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Mr Russell Pendlebury
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Dear Mr Pendlebury,

RE Advance notice of price change rule change (reference RRC0015)

TasNetworks welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Australian Energy Market Commission (**AEMC**) on the proposed advance notice of price changes rule change.

TasNetworks provides both distribution network services (via the poles and wires) and transmission network services (via the large towers and lines) to customers in Tasmania. Customers are central to everything we do at TasNetworks and our success is anchored to their prosperity and well-being. To this end, we aim to deliver on our strategy of predictable and sustainable prices as it is in the best interests of customers.

TasNetworks foresees real benefits for customers as a result of this proposed rule change, including supporting customers in making more informed electricity usage and pricing decisions. Prior notification of movements in retail prices will encourage customers to review their current arrangements and seek alternate offers. Customers will also be supported to make more informed electricity pricing decisions through access to better usage information following the roll-out of advanced metering technology. These measures combined will assist with pricing reform and the transition to more cost reflective pricing.

Early provision of retail price movement gives customers additional time to consider their response, including options or measures to mitigate the impact of a price increase. This may include, re-evaluation of the cost benefit or pay back ratio associated with investment in more efficient appliances or distributed energy resources. It may also represent a timely reminder to reconsider energy efficiency tips and measures around the home or business.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission, please contact Chantal Hopwood, Revenue and Pricing Strategy Team Leader via email (chantal.hopwood@tasnetworks.com.au) or by phone on (03) 6271 6511.

Yours sincerely,



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