

Notice of Time Periods

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd's 2013 electric traction services Draft Amending Access Undertaking

On 24 April 2013, the QCA received from Aurizon Network Pty Ltd (Aurizon Network) a draft amending access undertaking (the 2013 AT₅ DAAU) which proposed to amend the pricing arrangements for electric traction services in the Blackwater system in the approved 2010 access undertaking.

On 29 April 2013, the QCA notified stakeholders of its intention to commence an investigation to decide whether or not to approve the 2013 AT₅ DAAU. Stakeholders were requested to lodge submissions by 10 June 2013.

On 10 July 2013, the QCA published a report by Energy Economics assessing the volume forecasts Aurizon Network used to derive its proposed tariff. Stakeholders were requested to lodge submissions by 21 August 2013.

On 22 November 2013 the QCA published a draft decision proposing not to approve the 2013 AT₅ DAAU. Stakeholders were requested to lodge submissions by 31 January 2014.

Time periods

In accordance with s.147A of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act), the QCA must endeavour to decide whether to approve a DAAU within six months from the last day of the time for making submissions stated in the investigation notice.

The six-month period does not include any of the following periods:

- (a) a day in the period given by the QCA for making submissions in relation to a DAAU or a related document;
- (b) a day in the period where a person has been required to give information or produce a document in response to a notice given by the QCA under s185 of the QCA Act; and
- (c) day(s) agreed to, by the owner or operator of the service or the responsible person, as not being included in the six-month period.

Six-month period for Aurizon Network's 2013 AT₅ DAAU

In accordance with s.147A(4) of the QCA Act, the QCA states the following time periods for Aurizon Network's DAAU:

- (a) the six-month period commenced on 29 April 2013; and
- (b) the six-month period ended on 5 April 2014.

The six month period does not include the following days:

From	To	Total Days	Reason
29 April 2013	10 June 2013	42	These days were given by the QCA to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on the 2013 AT ₅ DAAU
10 July 2013	21 August 2013	42	These days were given by the QCA to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on Energy Economics' volumes forecast report.
22 Nov 2013	31 January 2014	70	These days were given by the QCA to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on the QCA's draft decision on the 2013 AT ₅ DAAU.

On 13 January 2014, Aurizon Network withdrew its 2013 Blackwater electric traction pricing DAAU. The QCA's consideration of this DAAU therefore concluded on 13 January 2014.



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13 January 2014