Australian Energy Regulator



Australian Gas Networks

Access arrangement revision proposal 2016-21

Presentation to stakeholders 27 July 2015



Timelines for review

Milestone	Date	
Proposal published	10 July 2015	
Submissions on proposal	10 August 2015	
Draft decision	November 2015	
Revised proposal	6 January 2016	
Submissions on draft decision, revised proposal	10 February 2016	
Final decision	April 2016	
Approved access arrangement commences	1 July 2016	



Overview of the proposal

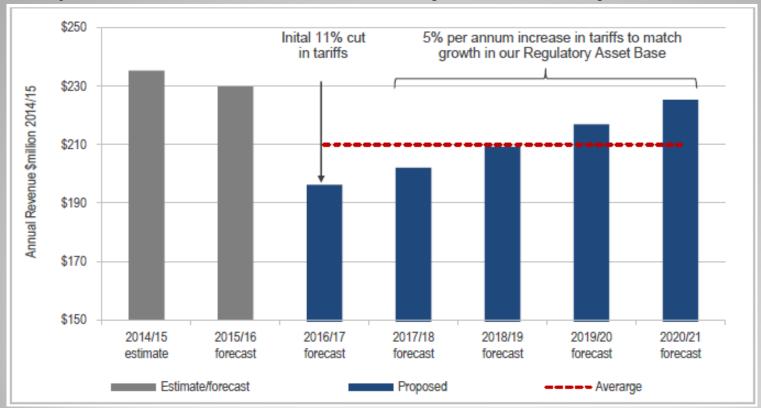
Building block approach to the forecast revenue requirement:

Return on capital (forecast RAB × cost of capital) Capital costs Regulatory depreciation (depreciation net of indexation applied to RAB) Operating expenditure (opex) Total revenue Efficiency benefit sharing scheme (EBSS) (increment or decrement) Corporate income tax (net of value of imputation credits)



Forecast revenue requirement

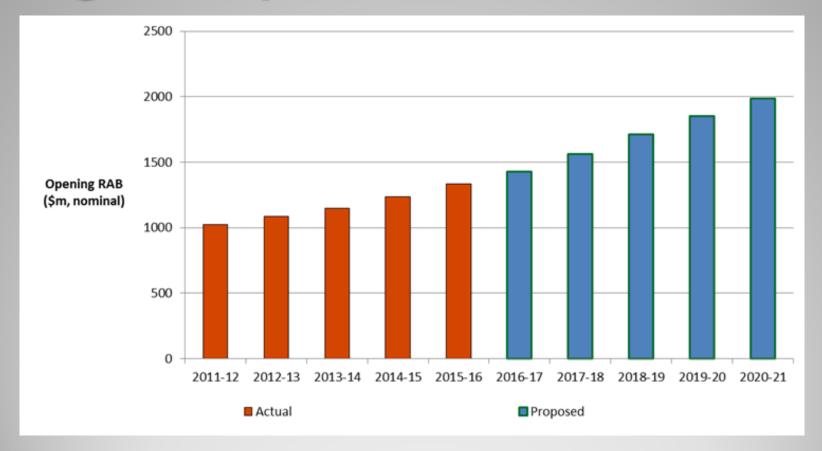
Proposed annual revenue (\$2014/15)



(AGN Access Arrangement Information, July 2015, p. 11)



Regulatory asset base (RAB)

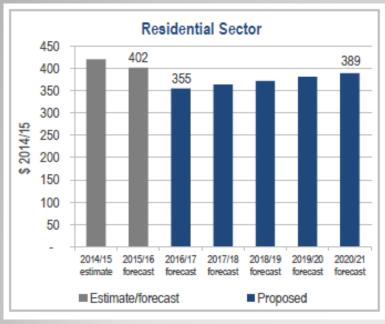


(Data source: AGN PTRM, July 2015)



Price path

Impact on average distribution charge (revenue per customer)





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Rate of return, gamma

	AGN's current AA	AGN's proposal	Recent AER decisions (April/June)
Rate of Return	10.28	7.23	5.41-6.84
Value of imputation credits (gamma)	0.25	0.25	0.4



Consumer engagement

AGN consumer engagement outcomes:

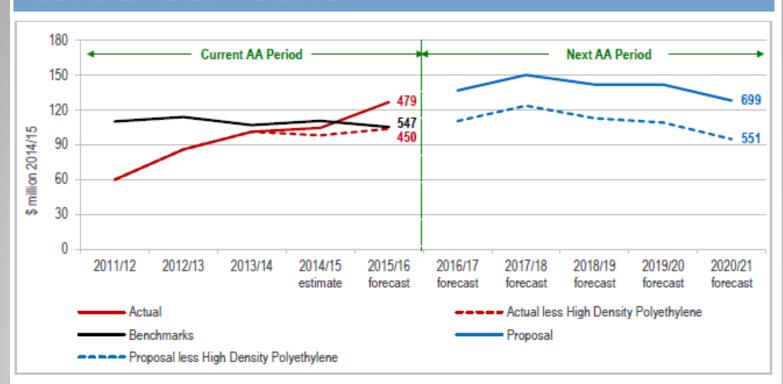
- Include stakeholders want AGN to involve and include them by increasing the transparency of our operations, which will assist stakeholders to make more informed (and hence better) decisions regarding their energy supply;
- Maintain stakeholders value our high reliability and want us to keep providing the same (as a minimum) service levels;
- Improve stakeholders want AGN to explore ways that service can be improved, particularly as it relates to network safety; and
- Be efficient stakeholders are concerned with rising living costs and want AGN to promote efficient price outcomes for consumers of natural gas.

