

Queensland distribution determinations (2010 to 2015)

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is preparing to receive regulatory proposals from Energex and Ergon Energy, the Queensland electricity distributors. This notice is intended to inform interested parties about the process for considering and approving these proposals.

This process will determine the revenue that Energex and Ergon Energy can each 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, Energex and Ergon Energy will lodge their regulatory proposals, commencing the process that concludes with the AER publishing distribution determinations on 30 April 2010. The determinations 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
Energex and Ergon Energy submit their regulatory proposals	1 July 2009
Regulatory proposals published*	Mid July 2009
Public forum on regulatory proposals to be held in Brisbane	3 August 2009
Submissions on regulatory proposals close	End August 2009
AER publishes draft distribution determinations	27 November 2009
Pre-determination conference to be held in Brisbane	8 December 2009
Energex and Ergon Energy submit their revised regulatory proposals	14 January 2010
Submissions on draft distribution determinations close	16 February 2010
AER publishes distribution determinations	30 April 2010
Energex and Ergon Energy submit their 2010–11 pricing proposals	21 May 2010
AER approves 2010–11 pricing proposals	Early June 2010

* Energex's and Ergon Energy's regulatory proposals will be published if found to be compliant with the National Electricity Rules and National Electricity Law.

Energex's and Ergon Energy's regulatory proposals, the AER's draft determinations 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 Queensland distribution determination, can be found at www.aer.gov.au.

For any enquiries about the Queensland distribution determination process, please contact the AER on (02) 6243 1233. Alternatively, enquiries can 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.