

**Meeting of the Consumer Challenge Panel (CCP) NSW subpanel and NSW electricity DNSPs**

**NSW /ACT electricity distribution regulatory review 2014—19**

**Location: Level 20, AER Sydney Offices, 175 Pitt Street**

**Other AER offices connected through video conference**

**Date: 20 February 2014**

**Facilitator: John Skinner, Director, Network Regulation Branch, AER**

**Agenda**

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| 10.30 am - 11:30am | Networks NSW Overview |
| 11:30 am - 12:30pm | Endeavour Energy |
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| 1:00 pm - 2:00pm | Ausgrid |
| 2:00 pm - 3:00pm | Essential Energy |

**Background**

At the request of Consumer Challenge Panel (CCP), the AER arranged a Networks NSW meeting with the CCP NSW/ACT subpanel 1 on 20 February 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss NSW DNSPs Transitional Regulatory proposals for 2014-15 and forthcoming proposals for the regulatory control period 2014-19. The meeting was held at the AER office in Sydney connected to other AER and Essential Energy offices by video conference.

Networks NSW was formed by the NSW Government on 1 July 2012 and comprises of Ausgrid, Endeavour Energy and Essential Energy.

**CCP members attendees list**

* Ms Jo De Silva
* Mr Mark Henley
* Ms Ruth Lavery
* Mr Bruce Mountain
* Dr Gillian Owen

**AER Board members/ staff attendees list**

* James Cox - Board member
* Warwick Anderson
* Moston Neck
* John Skinner
* Robyn Lowien
* Sajjad Minhas

**Networks NSW attendees**

* Vince Graham (Ausgrid, Endeavour, Essential)
* Justin De Lorenzo (Group CFO, Networks NSW)
* John Hardwick (Group Exec, Network Strategy, Networks NSW)
* Gary Humphreys (COO, Essential)
* Rod Howard (COO, Endeavour)
* Trevor Armstrong (COO, Ausgrid)
* Kylie Yates (Group Manager Corporate Affairs (NNSW)
* Mike Martinson (Group Manager Network Regulation, NNSW)

**Endeavour Energy attendees**

* Rod Howard (Chief Operating Officer)
* Michael Ghattas (GM Finance & Compliance)
* Ty Christopher (GM Network Development)
* Jon Hocking (Manager Network Regulation)
* Kate McCue (Manager Corporate Affairs)
* Kylie Yates (Group Manager Corporate Affairs (NNSW)
* Mike Martinson (Group Manager Network Regulation, NNSW)

**Ausgrid attendees**

* Trevor Armstrong (Chief Operating Officer)
* Joseph Pizzinga (GM Finance & Compliance)
* Neil Gordon (Manager Asset & Network Planning)
* Matthew McQuarrie (AER2 Project Director)
* Jane Mills (GM People & Services)
* Anthony O’Brien (Manager Corporate Affairs)
* Kylie Yates (Group Manager Corporate Affairs (NNSW)
* Mike Martinson (Group Manager Network Regulation, NNSW)

**Essential Energy attendees**

* Gary Humphreys (Chief Operating Officer)
* Andrew Sinclair (General Manager Finance & Compliance)
* Paul Brazier (Manager Asset &Network Planning)
* Natalie Lindsay (AER2 Project Director)
* Luke Jenner (GM People & Services)
* Kylie Yates (Group Manager Corporate Affairs (NNSW)
* Mike Martinson (Group Manager Network Regulation, NNSW)

**Topic discussed**

**Networks NSW overview**

* High level overview of the NSW businesses Transitional Regulatory Proposals
* Capex (past and future capex plans)
* Opex (past and future opex plans)
* Public lighting
* Network reliability
* Vegetation management
* Stakeholder engagement and consumer research
* Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

**Endeavour**

* Transitional regulatory proposal for the period 2014–15
* Reliability programs
* Demand forecasts
* Capex (drivers for capex during current and future regulatory period)
* Opex (drivers for opex during current and future regulatory period)
* Impact of PV on network capability
* Public lighting

**Ausgrid**

* Transitional regulatory proposal for the period 2014–15
* Demand forecasts
* Impact of PV on opex and capex programs
* Property and fleet management
* Capex (drivers for capex during current and future regulatory period)
* Opex (drivers for opex during current and future regulatory period)
* Public lighting

**Essential**

* Transitional regulatory proposal for the period 2014–15
* Public lighting
* Capex (drivers for capex spending, including network reliability standards)
* Network reliability (SAIDI/SAIFI)
* Opex (drivers for opex spending)
* Vegetation management