



Independent Reasonable Assurance Report to the Directors of ActewAGL Distribution

Conclusion

In our opinion, in all material respects, the Actual Quantity Inputs contained within the Regulatory Reporting Statement of ActewAGL Distribution for the regulatory year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 are prepared in accordance with section 7.18(d) of the Gas Access Arrangement for the 2017-2021 regulatory years.

Information Subject to Assurance

The information subject to assurance is the gas volumes, ancillary service quantities and meter classification data ('Actual Quantity Inputs') of ActewAGL Distribution ('the Licensee') for the regulatory year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 contained within the Licensee's Tariff Variation Model ('Regulatory Reporting Statement').

Criteria Used as the Basis of Reporting

The Regulatory Reporting Statement is prepared in accordance with with the requirements of section 7.18(d) of the Access arrangement for the ACT, Queanbeyan and Palerang gas distribution network for the regulatory period 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2021 ('Gas Access Arrangement') and the basis of preparation as described in the accompanying Regulatory Reporting Statement.

Basis for our Conclusion

We conducted our work in accordance with Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000. We believe that the assurance evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

In accordance with the ASAE 3000 we have:

- used our professional judgement to assess the risk of material misstatement and plan and perform the engagement to obtain reasonable assurance that the Regulatory Reporting Statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- considered relevant internal controls when designing our assurance procedures, however we do not express a conclusion on their effectiveness; and
- ensured that the engagement team possesses the appropriate knowledge, skills and professional competencies.

How We Define Reasonable Assurance and Material Misstatement

- Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that it will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.
- Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence relevant decisions of the Directors of The Licensee.

Inherent Limitations

Because of the inherent limitations of any information system and internal control structure, it is possible that errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. A reasonable assurance engagement is not designed to detect all process deficiencies, errors in the Regulatory Reporting Statement or instances of non-compliance with the requirements of the Gas Access Arrangement, as the reasonable assurance engagement has not been performed continuously throughout the period and the procedures performed on the Regulatory Reporting Statement are on a sample basis having regard to the nature and size of The Licensee.

Use of this Assurance Report

This report and the accompanying Regulatory Reporting Statement have been prepared by the Directors of The Licensee to meet their needs in accordance with the requirements of the Gas Access Arrangement issued by the Australian Energy Regulator ("AER"). As a result the Regulatory Reporting Statement may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Directors of The Licensee and the AER and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Directors of The Licensee and the AER. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, or on the Regulatory Reporting Statement to which it relates, to any person other than the Directors of The Licensee and the AER, or for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared.

Management's Responsibility

Management are responsible for:

- determining that the criteria is appropriate to meet their needs and the needs of the AER;
- preparing and presenting the Regulatory Reporting Statement in accordance with the criteria; and
- establishing internal controls that enable the preparation and presentation of the Regulatory Reporting Statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to perform a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to the Regulatory Reporting Statement for the regulatory year ended 30 June 2017, and to issue an assurance report that includes our conclusion.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with our independence and other relevant ethical requirements of the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by the Australian Professional and Ethical Standards Board, and complied with the applicable requirements of Australian Standard on Quality Control 1 to maintain a comprehensive system of quality control.



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