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**STANDING OFFER RETAIL ELECTRICITY PRICES  
RELEASE OF DRAFT REPORT AND DRAFT DETERMINATION**

Tasmania's Economic Regulator has today released its 2016 Standing Offer Price Investigation Draft Report and 2016 Standing Offer Draft Determination for public comment.

The Draft Report provides the background to the investigation into retail electricity prices for customers who are not on a market contract (ie standing offer customers).

The Draft Determination contains the Economic Regulator's proposed methodology for calculating the notional maximum revenue Aurora Energy can earn from standing offer customers which is then used to determine standing offer electricity prices.

As part of the standing offer price approval process, Aurora Energy is also required to develop a Draft Standing Offer Price Strategy. The Draft Strategy will set out Aurora Energy's proposals in terms of the prices it intends offering to standing offer customers and the associated terms and conditions. The Economic Regulator will publish, and seek public comment on, Aurora Energy's Draft Standing Offer Price Strategy during March 2016.

In conducting the investigation the Economic Regulator, Mr Joe Dimasi, noted that "...the Economic Regulator aims to protect the Tasmanian community by ensuring that Aurora Energy does not recover revenue in excess of its reasonable operating costs. The Economic Regulator is also mindful of the need to balance the competing legislative objective of promoting competition. While the Tasmanian retail electricity market is open to competition, the Economic Regulator recognises that, at present, Aurora Energy is the only retailer providing services to residential customers."

The Economic Regulator will consider submissions received up to 15 March 2016 on the Draft Report and Draft Determination and then release its Final Report and Determination in April 2016.

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