Competition and Consumer Act 2010

Notice of extension of decision making period for making an access determination under subsection 152BCK(3)

- Pursuant to subsection 152BCK(3) of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) extends the period for making a final access determination in relation to the Domestic Transmission Capacity Service (DTCS) to 5 June 2020.
- The ACCC has been unable to make a final access determination within the initial six month period from the commencement of the public inquiry into making an access determination because, having first consulted on the pricing approach to apply for the new FAD, the ACCC did not have sufficient time to obtain and analyse recent pricing data.
- 3. The ACCC considers that the extension of the decision-making period will be necessary for it to:
 - a. review the pricing information from an additional tranche of access agreements to support the pricing data already collected
 - b. finalise its calculation of draft regulated prices for the DTCS, and
 - c. ensure there is appropriate time for industry consultation on a draft final access determination and the preparation of a final access determination.

Note: The ACCC commenced a public inquiry into making an access determination in relation to the DTCS on 5 June 2019.

Dated this _____ day of November 2019.

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Commissioner

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission