

# Decision on the amendment of Alinta Sales Pty Ltd's (t/a Alinta Energy) electricity standard form contract

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## Decision

1. Pursuant to section 51 in conjunction with section 52 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (**Electricity Act**), the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) approves amendments to the standard form contract for the supply of electricity to small use customers as submitted by Alinta Sales Pty Ltd (t/a **Alinta Energy**).

## Reasons

2. On 4 September 2012, Alinta Energy submitted amendments to its electricity standard form contract for the Authority's approval.
3. Following an internal review of the privacy and confidentiality clause in its electricity standard form contract, Alinta Energy proposed amendments to the clause. According to Alinta Energy, the amendments aim to clarify the position for its customers around privacy and align these privacy provisions across its business with the National Energy Consumer Framework.
4. Feedback was provided to Alinta Energy regarding the proposed amendments and the contract generally. In response to this feedback, Alinta Energy has made further amendments to the contract.
5. In accordance with the Authority's *Public Consultation Guidelines – For Electricity, Gas & Water Licences and Electricity & Gas Standard Form Contracts* (July 2006), the Authority provided a public consultation period of at least 15 business days between 25 July 2013 and 16 August 2013. No submissions were received.
6. Under the Electricity Act, the Authority must not approve a standard form contract if it considers that the contract will not meet the requirements of the regulations in respect of such contracts, or will be inconsistent with the Act or any other written law, or will be inconsistent with any term, condition or provision of the licence concerned.
7. The Authority has considered Alinta Energy's amended electricity standard form contract and is satisfied that the contract meets the requirements of the Electricity Act.