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I write in regard to submission number ERC0191.

I 100% support the introduction of LGNC's after reading the consultation paper

I own and operate a small electrical contracting business in the Riverland in South Australia. We have been involved in majority of the large-scale renewable generation and High Voltage projects across Australia on the ground level for the last 11 years. (www.yateselectrical.com)

I strongly believe the introduction of the LGNC's is a great opportunity to allow consumers to take control of the capital expenditure on our electricity networks infrastructure. As a small business owner it is important to make smart, efficient, cost effective financial decisions. I believe the introduction of LGNC's will also allow electricity consumers/generators to do the same also. LGNC's will assist in the stimulation of smart and efficient expenditure on our electricity network.

Clearly the NER's current rulings are unable to accommodate the rapid changes we are experiencing in the energy sector. The ridged model of one-size fits all cannot be applied in today's society. I believe LGNC's will allow for more efficient expenditure on the network infrastructure, which can be completed a localized level through individual consumers/generators.

Why are we looking to expand the networks capacity when demand is falling? Is it just a case of this is what has been budgeted for so this is what we need to spend? As a small business owner this is hardly an efficient use of the consumers money on our network.

Being based in regional South Australia and due to our geographical location we are financially disadvantaged through high Network charges that are passed on by the TNSP's and DNSP's as we are quite far from centralised generation sources. The introduction of LGNC's would assist local businesses to uptake the installation of their own generation on site with the added benefit of being compensated for supporting the electricity network. It will allow disadvantaged business to remove/reduce charges applied to their bottom lines through the ability to reduce their networks charges.



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We need to drive innovation, however sometimes change and disruption occurs faster than we can react. It is companies like Reposit Power who are leading the way for distributed generation, creating the Uber effect of the energy industry. LGNC's will empower the individual. Ultimately it is the consumer who we are trying to support through the smart and efficient spending of capital on our electricity networks.

I 100% support the introduction of LGNC's and look forward to the outcome of this rule change.

Thanks and Regards

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