

SUBMISSION OF RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL TO THE AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET COMMISSION (AEMC) ON REFORM OF THE DISTRIBUTION PRICING ARRANGEMENTS

On 4 March 2013, the Standing Council on Energy and Resources (SCER) published its full [response](#) to the AEMC final report of the Power of Choice review of demand side participation in the National Electricity Market.

In its response SCER agreed to submit a rule change proposal to the AEMC seeking to amend the distribution pricing rules in Chapter 6 of the National Electricity Rules (NER) to provide better guidance for setting cost reflective network distribution charges. The proposal also includes amendments to improve existing consultation requirements which will ensure that consumer impacts are taken into account in designing pricing structures.

The rule change proposal and draft rule were submitted to the AEMC on 18 September 2013.

Given the widespread interest in this rule change proposal the SCER Energy Market Reform Working Group (EMRWG) has agreed to its publication prior to the commencement of the AEMC process to assist stakeholders in preparing their responses. The rule change proposal is available on the SCER [website](#).

No response is required at this time.

The AEMC will consider the proposal in line with its normal rule change process including opportunities for consultation with interested stakeholders.

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