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26 September 2018

Chris Pattas
General Manager
Networks
Australian Energy Regulator
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RE: AER's forthcoming draft decision on Ausgrid's proposed Tariff Structure Statement

Dear Mr Pattas,

We understand that the AER is about to make its draft decision on our proposed Tariff Structure Statement (TSS) for the 2019-24 regulatory reset.

We also understand that under the NER rule 6.10.3(b), once the draft decision on our TSS is made, we may only make the revisions to incorporate the substance of any changes required to address matters raised by your draft decision, or your reasons for the draft decision.

Since submitting our TSS in April 2018, we have reviewed customer advocate written submissions, liaised with other distribution network service providers and discussed our network and tariff structure strategy directly with customer representatives and advocates in our Pricing Working Group (sub-committee of our Customer Consultative Committee).

As a result of these deliberations, we are undertaking significant steps to incorporate our customers' views, especially related to introducing a demand tariff and changes to fixed charges, in our revised Tariff Structure Statement, which we will submit to the AER with our Revised Regulatory Proposal.

We envisage that there will be a substantial revision of the TSS. As we develop the revised proposal, we propose to hold further consultation with AER and customer advocates. We ask the AER not to take too firm a position on the elements of our current proposed TSS to provide us with the flexibility to make changes.

We have received in principle support from customers advocates Energy Consumers Australia, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Energy Users Australia Association, St Vincent's de Paul Society, Consumer

Challenge Panel 10 and Consumer Challenge Panel 21 for Ausgrid to submit a revised TSS to the AER.
Customer advocate letters will be sent directly to the AER..

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Alexandra Sidorenko,
Network Pricing Manager on alexandra.sidorenko@ausgrid.com.au.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RAL', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rob Amphlett Lewis
Executive General Manager
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SUPPORTING STATEMENTS VIA EMAIL

ENERGY USERS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA

From: Mark Grenning <mark.grenning@euaa.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2018 11:51 AM
To: Selina O'Connor <selina.oconnor@Ausgrid.com.au>
Cc: Andrew Richards <andrew.richards@euaa.com.au>
Subject: Ausgrid Letter to the AER re Tariff Structure Statement 2019-24

Selina,

The EUAA supports Ausgrid's application to the AER to:

- Not to accept the TSS submitted on 30th April, 2018, and
- Allow Ausgrid to submit a revised TSS for the AER's consideration as part of its Draft Decision

The EUAA looks forward to working with Ausgrid and other consumer advocates in developing the revised TSS.

You are able to use this email in your correspondence with the AER.

Regards
Mark

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From: TEC <markb@tec.org.au>
Date: 25 September 2018 at 5:05:26 pm AEST
To: Selina O'Connor <selina.oconnor@ausgrid.com.au>
Subject: Re: DRAFT letter to AER

Hi Selina,

While I can't get a letter by Thursday, TEC supports Ausgrid's intention to substantially alter its draft TSS - like PIAC, on the understanding that it will address the lack of a demand tariff and the substantial increase in fixed charges.

Cheers
Mark

Teleported from my dream machine