

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

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Review to set further additional retail electricity tariffs for 2020–21 tariff schedule

On 3 August 2020, we received a delegation from the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (the Minister) under section 90AA of the *Electricity Act 1994* (Electricity Act) to determine eight additional retail tariffs to be added to the 2020–21 schedule of regulated retail electricity tariffs that apply in regional Queensland (2020–21 tariff schedule).

Specifically, we have been asked to develop eight new retail tariffs based on new network tariffs in Ergon Distribution and Energex's approved tariff structure statements, namely:

- a residential transitional demand tariff
- a residential demand tariff
- a residential time of use tariff
- a small business wide inclining fixed tariff
- a small business transitional demand tariff
- a small business demand tariff
- a small business time of use tariff
- a large business time of use demand tariff.

The new retail tariffs are to be added to the 2020–21 tariff schedule and take effect on 1 January 2020.

This determination is in addition to the other review we have commenced to determine three new load control standard retail electricity tariffs to be added to the 2020–21 tariff schedule, following a separate delegation we received from the Minister on 24 June 2020.

This determination will not otherwise vary the 2020–21 tariff schedule published as part of our final determination (in June 2020). The Minister's delegation and terms of reference for our determination are available on our website.

Combined supplementary notified prices review

As noted above, we recently commenced a separate review to set three new load control retail tariffs. Given the timeframes, likely similar interested stakeholders and the related subject matter, we have decided to combine our review of the additional eight retail tariffs with the existing review process underway.

We intend to follow the consultation and publication timeline of the existing load control tariff review, which means making a draft and final determination on the eight additional retail tariffs just over a month in advance of the required timeframes. Stakeholders should be mindful that this will not change the date these tariffs can be accessed (i.e. in accordance with the respective delegations, the load control tariffs are to apply from 1 November 2020, while the suite of eight additional retail tariffs is to apply from 1 January 2021).

What this means for stakeholders

We intend to publish a single draft determination and single final determination for all supplementary notified prices for 2020–21 (three new load control tariffs and the suite of eight additional retail tariffs). Stakeholders will

only need to make one submission to comment on prices, methodology or any other matter relevant to the supplementary notified prices being reviewed.

Consultation timetable

The consultation timetable for this review is as follows:

<i>Milestone</i>	<i>Date</i>
Release of the draft determination	By end August 2020
Submissions due on the draft determination	during September 2020 (dates to be advised)
Release of the final determination	By 16 October 2020

At this stage, we do not propose to release additional papers or convene stakeholder workshops. We recognise stakeholders have made comments about new tariffs in our recent determination process for the 2020–21 notified prices, which we will take into account as part of this review.

Nonetheless, we may revise the consultation timetable to include additional consultation, including convening stakeholder workshops after the release of the draft determination, if we consider it will assist the determination process and is possible within the review timeframe.