

DETERMINATION

Amended Victorian Tariff Structure Statements 2017-20

Background

In August 2017 via Ministerial Orders, the Victorian Energy Minister directed that medium-sized customers, deemed as those consuming between 40MWh and 160MWh per annum, should be able to opt-out of cost-reflective demand tariffs, effective from 1 January 2018. In the 2017–20 Victorian tariff structure statements distributors automatically assigned medium-sized customers to cost-reflective demand tariffs.

The AER must approve Victorian electricity distributors amendments to the 2017–20 tariff structure statements to give effect to the Ministerial Orders. This determination outlines our decision on the amended tariff structure statements for CitiPower, Powercor, United Energy, AusNet and Jemena.

Determination

The AER approves the amended Victorian tariff structure statements after determining that they comply with the Ministerial Orders.

Reasons

Distributors must request the AER to approve an amendment to their tariff structure statements where that amendment is necessary or consequential due to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Amendment Order 2017.¹

Each distributor's request must include the following descriptions and explanations:

- a description and justification of the differences between the proposed amended tariff structure statement and the Distribution Network Service Provider's current tariff structure statement;
- a description of how these differences would impact the other elements of the tariff structure statement;
- a description of how the proposed amended tariff structure statement would better comply with the pricing principles for direct control services than the current tariff structure statement.

We have determined that each of the five Victorian electricity distributors have satisfied these requirements and their amended tariff structure statements comply with the Ministerial Orders.

¹ NER, cl. 6.18.1B(aa)