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Dear Warwick

RE Annual Pricing Process Review

TasNetworks welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Australia Energy Regulator (AER) position paper on the Annual Pricing Process Review.

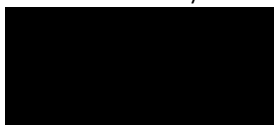
TasNetworks is supportive of the AER's plans to increase the transparency of the Annual Pricing process. We recognise the introduction of a pre-lodgement engagement phase encourages increased collaboration between Distribution Network Service Providers (DNSP) and the AER. TasNetworks is supportive of the AER's approach to allow flexibility prior to submission and not introduce statutory requirements to meet the pre-lodgement dates.

Further, TasNetworks welcomes the AER's approach not to bound DNSPs to the information contained in their pre-submission models. Network prices provided before 1 April are subject to change due to for example input data changes and availability. TasNetworks accepts the AER's approach that the information provided is to allow for compliance checks prior to submission and to benefit all stakeholders by aiding transparency.

TasNetworks welcomes the opportunity to discuss this submission further with you. Should you have any questions, please contact Chantal Hopwood, Leader Regulation, at

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Yours sincerely



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