

Energy Users Coalition of Victoria

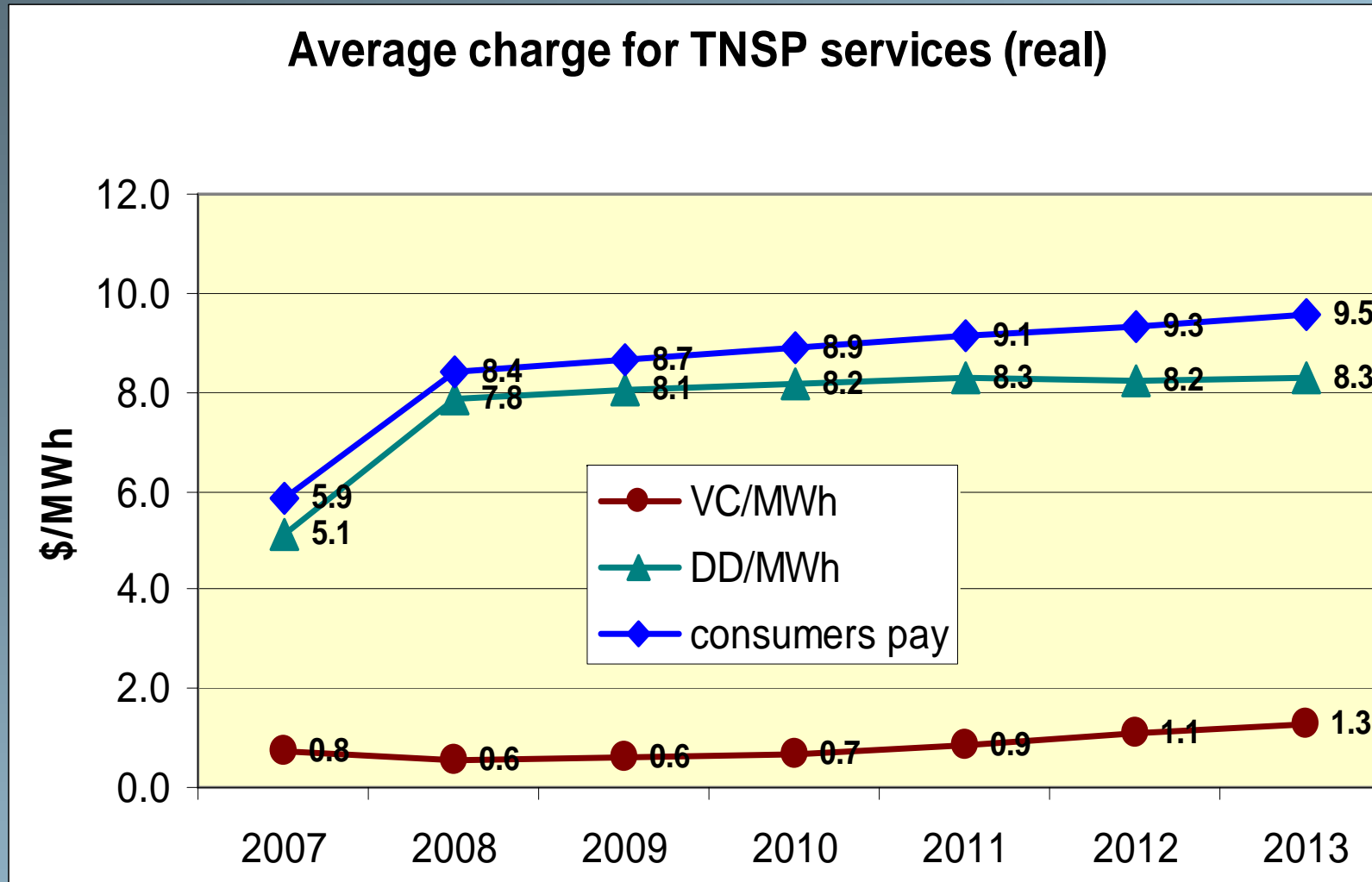
AER Review

SP Ausnet Revenue Reset

Draft Decision Forum

