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## Statement of reasons: AusNet Services' Annual Tariff Variation

On 18 April 2024, AusNet Services applied to the AER for variation of its gas reference tariffs for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

The AER has reviewed AusNet Services' application in line with its 2023–28 access arrangement, in particular the principles and formulae set out in Part B of the access arrangement.

The distribution tariff increases are driven by inflation (4.05%) and the annual update to the regulated rate of return (2.41%).

While the pricing movements vary for different tariff categories, the AER finds that such changes are consistent with the mechanisms set in the access arrangement.

Having considered AusNet Services' tariff variation proposal, the AER approves these tariffs for commencement from 1 July 2024.

As a result of our decision, we expect the distribution component of the typical bill for AusNet Services' to be on average \$17.63 to \$24.76 higher for households and \$20.56 to \$30.29 higher for small businesses from 1 July 2024.