(2).

Submissions should be sent electronically to Powerlink2022@aer.gov.au.

Alternatively, you may mail submissions to:

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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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² <https://www.accc.gov.au/publications/accc-aer-information-policy-collection-and-disclosure-of-information>