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Notice of ring-fencing waiver: Ergon Energy's application for photovoltaic installations

Dear Ms Doyle

The AER issues this notice pursuant to s. 21 of the Queensland Competition Authority's *Electricity Distribution: Ring-Fencing Guidelines* (Guidelines).¹ By this notice, Ergon Energy's obligation to comply with s. 1(b) of the Guidelines in respect of photovoltaic (PV) installations is waived.

The waiver applies to all PVs installed (or to be installed) on Ergon Energy's office buildings and depots, with a combined generation capacity capped at 300 kilowatts. As such, the 16 PV installations identified in Appendix 1 of Ergon Energy's application are included in the cap. Should any future installations result in the cap being exceeded, or if Ergon Energy installs PVs on physical assets other than office buildings and depots that it owns, Ergon Energy must submit a new waiver application to the AER. Ergon Energy's other activities would remain subject to all other aspects of the Guidelines, and s. 1(b) would continue to apply to any other relevant activities of Ergon Energy.

The AER reserves the right to vary, revoke or amend this waiver in relation to any PVs that have not been built by Ergon Energy to date.

This notice is effective from 3 June 2011.

¹ Queensland Competition Authority, *Final Determination: Electricity Distribution: Ring-Fencing Guidelines*, September 2000.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Warwick Anderson on (02) 6243 1240.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Reeves', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Reeves
Chairman
Australian Energy Regulator