National Electricity Code Changes

Request for submissions

New South Wales Full Retail Competition Derogations

On 27 August 2004, the ACCC received applications for derogation (Nos A90928, A90929, and A90930) to the National Electricity Code (Code). These applications were lodged by the National Electricity Code Administrator (NECA) on behalf of the New South Wales Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability.

The purpose of the applications for authorisation is to seek amendments to New South Wales's derogations from Chapter 7 of the Code, and ensure exclusivity for the provision of metering services by distribution businesses in New South Wales.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available from the ACCC's web site. 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, and any comment relating to the authorisation of the 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: <u>electricity.group@accc.gov.au</u>. 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 24 September 2004.** If you require further information, please contact Eloise Campbell on (03) 9290 1968.