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Ms Kirstan Wilding
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By email: Kirstan.Wilding@tasnetworks.com.au; heath.dillon@tasnetworks.com.au

Dear Ms Wilding

Notice of ring-fencing waiver: TasNetworks - Ring-fencing waiver application - July 2017

The AER issues this notice pursuant to clauses 5.3.1 and 5.7(b) of the AER Electricity Distribution Ring-fencing Guideline, October 2017 (the Guideline).

The AER grants a waiver of TasNetworks' obligation to comply with clauses 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4 and 4.4.1(a) of the Guideline from 18 December 2017 until 30 June 2019 in relation to the following services:

- high load escorts
- public lighting and nightwatchman lights
- network safety services
- planned interruption – customer requested
- inspection services
- minor and legacy metering services
- network related training courses.

The AER also grants a waiver of TasNetworks' obligation to comply with clause 3.1 of the Guideline from 18 December 2017 until 30 June 2018 to allow TasNetworks additional time to establish an affiliated entity and transfer all contestable services to that entity.

The AER also grants a waiver of TasNetworks' obligation to comply with clauses 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4 and 4.4.1(a) of the Guideline from 18 December 2017 until 30 June 2019 so that it may continue to provide type 1-4 metering services until such time as TasNetworks can completely exit the market.

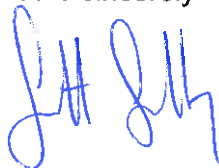
The AER also grants a waiver of TasNetworks' obligation to comply with clauses 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 of the Guideline from 18 December 2017 until 31 May 2018 so that it may continue to provide metering support services to Aurora Energy under contract in Tasmania.

The AER also grants a waiver of TasNetworks' obligation to comply with clauses 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4 and 4.4.1(a) of the Guideline from 18 December 2017 to 30 June 2018 so that it may continue to provide operations and maintenance support services to the Bass Strait Islands under its existing contract with Hydro Tasmania.

The AER expects TasNetworks to comply with the Guideline in all other circumstances, and in all other respects.

TasNetworks is required by clause 5.7 of the Guideline to include this waiver on its waiver register, which must be publicly available on TasNetworks' website.

Yours sincerely



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Sent by email on: 18.12.2017