

- (b) The structure of *Licence Fees* should, to the extent practicable, be consistent with the following principles:
- (1) the structure of *Licence Fees* should be simple;
 - (2) *Licence Fees* should recover the budgeted revenue requirements for the *Regulator* determined under clause 2.4.3;
 - (3) the components of *Licence Fees* charged to each *Licensee* should be reflective of the extent to which the budgeted revenue requirements for the *Regulator* involve that *Licensee*; and
 - (4) *Licence Fees* should not unreasonably discriminate against *Licensees*.

Licence Fees may include adjustments, which may be appropriate in light of the matters described in clause 2.4.3(b)(2).

- (c) In undertaking the process described in clause 2.4.1(a), the *Regulator* must consider other fee structures in existence, which it thinks appropriate for comparison purposes.
- (d) The *Regulator* must *publish* and make available to such other persons as the *Regulator* thinks appropriate, including persons registered pursuant to section 49E of the *ESI Act*, the structure of *Licence Fees* determined, the methods used in determining the structure and an assessment of the extent to which the structure complies with the principles set out in clause 2.4.1(b), at least 3 months prior to the implementation of the structure.

2.4.2 Payment of Licence fees

- (a) The *Regulator* may charge a *Licensee* the relevant components of *Licence Fees* in accordance with the structure of *Licence Fees* by giving the *Licensee* a statement setting out the amount payable by that *Licensee* and the date for payment.
- (b) A *Licensee* must pay to the *Regulator* the net amount stated to be payable by that *Licensee* in a statement issued under clause 2.4.2(a) to meet the *Regulator's* budgeted revenue requirements by the date specified for payment, whether or not the *Licensee* disputes the net amount payable.

2.4.3 Budgeted revenue requirements

- (a) The *Regulator* must prepare and *publish* before the beginning of each *financial year* a preliminary budget of the revenue requirements for the *Regulator* for that *financial year* which shall include the *Regulator's* estimated ~~actual~~ expenditures for the current *financial year*, as can reasonably be determined at the time of preparation of the preliminary budget.
- (b) As soon as practicable after the beginning of each financial year the Regulator must publish the final budget of the revenue requirements for the Regulator for that financial year which shall include the Regulator's actual expenditures for the previous financial year.

~~(b)~~(c) The budget prepared by the *Regulator* under clauses 2.4.3(a) and 2.4.3(b) must take into account and separately identify projected revenue requirements in respect of:

- (1) the *Regulator's* expenditure requirements and operating costs; and
- (2) any revenue shortfall or excess of the *Regulator's* expenditure requirements and operating costs from the previous *financial year*.

~~(e)~~(d) The budget prepared by the *Regulator* shall not include the revenue requirements for the *Regulator* to conduct declared electrical service pricing investigations under the Electricity Supply Industry (Price Control and Related Matters) Regulations ~~2003~~2012.