

14 June 2016

Mr Carl Hansen
Chief Executive
Electricity Authority
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Dear Mr Hansen

Re: Extension of time for response to TP Proposal

We are writing to request an extension in time to prepare our submission to the Electricity Authority in response to the consultation paper on Transmission Pricing.

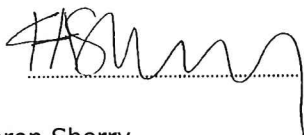
It is noted the Electricity Authority has sought submissions by the 26th July 2016. Our request is for an extension until the 16th September 2016.

The request for an extension to the proposed consultation period is due to a number of factors:

- (1) The AECT has over 320,000 income beneficiaries who will be potentially impacted by the proposed changes. The Authority has estimated the changes to the TPM will increase AECT beneficiary costs by over \$78m per annum. Estimates of the impact on individual beneficiaries range from \$58 to \$97 for a residential user. The consultation time set out by the Authority is insufficient to provide a reasonable time within which affected stakeholders can be fully informed and engaged to adequately provide their feedback on the proposed changes.
- (2) In parallel to this proposal the Authority is also requesting feedback on distribution pricing principles by the same day – the 26th July and the Commerce Commission is consulting on its once in seven-year review of input methodologies. These multiple consultations will significantly stretch the limited resources the AECT has available to respond to the Transmission Pricing Proposal.

We trust the Electricity Authority will give due consideration to this request for an extension until the 16th September 2016.

Yours sincerely



Karen Sherry
Chair,
Regulation and Strategy
Sub-Committee, AECT

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