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Dear Commissioners,

Individual Submission on Rule Change Proposal Project Reference Code ERC0177

I write as an individual consumer in support of the above Rule Change Proposal. I learnt of the proposal only yesterday from an article in *The Conversation* published on the *RenewEconomy Daily Newsletter* of dateline 13 March 2015.

I have read the consultation paper "*National Electricity Amendment (Demand Management Incentive Scheme) Rule 2015*" with great interest. Without any professional expertise I feel entitled to record my strong support for the proposal in principal from the point of view of the long-suffering consumer to whom I am pleased to find frequent reference in the paper.

By way of factual input I submit the following data extracted from actual electricity bills over the past seven years. From the resultant average annual increase in the fixed supply charge of 10.95% it would appear that the main incentive to the distributors until now has been to keep collecting more money from the aforesaid long-suffering consumers via complicit retailers. I applaud the initiative of the COAG Energy Council and TEC and hope you will do whatever you can to implement the best of the proposed changes ASAP.

Electricity Service/Supply Charge 2007-2014

AGL Melbourne Eastern Suburbs

Year	Number of days April-July bill	Service/Supply	Rate per day
		Charge \$ (Excl. GST)	\$ (Excl. GST)
2007	90	33.81	0.38
2008	75	31.97	0.43
2009	88	47.02	0.53
2010	88	68.84	0.78
2011	93	76.01	0.82
2012	87	82.79	0.95
2013	91	91.85	1.01
2014	65	74.23	1.14
Mean average increase per year			10.95%

Yours faithfully,



John Gare