

**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 March 2014**

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

**Agenda**

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| 9.00am - 10:30am | Endeavour Energy |
| 10.45am - 12:15pm | Ausgrid |
| 1.00pm – 2.30pm | Essential Energy |

**Background**

At the request of Consumer Challenge Panel (CCP), the AER arranged a second Networks NSW meeting with the CCP NSW/ACT subpanel 1 on 20 March 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss general capex and opex issues for the NSW DNSPs Transitional regulatory proposals and the forthcoming reset 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 staff attendees list**

* John Skinner
* Sajjad Minhas

**Networks NSW attendees**

* Mike Martinson (Group Manager Network Regulation, NNSW)

**Endeavour Energy attendees**

* Michael Ghattas (GM Finance & Compliance)
* Ty Christopher (GM Network Development)
* Jon Hocking (Manager Network Regulation)
* Mike Martinson (Group Manager Network Regulation, NNSW)

**Ausgrid attendees**

* Joseph Pizzinga (GM Finance & Compliance)
* Christy Langley-Glidon
* Mike Martinson (Group Manager Network Regulation, NNSW)

**Essential Energy attendees**

* Natalie Lindsay (AER2 Project Director)
* Aaron Brown
* Mike Martinson (Group Manager Network Regulation, NNSW)

**Topics discussed**

**Capex**

* Comparison of capex forecasts in the Transitional Regulatory proposals and forthcoming resets proposals with actual capex numbers in the current regulatory control period (past and future capex plans)
* Drivers for capex during current and future regulatory period
* Network reliability
* Capex – drop in off peak demand load
* Leasing

**Opex**

* Comparison of opex forecasts in the Transitional Regulatory proposals and forthcoming resets proposals with actual opex numbers in the current regulatory control period (past and future opex plans)
* Drivers for opex during current and future regulatory period
* Step changes
* Vegetation management
* EBSS

**Other topics discussed**

* Network reliability
* Stakeholder engagement and consumer research
* Benchmarking
* Headcount