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Mr John Pierce
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Dear Mr Pierce

Submission on participant derogation—NSW and ACT distributors revenue smoothing consultation paper

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the AEMC's consultation paper on the revenue smoothing rule change request from ActewAGL and the NSW distributors (Ausgrid, Endeavour Energy and Essential Energy). Please find attached our submission.

We support the objective of smoothing the NSW/ACT distributors' revenue into the next regulatory control period to avoid a potential bill shock to customers towards the end of this regulatory control period that might result from the ongoing appeals. However, we have concerns with the particular process and mechanism proposed by the distributors to achieve this objective. We seek to work with the AEMC, NSW/ACT distributors and consumer representatives to find a better solution to achieve this objective.

We would be pleased to provide further assistance to the AEMC on this rule change. Please contact Mr Scott Sandles on (03) 9290 1487 or Mr Kenny Yap on (02) 6243 1224, if you would like to discuss any aspect of this submission.

Yours sincerely



Paula Conboy

Chair