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Dear Warwick

RE Australian Energy Regulator standardised models for metering services

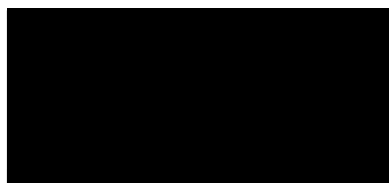
TasNetworks appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the Australian Energy Regulator on the development of standardised metering services models. TasNetworks is supportive of the Australian Energy Regulator's plans to use standardised metering services models, noting the benefits outlined in the standardised models for metering services consultation paper.

While we welcome the development of the standardised metering capex and opex model, the model template itself should not preclude a Distribution Network Service Provider from proposing elements in their proposal that are subject to the regulatory determination processes. To that end, we suggest that the model should allow, for example, contract services and escalation of the cost of materials to be addressed as part of individual determinations, rather than be predetermined by the specification of the metering capex and opex model.

In terms of the model's functionality, it is noted that some of the formula utilised in the metering capex and opex model are optimised for Microsoft Office 365 and as such do not work correctly on some legacy Microsoft Office versions. In particular this is the IFS function utilised on the 'Input | Meters Vols & Costs' tab.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to review the preliminary version of the metering services models. To discuss the views expressed in this letter, please contact William Godwin, Revenue and Economic Regulation team Leader, at [REDACTED]. We look forward to the stakeholder workshop in December where the AER will discuss the key issues raised in stakeholder submissions.

Yours sincerely



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