

South Australian distribution determination (2010 to 2015)

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is preparing to receive a regulatory proposal from ETSA Utilities, the South Australian electricity distributor. This notice is intended to inform interested parties about the process for considering and approving ETSA Utilities' proposal.

This process will determine the revenue that ETSA Utilities can recover from the provision of distribution services. Distribution charges account for approximately 40 per cent of the average cost of a consumers' final delivered energy bill.

On 1 July 2009, ETSA Utilities will lodge its regulatory proposal, commencing the process that concludes with the AER publishing a distribution determination on 30 April 2010. The determination will approve revenues and charges for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2015.

An indicative timetable for the AER's review process is set out below. Interested parties are encouraged to consider the key dates, in particular, the dates for public forums and submissions. Further information regarding each of these events will be available on the AER's website (www.aer.gov.au) in due course.

Milestone	Date
ETSA Utilities submits its regulatory proposal	1 July 2009
Regulatory proposal published*	Mid July 2009
Public forum on regulatory proposal to be held in Adelaide	6 August 2009
Submissions on regulatory proposal close	End August 2009
AER publishes draft distribution determination	27 November 2009
Pre-determination conference to be held in Adelaide	9 December 2009
ETSA Utilities submits its revised regulatory proposal	14 January 2010
Submissions on draft distribution determination close	16 February 2010
AER publishes distribution determination	30 April 2010
ETSA Utilities submits its 2010–11 pricing proposal	21 May 2010
AER approves 2010–11 pricing proposal	Early June 2010

* ETSA Utilities regulatory proposal will be published if found to be compliant with the National Electricity Rules and National Electricity Law.

ETSA Utilities regulatory proposal, the AER's draft determination and consultant's reports; and submissions from interested parties will be published on the AER's website at various stages throughout the process. Further information about the AER, including documents published in preparation for the South Australian distribution determination, can be found at www.aer.gov.au.

For any enquiries about the South Australian distribution determination process, please contact the AER on (08) 8213 3458. Enquiries can also be sent electronically to AERinquiry@ aer.gov.au. Stakeholders who do not wish to receive future AER communications should send an email to AERinquiry@ aer.gov.au.