



Jemena Electricity Networks (Vic) Ltd

2026-31 Electricity Distribution Price Reset Initial Proposal

Attachment 12-03

Protected claims



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1. JEN regulatory proposal SOCI claims

The Australian Energy Regulator (**AER**) served Jemena Electricity Network (Vic) Ltd (**JEN**) a final Electricity distribution price review regulatory information notice (**EDPR RIN**) on 17 October 2024. Section 2.3 of the RIN requires JEN to make claims for protection over any JEN information in accordance with the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act.

The Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure Protection) Act 2022 (SLACIP Act) amended the *Security of Critical Infrastructure Act (2018)* (the SOCI Act) to build upon the existing framework and uplift the security and resilience of Australia’s critical infrastructure.

The key purpose of the amendments was to strengthen the framework for managing risks to critical infrastructure, including by:

- Introducing a requirement for owners and operators of critical infrastructure assets to establish, maintain and comply with a **risk management program (RMP)**.
- Establishing a mechanism for the declaration of **Systems of National Significance (SoNs)** – ie assets most interconnected, interdependent and essential to Australia’s social or economic stability, defence or national security:
- Establishing a framework of Enhanced Cyber Security Obligations, which may apply to systems of national significance; and
- Enhancing the framework for the use and disclosure of protected information.

The JEN electricity distribution network is considered a critical infrastructure asset. Accordingly, Jemena must comply with certain obligations under the SOCI Act.

This document lists information identified as protected (SOCI) information (under section 5 of the SOCI Act) provided in support of JEN’s 2026-31 Regulatory Proposal.

Document name, page and paragraph number	Description of the SOCI protected information	Why the information is considered SOCI protected information under section 5 of the SOCI Act
JEN – Att 05-01 Capital expenditure – 20250131 – Public Pages 115-116	<i>Critical Infrastructure Information & proposed security measures to safeguard it</i>	<i>Would present a material risk that a threat-actor could exploit the information to harm or compromise</i>