AGN, Access Arrangement Information, Attachment 6: Capital expenditure, June 2015, pp. 110-111.



Capital expenditure





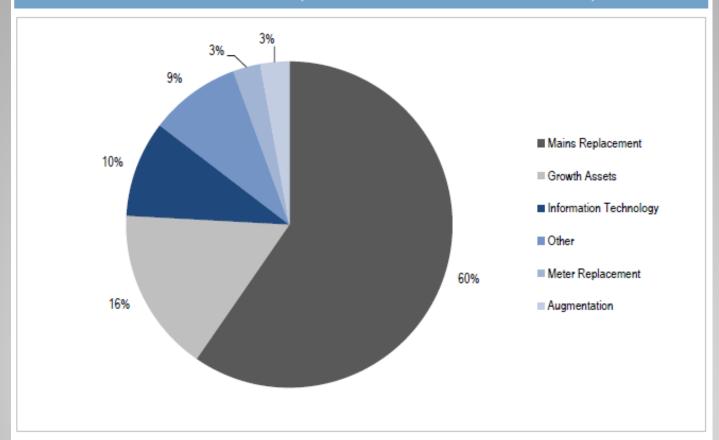
Note: Prior to 2013/14 "Actual less High Density Polyethylene" is equal to "Actual". This reflects that the program to replace the High Density Polyethylene mains commenced part way through the Current AA Period.

AGN Access Arrangement Information, July 2015, p. 9.



Capital expenditure

FIGURE 8.3: FORECAST CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (INCLUDING COST ESCALATION AND OVERHEADS)

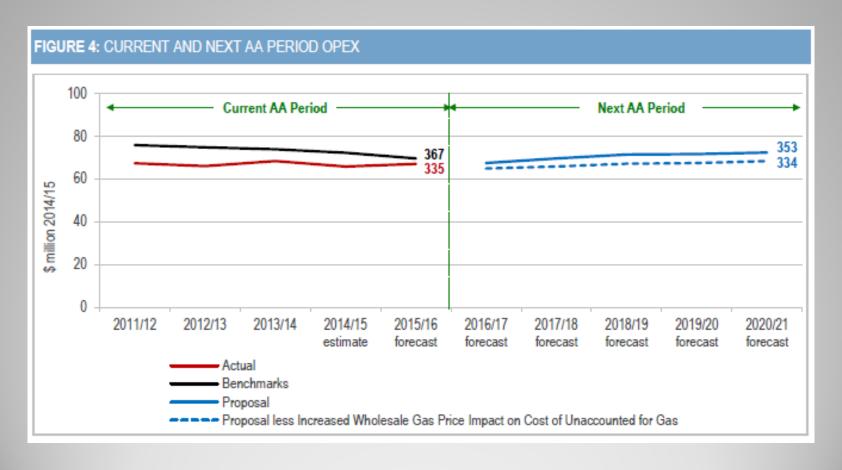


Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

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Operating expenditure

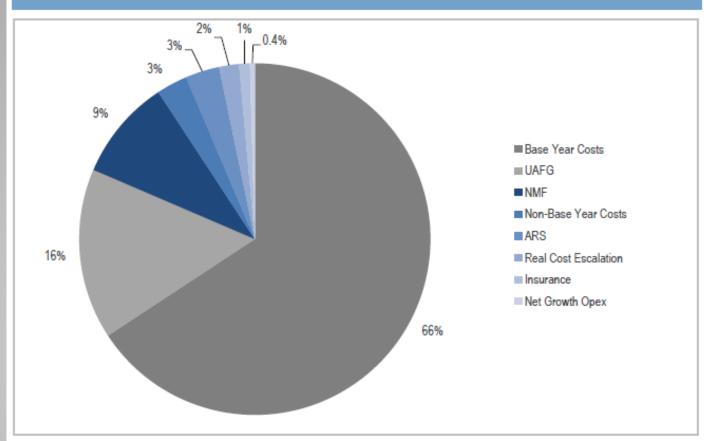


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Operating expenditure





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AGN Access Arrangement Information, July 2015, p. 124.



Other elements of the proposal

Demand

- New incentive schemes
 - Customer service incentive scheme
 - Network innovation scheme
- Terms and conditions



Where to from here?

- Our process from now to the draft decision
- Opportunities after the draft decision
- Information on our website:
 - http://www.aer.gov.au/node/33310
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