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Notice inviting submissions: AusNet Services electricity transmission business – Framework and Approach

The Framework and Approach (F&A) is the first step in a process to determine efficient prices for electricity services. It determines which services the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) will regulate and the broad nature of regulatory arrangements as prescribed by the National Electricity Rules (NER). For electricity transmission businesses, the F&A determines, amongst other things, how the AER will set prices for electricity transmission services and the application of any incentive schemes. The F&A process also facilitates early public consultation and assists each network service provider prepare its regulatory proposal.

AusNet Services has written to the AER requesting that we replace their current F&A.

In accordance with the NER, the AER invites submissions on whether it is necessary or desirable to amend or replace the current F&A for the next regulatory control period commencing on 1 April 2027¹ for AusNet Services (VIC electricity transmission).

The matters the AER may amend or replace in its F&A paper are listed in clause 6A.10.1A of the NER. Briefly for electricity transmission businesses, these include:

- the application of a range of incentive schemes that encourage things like service quality, improvements in network reliability or efficient capital and operating expenditure
- the application of the AER's Expenditure Forecast Assessment Guideline
- whether depreciation of assets will be based on actual or forecast capital expenditure.

AusNet Services electricity transmission final F&A paper for the 2022-27 regulatory control period (current F&A), published on 24 April 2020, can be found [here](#).

AusNet Services electricity transmission determination for the 2022-27 regulatory control period, published on 28 January 2022, can be found [here](#).

How to make submissions

The AER invites submissions on whether it is necessary or desirable to amend or replace the F&A paper for AusNet Services. Submissions close at **5pm AEST on Wednesday 4 September 2024**.

Submissions should be sent electronically to AERresets2027-32@aer.gov.au

¹ NER, cl. 6A.10.1A(c)(2).

Alternatively, you may mail submissions to:

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The AER prefers that all submissions be publicly available to facilitate an informed and transparent consultative process. The AER will treat submissions as public documents unless otherwise requested. Parties wishing to submit confidential information are requested to:

- clearly identify the information that is the subject of the confidentiality claim
- provide a non-confidential version of the submission in a form suitable for publication.

All non-confidential submissions will be placed on the AER's website at www.aer.gov.au. For further information regarding the AER's use and disclosure of information provided to it, see the *ACCC/AER Information Policy*, June 2014 available on the AER's website.

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