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NOTICE

Decision on Amendment to the Code of Conduct For The Supply Of Electricity To Small Use Customers

The Economic Regulation Authority today announced that it has received advice from the Electricity Code of Conduct Committee (ECCC) with respect to the alternative amendments to clause 1.3 and the new clause on Bill Smoothing in the *Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers* (Code), proposed by the Authority.

As required by the Act, the Authority referred the proposed alternative amendments to the ECCC for advice having accepted all but 3 recommendations in the ECCC's Final Review Report in May. The ECCC undertook public consultation on the alternative proposed amendments and provided its advice to the Authority on 3 September 2007.

Clause 1.3 will be amended by deleting subclauses (2) to (6) and adding a new subclause (2) which states:

Notwithstanding sub-clause (1) clause 8.3(2) will come into operation on 1 January 2009.

A new clause in Part 4 covering Bill Smoothing arrangements will also be included in the Code. Bill Smoothing will be available where the customer requests the service and the retailer chooses to offer Bill Smoothing.

On 1 January 2008, a revised Code will be gazetted giving effect to these amendments, together with those amendments recommended in the ECCC's Final Review Report which were accepted by the Authority (refer to the Decision on amendment to the Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers released in June).

A copy of the final decision is available on the Authority's <u>web site</u>. Further information about the <u>Code</u> can also be found on the Authority's <u>web site</u>.

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