

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) required Origin Energy (Origin) to undertake an independent audit of its compliance with specific requirements of the National Energy Retail Law (Retail Law) and National Energy Retail Rules (Retail Rules).

In 2018 Origin was audited by Protiviti with respect to its hardship obligations under the Retail Law and Retail Rules as well as its compliance reporting obligations to the AER under the Retail Law.

This fact sheet provides a summary of audit findings.

Grade	What the auditors found
Grade: Green	Retail Law - Section 43 – Customer Hardship Policies Retail Law - Section 44 – Minimum requirements for customer hardship policy (by virtue of section 43) The auditor found that Origin's processes and policies were effective.
Grade: Green	Retail Law - Section 50 – Payment Plans Retail Law - Section 52 – Rules The auditor found that Origin's policies and processes were effective.
Grade: Green	<b>Retail Rule 111(1)(2) – De-energisation for not paying bill</b> The auditor found that Origin's policies and processes were compliant.
Grade: Green	Retail Rule 116 – When retailer must not arrange de-energisation Retail Rules - Rule 33 – Payment difficulties & Rule 72 – Payment Plans (by virtue of Rule 116) The auditor found that Origin's policies and processes were effective.
Grade: Green	Part 3 – Obligations to submit information & data on compliance to the AER The auditor found that Origin's policies and processes were compliant.