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At the AER's Public forum held in Melbourne on 21 August 2009 a table was produced showing the historical pre-Smart Meter "metering" charges. These are shown in below in table 1 and are also shown at <http://www.mysmartmeter.com.au/blog/smart-meter-cost/>

I submit that around \$2.3bn has been spent, (raised by levying Victorian householders directly on their electricity bill), therefore the five Distributors (monopoly, majority foreign-owned) should be reasonably expected to return the "metering" charge utilising this new technology to a level not greater than the pre-AMI levels (adjusted for CPI).

I would also draw your attention to Victorian Government reports, predating this requested increase, that reference "...the Victorian distributors' proposed opex for 2015 is approximately 21% overstated"**.

We also note that submission by SP Ausnet does not indicate when customers unfortunate enough to live in their (monopoly) area will have access to their own Smart Meter data via a Zigbee In-Home Displays or similar. More than five years after these residents commenced paying, it would appear the Victorian Government and AER have are neglecting to enforce an expected completion date on Singapore Power.

Sincerely

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Table 1 :	<u>Charges*</u>	<u>Citipower</u>	<u>Jemena</u>	<u>Powercor</u>	<u>SP Ausnet</u>	<u>United</u>
Year						
2009	Pre-Smart Meter	\$44	\$89	\$55	\$78	\$31
2010	Year 1 of 6	\$105	\$135	\$97	\$86	\$69
2011	Year 2 of 6	\$91	\$137	\$95	\$94	\$92
2012	Year 3 of 6	\$99	\$154	\$103	\$107	\$107
2013	Year 4 of 6	\$108	\$173	\$112	\$123	\$123
2014	Year 5 of 6	\$117	\$195	\$121	\$140	\$143
2015	Year 6 of 6	\$127	\$220	\$131	\$160	\$165
	Captialised Cost ?	\$648	\$1,014	\$658	\$710	\$699
	Proposed					
2016	Recurring Opex	\$128	\$254	\$120	\$230	\$176
	Cost?					

*Inc GST Charges applied to household electricity bills for a typical single element , single phase Victorian Smart Meter. For more information go to <http://www.mysmartmeter.com.au/blog/>

** <http://www.smartmeters.vic.gov.au/about-smart-meters/reports-and-consultations/advanced-metering-infrastructure-cost-benefit-analysis/4.-analysis-of-costs-and-benefits-2008-2028>