# JEN 2016-20 EDPR Update for the substitution decision

Meeting with AER Board



4 March 2016

### What we see as important



#### Our priorities are

- Providing safe and reliable energy
- Responding to our customers' needs (e.g. providing data, looking at new service offerings)
- Aligning long-term investment with changing network use

#### Our regulatory policy focus this year

- Cost recovery for instance, by ensuring that depreciation is consistent with changes in future network use
- Ring-fencing guidelines ensuring that we can offer innovative solutions to our customers that provide value for money
- Cost reflective pricing ensuring that customers are incentivised to use the network efficiently



## The AER's Preliminary Decision

- We are pleased the AER has accepted many aspects of our initial proposal
  - Demand forecast are credible
  - Operating expenditure base year
  - Replacement capital expenditure
  - A sensible outcome on depreciation





- Rate of return (e.g. considering the ACT decision)
- Augmentation capital expenditure
- Operating expenditure step changes
- Power of choice

We have been working these through our 6-Jan submission and the Q&A process however we would like to engage more







### Customer engagement

#### Our customers remain at the centre of our submission

- We engaged with our customer council on the EDPR process and next steps
  - Inform: We held workshops to explain the complexities of the rate-of-return
  - Consult: Our customer council supported simplifying our Jan 2016 submission to make it easier for others to engage with (e.g. by using tariff lights, graphics and plain English language)
- We continue to engage with customer groups outside of the EDPR process including setting up regular meetings with Energy Consumers Australia.



# Our submission continues to provide benefits to residential customers



- Our residential customer will enjoy the benefits of real price reductions
  - Rebalancing tariffs will see large customers pay their share



- Lower metering charges driven reductions in bills for residential customers
- Shift to long-run marginal cost pricing lead to tariff rebalancing between customer classes (i.e. from residential to business)



<sup>\*</sup> Real change in retail bills over the 5-year period for typical customer. Includes standard control and metering services.

#### Impact of Tribunal decision on VIC DBs

#### Rate of return decision relevant to Vic EDPR

- It will take some time to digest the outcomes of the tribunal decision
- The Tribunal has remitted the rate of return (and other) matters back to the AER
  - Return of equity The AER's decision has been upheld
  - Return on debt For further consideration required
  - Gamma Prefers 0.25 and has remitted this to the AER
- We seek to consult with the AER on the remitted matters.





# Augmentation capital expenditure

#### We have double checked our augmentation

- We have taken on board the AER's comments in relation to Augmentation projects at Sunbury, Flemington and Preston. We engaged external experts to review 49 different options, including demand management:
  - Where opportunities for further efficiency are identified we implemented them in our 6-Jan submission;
  - Otherwise we maintain our projects are efficient.





# Step changes

#### Our step changes are necessary but not in the base year

Opex step change	Value (\$2015)*	
Service inspection and testing program	\$6.15m	Once-off benefits in AMI roll out are not sustainable
Vegetation management	\$6.93m	New obligations introduced in mid 2015
RIN reporting	\$5.88m	New processes necessary to collect RIN reporting data
New tariffs	\$2.45m	Amount approved in the preliminary decisions.
Other (post PD)	\$2.48m	Chapter 5A, GSL and PoC recently identified
Other	\$3.83m	Various obligations and responses to customer requests
Total	\$27.72m	

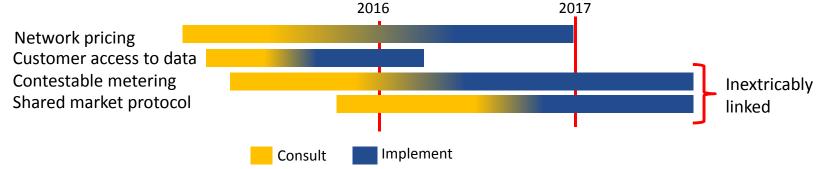


<sup>\*</sup> Covering the 2016 – 2020 regulatory control period

#### Power of Choice

Splitting each component into separate rule changes and the timing of each makes it difficult to estimate, nevertheless the costs are real.





- Our experience in similar project (FRC, B2B, JGN-B2B) reveals the PoC size program is complex, lengthy and costly
- AEMO/IEC has identified 49 industry processes that need amending
- Metering and SMP is inextricably linked



# **Closing remarks**







- We would like to engage on remaining issues relevant to our proposal including:
  - Augmentation capital expenditure
  - Operating expenditure step changes



Power of choice program

# JEN 2016-20 EDPR regulatory proposal

**Annexure** 

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# Our submission to the Preliminary Decision

#### Key aspects of the preliminary decision and submission

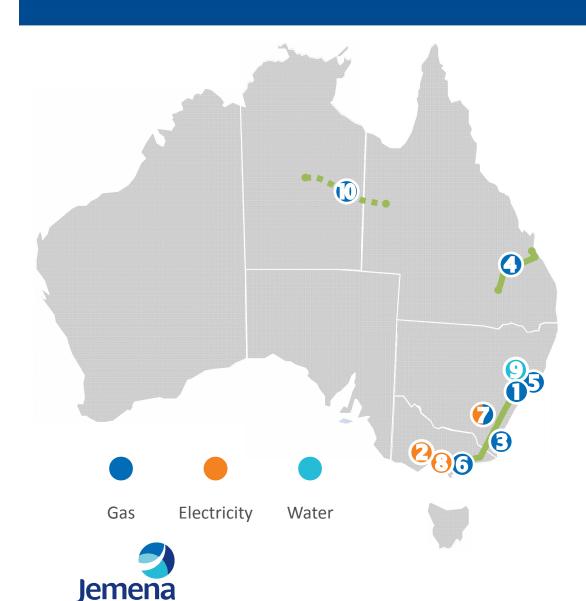




iso known as Demand Management and Embedded Generation Connection Incentive Scheme (DMEGCIS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Covers the operation, maintenance and replacement of public lighting

# **About Jemena**



- Jemena Gas Network
- Jemena Electricity Network
- Eastern Gas Pipeline
- Queensland Gas Pipeline
- Colongra Gas Transmission and Storage Pipeline
- VicHub
- ActewAGL Distribution Partnership (50%)
- United Energy Distribution (34%)
- Rosehill Recycled Water
- Northern Gas Pipeline