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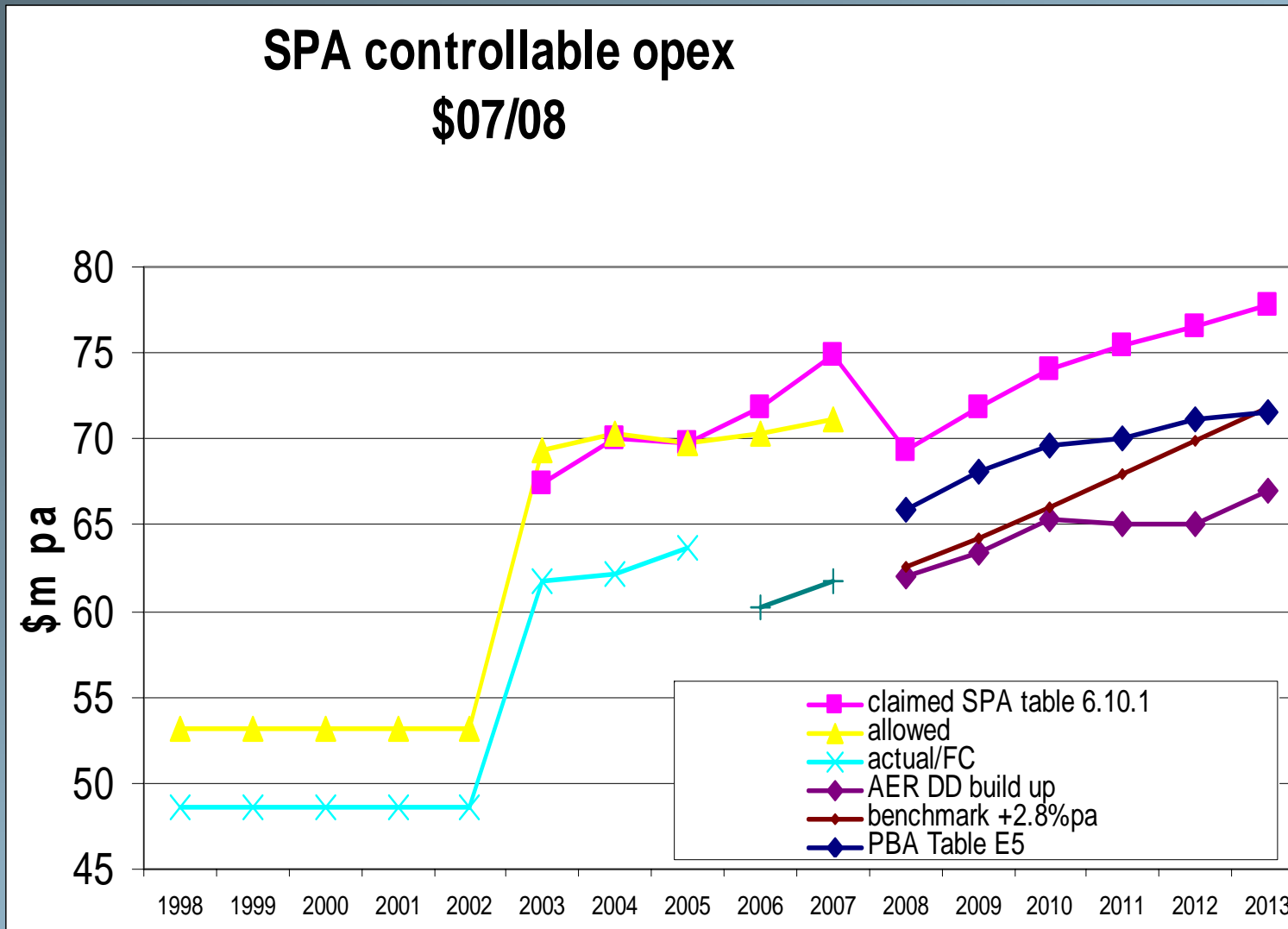
The change in average tariff



