

National Gas (Energy Consumers Australia) Amendment Rule 2014

National Gas Law – Section 294E

I, Tom Koutsantonis, Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy for the Crown in right of the State of South Australia, as the Minister administering the *National Gas (South Australia) Act 2008* of South Australia, hereby make the National Gas (Energy Consumers Australia) Amendment Rule 2014 under section 294E(1) of the *National Gas (South Australia) Law* on the recommendation of the Council of Australian Governments' Energy Council sitting as the Ministerial Council on Energy for the purposes of that section.

These Rules have been signed by me for the purposes of identification as the National Gas (Energy Consumers Australia) Amendment Rule 2014 and commence operation on 30 January 2015.



Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP

Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy



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National Gas (Energy Consumers Australia) Amendment Rule 2014

1 Name of Rule

This Rule is the *National Gas (Energy Consumers Australia) Amendment Rule 2014*.

2 Commencement

This Rule commences on 30 January 2015.

3 Amendment of the National Gas Rules

Schedule 1 amends the *National Gas Rules*.

Schedule 1 Amendment of the National Gas Rules

(Clause 3)

[1] Amendment of Part 15A (Registered Participants)

Division 4 (Consumer advocacy funding)

Omit, substitute

Division 4 Consumer advocacy funding

135D Consumer advocacy funding obligation

- (1) AEMO must pay to ECA the amount of its consumer advocacy funding obligation for each financial year.
- (2) AEMO may recover the costs of meeting its consumer advocacy funding obligation from participant fees and may allocate the costs to users and non-scheme pipeline users (other than producers).
- (3) The amount to be paid by AEMO to ECA under subrule (1) is to be made available under a scheme agreed between AEMO and ECA or, in default of an agreement, on a quarterly basis.
- (4) In this rule:

consumer advocacy funding obligation means ECA's total projected expenses for a financial year, in so far as those expenses are allocated to natural gas in its final Annual Budget for that financial year, and including but not limited to:

- (a) all operational and administrative costs relating to the performance of ECA's activities relevant to consumers of natural gas; and
- (b) grant funding for any current or proposed grants relevant to consumers of natural gas.

final Annual Budget means ECA's final Annual Budget for a financial year, as issued by ECA in accordance with its constitution to AEMO.