

Essential Energy AERD Submission 2015-19 - Confidentiality Claim Log

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Other operations and business support operating expenditure plan Reset RIN Data Workbook Tables 2.15.1, 2.15.2 & 2.15.3 (Insurance Premiums)	Details of insurance premiums, statutory charges deductibles and policy limits/caps. Property values of insured assets and premium rate (per cent).	Opex	Market sensitive cost inputs.	Information is sensitive for insurance market negotiation/tender purposes. Essential Energy's approach has always been not to divulge the maximum amount of general liability insurance purchased nor do we divulge Directors and Officers Liability insurance limits to external parties. Essential Energy considers these insurance cover limits to be commercially sensitive information.	Disclosing this information would affect ability to negotiate competitive insurance renewal premiums as the insurance market could use this information to their advantage and jeopardise Essential Energy's otherwise superior negotiating position. Disclosing limit information could encourage additional claims (including size of claims), especially in relation to general liability which could lead to increased insurance premiums and in turn increased costs for customers.	Higher insurance premiums (increased opex) are not in the customers'/publics' best interest as adds to the price of electricity.

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Basis of preparation Reset RIN Data Workbook Tables 2.15.1, 2.15.2 & 2.15.3 (Insurance Premiums)	Methodology and Assumptions include sensitive information about claims.	Opex	Strategic Information	Disclosing sensitive claims information can potentially prejudice Essential Energy's legal position and could lead to a weakening in our negotiating position until the claims are finalised.	Disclosing information detracts from Essential Energy's ability to negotiate amicable claims outcomes potentially increasing claims costs.	Higher premiums and claims costs (increased Opex) are not in the customers'/publics' best interest as this adds to the price of electricity.
Insurance Notes for AER Reset RIN 2015-19 per paragraphs 11.1 – 11.7 of schedule 1 of the RIN.	Methodology and assumptions relating to industry premium allocation and sensitive claims information.	Opex	Strategic Information	Disclosing sensitive information can potentially prejudice Essential Energy's legal position and could lead to a weakening in our negotiating position and increased costs relative to claims finalisation.	Disclosing this information can detract from Essential Energy's ability to negotiate amicable claims outcomes potentially increasing claims and defence costs.	Higher premiums and claims costs (increased Opex) are not in the customers'/publics' best interest as this adds to the price of electricity.