

Notice of Intention to Conduct a Regulated Feed-in Tariff Rate Determination Pricing Investigation



The *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995* requires the Tasmanian Economic Regulator to make a feed-in tariff rate determination, which sets the minimum rate authorised electricity retailers are to pay standard feed-in tariff customers for energy exported to the electricity grid.

The determination will apply from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025. The investigation final report will be released, and the determination will be made, on or before 29 April 2022.

Before the Regulator makes a determination, the *Electricity Supply Industry (Pricing and Related Matters) Regulations 2013* require the Regulator to conduct a pricing investigation.

The objective of the pricing investigation is to gather information to assist the Regulator in making a determination.

The Regulator will publish a draft report and draft determination by 31 January 2022. Written submissions (preferably by email) on the draft report and draft determination can be made to the Regulator during a consultation period ending on 15 March 2022.

In accordance with the matters the Regulator is required to consider in determining the regulated feed-in tariff rate, submissions on the draft report and draft determination will be invited on issues including the following:

- (a) the fair and reasonable value to authorised retailers of electricity supplied to the distribution network by feed-in tariff customers;
- (b) the net financial benefit, to authorised retailers, of electricity supplied to the distribution network by feed-in tariff customers, having regard to the costs of authorised retailers, including:
 - (i) the costs to authorised retailers of purchasing wholesale electricity; and
 - (ii) other costs of authorised retailers in operating their retail electricity businesses;
- (c) the other costs, or other benefits, that -
 - (i) include those related to the distribution networks or transmission networks; and
 - (ii) result, either directly or indirectly, from the supply of electricity to distribution networks by qualifying systems at premises of small customers;
- (d) the COAG National Principles for Feed-in Tariff Arrangements, as those Principles apply from time to time;
- (e) any arrangements of the Commonwealth, whether legislative or otherwise, in relation to the pricing of carbon emissions or other mechanisms to reduce the use of carbon-emitting fuels;
- (f) the principle that the feed-in tariff rate specified in the determination should not have the effect that any customer would be cross-subsidising any other customer; and
- (g) approaches, methodologies, findings or recommendations, taken or made in other jurisdictions for determining fair and reasonable feed-in tariff rates.

The Regulator's draft report and draft determination will be available on the Economic Regulator's website: www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au.

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