The Australian Energy Regulator



Power and Water

2019-24 electricity distribution determination

Public forum

Thursday 12 April 2018 2:30-4:30pm Darwin



Who are we?

- The AER works to make all Australian energy consumers better off by:
 - regulating electricity networks and covered gas pipelines, in all jurisdictions except WA
 - enforcing the laws for the NEM and spot gas markets in southern and eastern Australia
 - protecting the interests of household and small business consumers by enforcing the national energy retail law



About this process

- Our determination for Power and Water:
 - Will set the revenue it can recover from customers for the provision of electricity network services
 - Will approve a TSS and pricing structures for other services, which set out how that revenue is spread across its customer base.



What we want to hear from you

- Extent to which Power and Water's proposal draws on feedback (key themes) it received from its consumer engagement.
 - Has this been adequately reflected?
 - Are these the right areas of focus for us?
- Issues paper highlights key areas of focus for us within the proposal:
 - Do you agree?
 - Have we missed anything?



What would this proposal mean for customers?

Residential customers (\$nominal):

- -\$72 reduction in the first year 2018-19
- Total impact over 2019-24 is a \$190 increase

Small business customers (\$nominal):

- \$277 reduction in the first year 2018-19
- Total impact over 2019-24 is a \$729 increase



Initial impressions of the proposal

Power and Water's revenue over time (\$m, 2018-19)

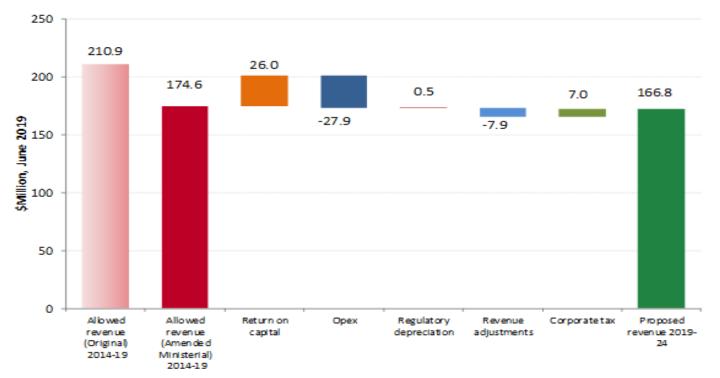


Source: AER analysis [Issues paper p. 14]



What seems to be changing?

Change in revenue 2014-19 to 2019-24 (\$2018/19)

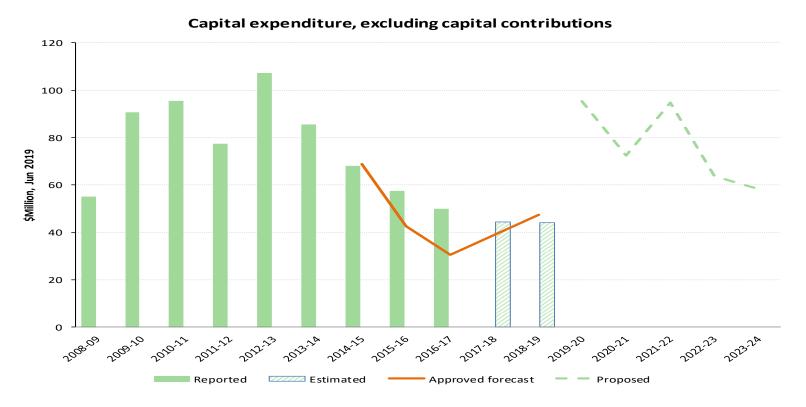


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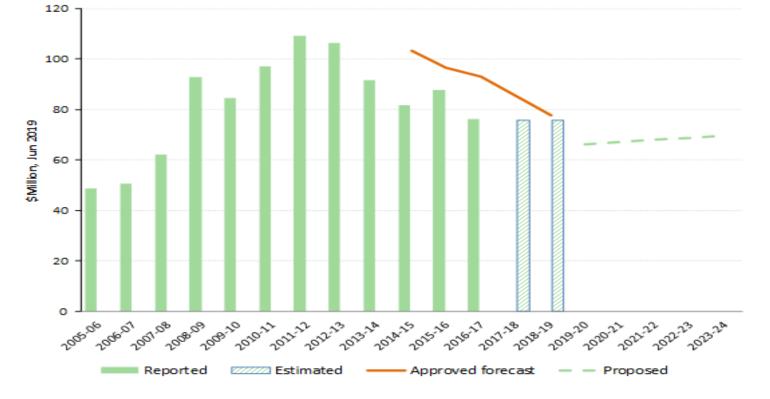


Source: AER analysis [Issues paper page 23]





Source: AER analysis [Issues paper page 29]



Change in opex 2005-6 to 2019-24 (\$2018/19)

Opex

Cost reflective tariffs

 New TSS introduced from 2019 setting out proposed tariffs, structures and charging parameters

- Power and Water is proposing:
 - Demand tariffs for customers with smart meters
 - Removing declining block tariffs
 - Shorten its peak charging window



Alternative control services

- Metering services will now be determined separately to the network services.
- Power and Water are proposing to install smart meters (new and replacements):
 - key driver in metering service costs
 - Are customers prepared to pay for smart meters?
- There are also a range of ancillary services that will now be regulated by us.



What happens next

| Milestone | Date |
|--|-----------------|
| Power and Water submitted its proposal | 31 January 2018 |
| AER issues paper published | 29 March 2018 |
| Public forum on Power and Water's proposal | 12 April 2018 |
| Submissions on Power and Water's proposal due | 16 May 2018 |
| AER draft decision published | September 2018 |
| Public forum on draft decision | October 2018 |
| Power and Water submits its revised proposal | November 2018 |
| Submissions on draft decision and revised proposal due | January 2019 |
| AER final decision published | April 2019 |



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