

National Electricity Code Changes

Request for submissions

Minor variations to NSW transmission pricing derogations

On 18 June 2004, the ACCC received applications for minor variations to the existing authorisations of the National Electricity Code (Nos A40074, A40075 and A40076, as amended). These applications were lodged by the National Electricity Code Administrator (NECA) on behalf of the New South Wales Minister for Energy and Utilities.

The applications relate to derogations governing the network pricing arrangements to apply in NSW. The derogations are designed to mitigate risks that may arise from the timing of the ACCC's revenue cap decisions for TransGrid and EnergyAustralia. The proposed derogations replace similar derogations put in place at the time of the ACCC's first revenue cap decisions for TransGrid and EnergyAustralia.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available from NECA's web site – www.neca.com.au.

The ACCC also received a request for interim authorisation of the minor variations from the NSW Minister for Energy and Utilities. The ACCC granted interim authorisation on 23rd June 2004.

To assist in the ACCC's consideration of these applications, interested parties are invited to comment on the potential anti-competitive detriment and public benefit associated with the proposed derogations.

All submissions will be placed on the public register unless confidentiality for the submission (or any part of the submission) is requested. Submissions can be sent electronically to: electricity.group@acc.gov.au. Alternatively, written submissions or submissions on disk, in Word 7.0 compatible format, can be sent to:

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The closing date for submissions is **Friday 16 July 2004**.

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