

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on Regulatory Templates

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying Australian Energy Regulator (AER) Distribution Network Service Provider (DNSP) New Historical Data Regulatory Information Notice Templates – Actual Historical Financial Information (Regulatory Templates) of Ergon Energy Corporation Limited (the Entity) for the years ended as stipulated below, prepared by Ergon Energy Corporation Limited pursuant to the requirements of the Reset Regulatory Information Notice (Reset RIN) under Part 3, Division 4 of the *National Electricity (Queensland) Law (NEL)*, issued to Ergon Energy Corporation Limited by the AER on 11 October 2023.

The financial information subject to audit includes the Basis of Preparation and actual historical financial information contained in the Regulatory Templates as listed below:

Workbook	Regulatory Template	For the years ending
Workbook 2 – New Historical Data	4.2 Metering - Capex	2017–18 to 2022–23
	4.2 Metering - ICT	2017–18 to 2022–23
	7.4 Shared assets	2014–15 to 2022–23

with the following exceptions:

- i. Actual information that is not materially altered by changes to the cost allocation method or service classifications to take effect from 1 July 2025.
- ii. Forecast information
- iii. Auto populated cells in the Microsoft Excel Workbooks attached at Appendix A.

In my opinion, the actual historical financial information of Ergon Energy Corporation Limited for the years ended as stipulated above, and included in the Regulatory Templates as stipulated above, is presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the Reset RIN, including the principles and requirements of Sections 2, 3 and 5 and Appendix A of the Reset RIN, and Ergon Energy Corporation Limited's Basis of Preparation.

I confirm that I meet the requirements of paragraph 6.1.8 of the Reset RIN in relation to requirements to be met by the person conducting an audit of the Regulatory Templates.

Basis of Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporates the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Regulatory Templates* section of my report.

I am independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the actual historical financial information. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*. In conducting the audit, the independence requirements of the Reset RIN have been complied with.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Preparation

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to the Basis of Preparation which describes the requirements of Sections 2, 3 and 5 and Appendix A of the Reset RIN. The actual historical financial information in the Regulatory Templates has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling Ergon Energy Corporation Limited's reporting responsibilities in accordance with the Reset RIN.

As a result, the Regulatory Templates and the Auditor's Report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Management's Responsibilities for the Regulatory Templates

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Regulatory Templates, ensuring the actual historical financial information is prepared in accordance with Ergon Energy Corporation Limited's Basis of Preparation and the requirements of Sections 2, 3 and 5 and Appendix A of the Reset RIN.

Management's responsibility also includes such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the Regulatory Templates that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Regulatory Templates

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Regulatory Templates as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Regulatory Templates.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Regulatory Templates, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of material policies included in the Basis of Preparation and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and disclosures in accordance with the Reset RIN.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Regulatory Templates, including the disclosures, and whether the Regulatory Templates represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the entity's directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Other Matters – Electronic Presentation of the Audited Information

Those viewing an electronic version of the Regulatory Templates and the Basis of Preparation should note that this audit opinion relates only to the documents listed in the table below. Any changes made to these documents subsequent to this, have not been audited.

Basis of Preparation – Attachment Name	Date and Time
Ergon 2025-20230 – Reset RIN – Basis of Preparation 31 January 2024 Public.pdf	8 th December 2023, 1:15 PM
Template – Attachment Name	Date and Time
Ergon 2025-2030 – Reset RIN – Workbook 2 – New historical data 31 January 2024 PUBLIC .xlsm	8 th December 2023, 11:32 AM

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