



Further proposed amendment to the *Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers*

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Electricity Code Consultative Committee (ECCC) seeks public comment on an amendment proposed by the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) to the *Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers (Code)*.

Background

On 4 February 2016, the ERA published its Draft Decision regarding proposed amendments to the Code. The ECCC provided its Final Advice regarding the amendments to the ERA on 11 April 2016. Following receipt of the ECCC's Final Advice, the ERA released an Amended Draft Decision on 26 April 2016 outlining four additional amendments to the Code.

Proposed amendment

The ERA wrote to the ECCC and requested the ECCC's advice in relation to one of the additional amendments. That amendment is to insert new clause 7.7(4A) as follows:

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Notwithstanding clause 7.7(4)(b):

- (a) an **interruption**, planned or otherwise, to restore supply to a **supply address** that requires **life support equipment** is not subject to the notice requirements in clause 7.7(4)(b); however
- (b) a **distributor** must use best endeavours to contact the **customer**, or someone residing at the **supply address**, prior to an interruption to restore supply to a **supply address** that requires **life support equipment**.

The result of this proposed amendment is that a distributor would no longer be required to give a life support equipment customer three business days' notice of a planned interruption if the reason for the interruption is to reconnect supply. This generally occurs when, following an emergency or fault, a distributor must disconnect temporary generators in order to reconnect customers to the permanent network.

When providing advice to the ERA, the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* requires that the ECCC give any interested person an opportunity to comment before providing its advice to the ERA. The ECCC therefore invites written submissions on the ERA's proposed amendment to insert new clause 7.7(4A).

Copies of the ERA's Draft Decision, the ECCC's Final Advice and the ERA's Amended Draft Decision, along with information on the ECCC, can be found on the ERA [website](#).

Submissions, addressed to Mr Paul Kelly, Chairman ECCC are due by **4:00 pm (WST) Wednesday, 11 May 2016**. **Late submissions will not be considered.**

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