

Statutory Declaration

OATHS ACT 1900, NSW, EIGHTH SCHEDULE

I, **John Cleland**, of 8 Buller Street, Port Macquarie in the State of New South Wales do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am an officer, for the purposes of the *National Electricity (New South Wales) Law*, of *Essential Energy* (ABN 37 428 185 226) (*Essential Energy*) a regulated network service provider for the purposes of section 28D of the NEL. I am authorised by *Essential Energy* to make this statutory declaration as part of the response of *Essential Energy* to the Regulatory Information Notice dated 26 October 2022 (the Notice) served on *Essential Energy* by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER).

Historical Information

2. I say that the actual information (as defined in the Notice) provided in *Essential Energy's* response to the Notice is, to the best of my information, knowledge and belief:
 - a) in accordance with the requirements of the Notice; and
 - b) true and accurate.
3. Where it is not possible to provide actual information to comply with the Notice, *Essential Energy* has, to the best of my information, knowledge and belief:
 - a) provided *Essential Energy's* best estimate of the information in accordance with the requirements of the Notice; and
 - b) provided the basis for each estimate, including assumptions made and reasons why the estimate is the best estimate.

Forecast Information

4. Where *Essential Energy* has provided forecast information in response to the Notice, *Essential Energy* has, to the best of my information, knowledge and belief, provided information which is *Essential Energy's* best forecast of the information in accordance with the requirements of the Notice.

and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1900*.

Declared at [redacted] on 25 January 2023.

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[signature of declarant]

in the presence of an authorised witness, who states:

I, Martin English, a Lawyer, certify the following matters concerning the making of this statutory declaration by the person who made it:

1. I saw the face of the person, and
2. I have known the person for at least 12 months

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[authorised witness]

25.1.2023
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[date]