

NOTICE

Amendment of Clause 9.6(b) of the *Code of Conduct (For The Supply Of Electricity To Small Use Customers)*

FINAL DECISION

The Economic Regulation Authority today announced that, under section 79 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004*, it has amended part of the Code as it relates to the Aboriginal Remote Communities Power Supply Program (ARCPSP).

Following is the amended section, with the underlined text indicating the changes:

9.6 (b) a ***pre-payment meter customer***:

- (i) other than a customer within an ARCPSP community can access a ***recharge facility*** between the hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday;
- (ii) within an ARCPSP community can access a recharge facility at least 3 hours per day, 5 days per week within the hours determined by the Aboriginal Corporation or relevant entity responsible for the community store facility.

The amendment is to ensure that the Code prescribes opening hours appropriate to the communities participating in the ARCPSP. The Minister for Energy asked the Authority to make the amendment urgently to address the potential delay created by issues with the current clause.

As required by the Act, the Authority referred the proposed amendment to the Electricity Code Consultative Committee (ECCC) for advice. The ECCC undertook public consultation on the proposed amendment and provided its advice to the Authority on 28 February 2007.

A copy of the final decision is available on the Authority's [web site](#).

Further information about the *Code of Conduct (For the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers)* can also be found on the Authority's [web site](#).

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