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# NOTICE

## 2010 Consumer Price Index Adjustments

### ELECTRICITY NETWORKS ACCESS CODE 2004

The Economic Regulation Authority today published consumer price index (CPI) adjustments as required under section 14.26 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* (Access Code).

Under the Access Code, CPI means the CPI (all groups) for the weighted average of eight capital cities most recently published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Where the Access Code refers to an amount being “CPI adjusted”, the Authority is required to adjust the amount from 1 July each year and publish the figure.

The CPI adjusted amounts for 2010 are detailed in [Schedule 1](#) of this notice, along with previous adjustments.

### CPI Adjusted Amounts

The following sections of the Access Code refer to CPI adjusted amounts:

- Section 1.3 (major augmentation)
- Sections 3.37(a) and 3.37(b) (notification of network augmentation threshold)
- Sections 6.75(a) and 6.75(b) (approval for new facilities investment)
- Sections 6.80(a) and 6.80(b) (approval for non-capital costs)

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## SCHEDULE 1

Table 1: Consumer Price Index (March Quarter)

| Year | March Quarter<br>Preceding 1 July | March Quarter<br>Previous Year | % Change |
|------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 2004 | 144.1                             | -                              | -        |
| 2005 | 147.5                             | 144.1                          | 2.36%    |
| 2006 | 151.9                             | 147.5                          | 2.98%    |
| 2007 | 155.6                             | 151.9                          | 2.44%    |
| 2008 | 162.2                             | 155.6                          | 4.24%    |
| 2009 | 166.2                             | 162.2                          | 2.47%    |
| 2010 | 171.0                             | 166.2                          | 2.89%    |

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Cat. No. 6401.0 – Consumer Price Index, Australia.

**Table 2: Consumer Price Index Adjusted Amounts**

| Year                | Section 1.3           |                       | Section 3.37(a) | Section 3.37(b) | Section 6.75(a) | Section 6.75(b) | Section 6.80(a) | Section 6.80(b) |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                     | Distribution          | Transmission          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| 2004                | \$5.0 million         | \$15.0 million        | \$15.0 million  | \$15.0 million  | \$15.0 million  | \$15.0 million  | \$1.5 million   | \$1.5 million   |
| 2005                | \$5.1 million         | \$15.4 million        | \$15.4 million  | \$15.4 million  | \$15.4 million  | \$15.4 million  | \$1.5 million   | \$1.5 million   |
| 2006                | \$5.3 million         | \$15.8 million        | \$15.8 million  | \$15.8 million  | \$15.8 million  | \$15.8 million  | \$1.6 million   | \$1.6 million   |
| 2007                | \$5.4 million         | \$16.2 million        | \$16.2 million  | \$16.2 million  | \$16.2 million  | \$16.2 million  | \$1.6 million   | \$1.6 million   |
| 2008                | \$5.6 million         | \$16.9 million        | \$16.9 million  | \$16.9 million  | \$16.9 million  | \$16.9 million  | \$1.7 million   | \$1.7 million   |
| <b>See note (4)</b> | <b>\$10.0 million</b> | <b>\$30.0 million</b> | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>n/a</b>      | <b>n/a</b>      |
| 2009                | \$10.2 million        | \$30.7 million        | \$17.3 million  | \$17.3 million  | \$17.3 million  | \$17.3 million  | \$1.7 million   | \$1.7 million   |
| 2010                | \$10.5 million        | \$31.6 million        | \$17.8 million  | \$17.8 million  | \$17.8 million  | \$17.8 million  | \$1.8 million   | \$1.8 million   |

Notes:

(1) All CPI adjusted amounts are rounded to the nearest \$100,000.

(2) Section references are to sections within the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*.

(3) CPI adjusted amounts are adjusted using the March quarter CPI (all groups) for the weighted average of eight capital cities (see Table 1 above).

(4) Gazetted amendments of 22 October 2008, *Western Australian Government Gazette, No. 180* (n/a = not applicable).