

NOTICE

Review of Code Standards Applying to Regional Power Corporation (Horizon Power) under the *Electricity Industry Act 2004*

DISCUSSION PAPER – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Economic Regulation Authority is seeking public comment as part of its review into the operation and effectiveness of the standards that have been set for the quality and reliability of Horizon Power's electricity supply.

The Authority has published a discussion paper to help stakeholders understand the issues being considered and prepare submissions on them. The discussion paper is available on the Authority's [web site](#).

The review will consider whether the standards set for Horizon Power are appropriate when assessed against the service standards in Western Power's Access Arrangement (WPAA) for the South West Interconnected System (SWIS).

The Authority is required to conduct the review under the *Electricity Industry Act 2004*. The standards to be reviewed are those contained in the *Electricity Industry (Network Quality & Reliability) Code 2005* (NQ&R Code), which was developed to satisfy section 39(2)(d) of the Act.

The timing of the review is also set by the Act.

Particular areas of focus in the discussion paper include:

- the Authority will consider the Western Power Technical Rules for the SWIS in order to review the Regional Power Corporation power quality standards in the NQ&R Code;
- there were significant differences in the number of service standards in the NQ&R Code compared to the WPAA, with the latter having the more comprehensive suite of standards;
- the definitions of service standards in the NQ&R Code differed from the equivalent standards in the WPAA; and
- the WPAA standards were mandatory and required improvement over time, while the NQ&R Code standards were aspirational and fixed over time.

The discussion paper explains how to make a submission. Submissions on matters raised, with particular reference to the questions posed throughout the document, should be submitted no later than **4:00pm WST on Friday 15 August 2008**.

The Authority will report to the Minister for Energy after considering the responses. Within 28 days of reporting to the Minister, the Authority must publish a notice detailing where copies of the report can be obtained.

Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as in the public domain and placed on the Authority's web site.

Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis upon which the claim is made.

The receipt and publication on any submission on the Authority's web site shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge, either actual or constructive, of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or in part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority in these circumstances.

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