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Submission to SA Power Networks Regulatory Proposal (2015-2020)

As a medium sized energy consumer in South Australia I support the Australian Energy Regulator's decision to address energy supply costs to South Australian consumers. We strongly oppose SA Power Networks Regulatory Proposal (2015-2020).

Our regional irrigation enterprise has already experienced a significant, unsustainable and unjustified increase in electricity costs over the past 2 years. Our business is not alone in stating that it will not cope with further price increases into the future in the current economic climate.

We are disappointed in the method of consultation used to develop the SA Power Networks Regulatory Proposal (2015-2020) which was neither ethical or inclusive. We urge the Australian Energy Regulator to stand by it's initial decision to disallow the expenditure and charges proposed by SA Power Networks going forward.

The lack of explanation accompanying amended invoices for network charges via electricity retailers for the past financial year at Smart Meter sites is also an issue that warrants the immediate attention of the Australian Energy Regulator.

We strongly oppose the proposal put forward by SA Power Networks and support the strong submissions supplied by both the Central Irrigation Trust and Riverland Wine as representative of a large regional user of electricity in this state.

Kind Regards

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