

## Response to unanswered question: SA Power Networks predetermination conference – October 2024

**Question:** Can we hear AER's thoughts on the potential complexities of implementing the SME export charges and the peak vs off peak BEL allowance and how it will actually work across a billing period? Has this been tested with operational billing systems both at SAPN and retailers?

**Answer:** The AER's view is that SAPN's approach to the small business export tariff for those with interval meters seems sensible. The export tariff developed for Small Business customers with an interval meter was based upon the structure of the existing consumption tariff. This has a pre-existing distinction between Work Days (WD) and Non Work Days (NWD) and would already exist in retailer billing systems. In the application of SAPN's basic export level which allows unused free limits to be rolled over within a billing period, any unused free export on a WD should only apply to another WD and the same approach for NWD. This is an important pricing signal because without the distinction a Small Business may not use any of its free export limit during the WD because of self consumption and then on the NWD when there is little to no self consumption, all of the accumulated free threshold is applied, heavily reducing or eliminating the pricing signal.

Throughout the development of the TSS over the past 2 years SAPN has engaged both internally with its billing team and externally with retailers. SAPN advises it is currently working through the implementation process with its billing team however SAPN does not anticipate there to be an issue in developing this tariff or issues with the tariff being received by retailers' systems.