

**NATIONAL ELECTRICITY LAW**  
**SECTION 74**  
**INFRINGEMENT NOTICE ISSUED TO**  
**ORIGIN ENERGY URANQUINTY POWER PTY LTD**

**To: Origin Energy Uranquinty Power Pty Ltd (ACN 120 384 938)**  
**Level 45, Australia Square**  
**264-278 George Street**  
**SYDNEY NSW 2000**

**Infringement Notice No.: AER01-2016**

1. The Australian Energy Regulator (**AER**):
  - a. has reason to believe that Origin Energy Uranquinty Power Pty Ltd (ACN 120 384 938) (**Origin Energy**), being a Registered Participant by virtue of being registered by the Australian Energy Market Operator (**AEMO**) as a generator under clause 2.2 of the National Electricity Rules (**NER**) in respect of the Uranquinty generating system, comprised of four scheduled generating units (URANQ11, URANQ12, URANQ13 and URANQ14) located in New South Wales, has breached clause 4.9.8(a) of the NER, as described in Schedule 1 to this Infringement Notice (**the alleged breach**); and
  - b. has decided to serve this Infringement Notice on Origin Energy under section 74 of the *National Electricity (New South Wales) Law* (**NEL**).
2. Clause 4.9.8(a) of the NER is a civil penalty provision within the meaning of the NEL.
3. The infringement penalty is \$20,000.

**WHAT CAN ORIGIN ENERGY DO IN RESPONSE TO THIS INFRINGEMENT NOTICE?**

4. Origin Energy can choose whether or not to comply with this Infringement Notice. If Origin Energy chooses not to comply with this Infringement Notice, the AER may commence proceedings against it in relation to the alleged breach. Origin Energy is entitled to disregard this Infringement Notice and to defend any proceedings in respect of the alleged breach.
5. If Origin Energy chooses to comply with this Infringement Notice, it must pay the infringement penalty by 4 March 2016, being not less than 28 days from the date of service of this Infringement Notice, beginning on the day after the day on which this Infringement Notice is served (**the compliance period**).
6. To ensure payment is made in accordance with this Infringement Notice, payment must be received on or before **4 March 2016**.
7. If Origin Energy pays the infringement penalty within the compliance period, the AER will not institute proceedings in respect of the first alleged breach unless the Infringement Notice is withdrawn before the end of the compliance period in accordance with section 79 of the NEL.

## HOW DOES ORIGIN ENERGY PAY THE INFRINGEMENT PENALTY?

8. Origin Energy may pay the infringement penalty in two ways:
- by cheque made out to the "ACCC Official Administered Account",\* enclosing a copy of this Infringement Notice to:

Australian Energy Regulator  
GPO Box 520  
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

you should allow at least 5 business days for payment to be received

or

- by electronic funds transfer to the following account:\*

Account name: ACCC Official Administered Account  
BSB: 032-730  
Account: 146550  
Description: AER01-2016

- \* The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) handles the receipt of infringement penalty payments for the AER. All payments received are paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

9. Please allow sufficient time for your payment to be received within the compliance period.
10. Origin Energy will be issued with a Tax Invoice following payment of the \$20,000 infringement penalty.

DATE OF ISSUE: 2 February 2016



Paula Conboy  
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Australian Energy Regulator

## SCHEDULE 1

### MATTERS CONSTITUTING AN ALLEGED BREACH OF A CIVIL PENALTY PROVISION: CLAUSE 4.9.8(a) OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICITY RULES

1. Origin Energy is a Registered Participant being registered with AEMO as a generator under clause 2.2 of the NER within the meaning of the term in the NER in respect of four scheduled generating units (**URANQ11, URANQ12, URANQ13 and URANQ14**).
2. Clause 4.9.8(a) of the NER requires a Registered Participant to comply with a dispatch instruction given to it by AEMO unless to do so would, in the Registered Participant's reasonable opinion, be a hazard to public safety or materially risk damaging equipment.
3. On 23 September 2015, for the 18:35 dispatch interval, AEMO gave Origin Energy a dispatch instruction for each of the four Uranquinty scheduled generating units. Each Uranquinty scheduled generating unit generated in excess of the energy level specified in the dispatch instruction for the relevant dispatch interval as set out below:

Scheduled generating unit	Dispatch Instruction	Measured Output	Difference
URANQ11	127.47 MW	170.2 MW	42.73 MW
URANQ12	127.47 MW	171.33 MW	43.86 MW
URANQ13	127.47 MW	170.89 MW	43.42 MW
URANQ14	127.47 MW	171.09 MW	43.62 MW

4. Accordingly, Origin Energy breached clause 4.9.8(a) of the NER in respect of URANQ11, URANQ12, URANQ13 and URANQ14.