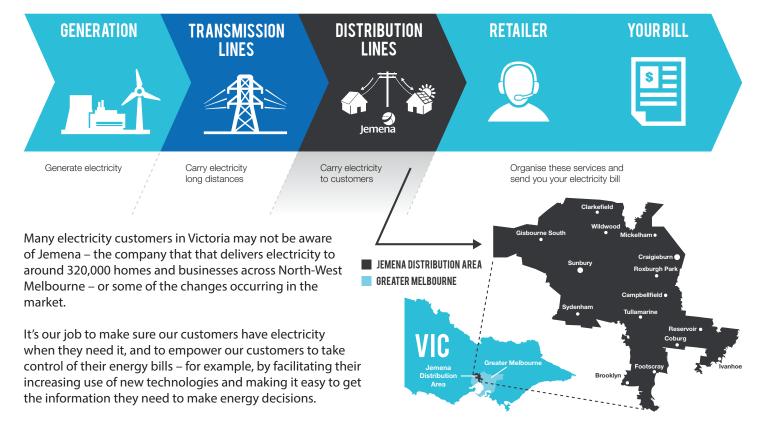
Our 2016 Plan A safe, reliable and responsive electricity network service for homes and businesses in North-West Melbourne

We have always provided a safe, reliable and responsive electricity network service that is valued by our residential and business customers in North-West Melbourne.

Empowered by a range of technological, market and policy changes - including our investment in smart meters – our customers are increasingly taking control of their energy needs.

We want to facilitate these changes by investing smartly to enable us to maintain our current service levels, using the benefits of the smart meters we have installed across our network to deliver better (as well as cheaper) services and continuing to improve our operating cost efficiency by over 4% over the period. We are proposing to reduce our network charges by up to 28% over the next 5 years for our residential and small business customers (excluding the impact of inflation). This will deliver savings of up to \$138 for our residential customers and \$376 for our small business customers (excluding the impact of inflation).

We are also proposing to update the components of our network charges to make them fairer, more cost reflective and to empower our customers with new ways to save on their energy bills.



Like most businesses, we need to recover the costs of providing our services to our customers. We do this through the distribution and metering charges that make up 37% of a typical residential customer's electricity bill.

The prices we can charge for distributing electricity are determined by an independent body, known as the Australian Energy Regulator (AER). Every five years, we are required to

prepare a plan for the AER that explains how much funding we need – including the prices we propose to charge – to continue to provide safe, reliable and responsive network services.

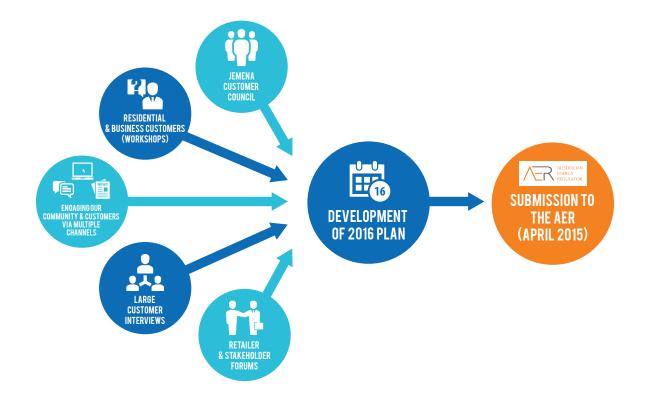
The AER reviews our proposed plan to check that it complies with legislation and meets our customers' long-term interests. The AER will review our plan and make a draft decision in October 2015.



We designed an innovative program to engage meaningfully with our customers, stakeholders and the community on a range of key issues

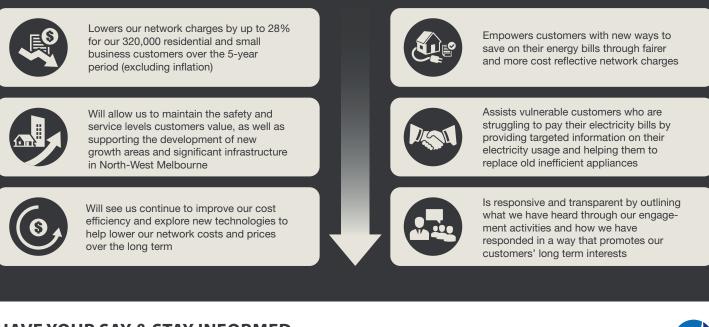
In developing this plan, we have engaged extensively with our customers, stakeholders and the community to better understand what they want in their electricity supply to ensure the decisions we make about our services, costs and prices continue to reflect our customers' priorities and longterm interests.

One of the key messages we have heard is that we should continue to provide a safe, reliable and responsive network service, but look for ways to minimise our costs and charges and facilitate our customers' increasing engagement in energy decision-making.



By building on the feedback and knowledge gained through our engagement, and by being smarter and more innovative in the way we run our business, we are confident our 2016 Plan facilitates the changes occurring in our energy market in a way that supports our customers' long-term interests.

We welcome your views on our 2016 Plan.



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We welcome your views on our 2016 plan We will keep you informed of the AER's review process and how it impacts you

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