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By email to: exportservicesreview@aer.gov.au

Dear Dr Funston

Re: Draft Export service incentive scheme (ESIS)

Evoenergy welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) draft export service incentive scheme.

Evoenergy owns and operates the electricity distribution network in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and gas distribution networks in the ACT and the Queanbeyan–Palerang Regional Council and Shoalhaven City Council local government areas of New South Wales.

Evoenergy supports the introduction of a new small-scale incentive scheme for export services. However, we note the timing of the AER's draft and upcoming final decision on the scheme will not leave sufficient time for Evoenergy to consult with customers and propose an ESIS for our upcoming revised regulatory proposal for the 2024-29 regulatory period.

Introducing a new incentive scheme will require time to engage with customers and design a scheme that aligns with the specific priorities of customers in the ACT. In the absence of a scheme for our next regulatory period, Evoenergy is committed to improving export service performance in the interests of our customers.

Evoenergy supports a future review of the ESIS, but we note the proposed timeline of a review initiated by 2027 may not allow sufficient time to consider the effects of bespoke incentive measures on DNSPs. The AER should allow time for sufficient data to be captured before a national standardised incentive scheme is introduced.

Should you have any questions in relation to this submission please contact Cameron Shields, Group Manager Regulatory Finance & Strategy, at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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