

15 March 2022

Richard Gross
Chief Executive Officer
Ausgrid

Dear Mr Gross

Re: Expression of Interest – Better Resets Handbook Early Signalling Pathway

Thank you for your expression of interest (EOI) of 31 January 2022 to participate in the Better Resets Handbook early signal pathway. Ausgrid's EOI was one of three high quality proposals from businesses lodging its regulatory proposal in January 2023.

After careful consideration, we have decided to limit the application of the early signal pathway to two participants for regulatory proposals due in January 2023. This decision is based on the available level of resources within the AER during the course of 2022 and the fact that this is the first implementation of the early signal pathway process.

Unfortunately, we have decided not to include Ausgrid as one of the two participants in the early signal pathway.

Ausgrid's application demonstrated a genuine commitment to the Better Resets Handbook, including a strong Reset Consumer Panel and constructive consumer engagements. While all applications met the EOI criteria, a key deciding factor was the scope of issues proposed for inclusion in the early signal pathway by the different applicants. In particular, there was uncertainty as to how we would undertake an assessment of whether Ausgrid's total capex proposal would be subject to a targeted review when Ausgrid had already excluded particular areas of capex from such a review.

We greatly appreciate the constructive engagement we have had with Ausgrid to date in the pre-lodgement phase and we look forward to on-going engagement. We encourage Ausgrid to continue to collaborate with its stakeholders to achieve a well-supported, customer-centric proposal in line with the Better Resets Handbook.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Kris Funston on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Clare Savage
AER Chair

