

To: AER Inquiry <aer inquiry@aer.gov.au>

Subject: SA Power Networks - Cost pass through - Emergency standards 2021-22

To whom it may concern,

This is a very brief, personal submission to this issue. No doubt they will get the money anyway, but I wanted to make a token effort on behalf of consumers to resist the call.

Based on what was known or foreseeable at the time of the determination, it does not seem reasonable to approve a discrete cost pass through now on this issue.

Consumers should be confident that SAPN is able to re-prioritise its expenditures to deal with the most pressing issues – such as system security - without asking for more money, especially when it was well known that this was an issue to be dealt with.

And if it going to be a pass through, how on earth can consumers be confident this is a reasonable level of expenditure to solve the “problem” identified?

Regards,

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(seen it all before: Past chair of SAPN’s Customer Consultative Committee, past member of AER’s Consumer Challenge Panel, past chair of AEMO’s ISP Consumer Panel)