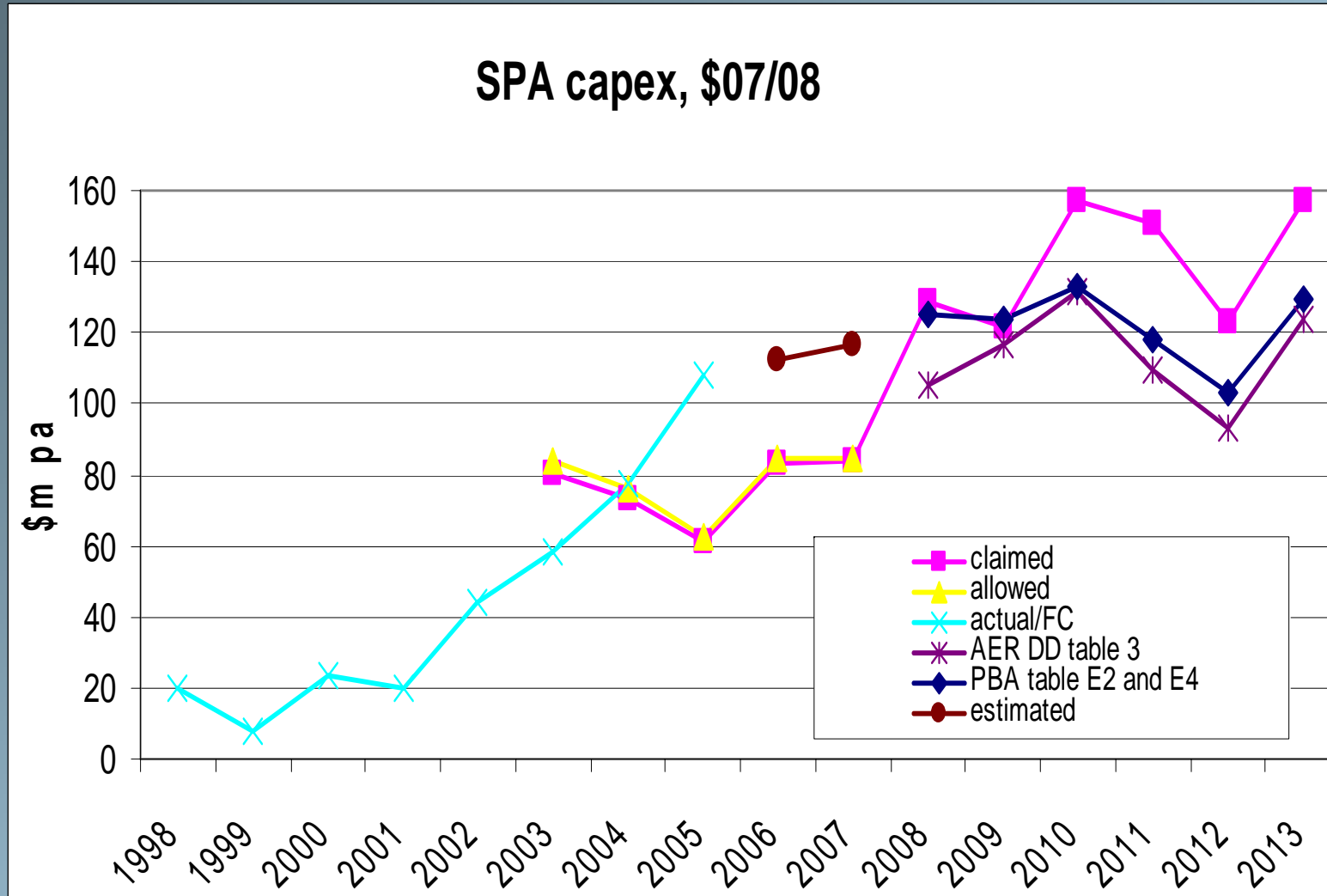
AER Note: The EUCV noted at the predetermination conference that its calculation of the average tariff for 2007-08 does not take SP AusNet's easement tax liability into account

Controllable Opex

SPA controllable opex
\$07/08



SPA Capex



Issues for consumers

- The new tariffs take electricity transmission in Victoria into new highs, and above other states despite it being recognised as the most compact in the NEM.
- The tariff charts are based on VENCorp expected (medium) case consumption and ACCC final decision and VENCorp expected revenue
- The increase in tariff is due in part to increased demand, yet the pricing approach does little to provide signals for this
- The AER does not assess the impact of its decision on consumers, especially between the current and next periods
- SPA underspent its allowed opex by \$44m in current period. Therefore there is a \$25.2m carryover
- Corporate overhead is 27% of controllable opex
- The actual opex was intended to set the benchmark, but neither PBA or AER looked at this as a benchmark and adding defined step changes
- Land tax on easements is a replacement for Smelter levy. Has the AER discussed the burgeoning amount with the Vic gov't or the premium included for SPA to accept the risk of future changes?