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Mr Charles Millstead
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Dear Mr Millstead

Charles,

Ergon Energy Queensland submission to the Regulated Retail Electricity Prices for 2024-25 Interim Consultation Paper

Ergon Energy Queensland Pty Ltd (EEQ) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment to the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) on its Regulated Retail Electricity Prices for 2024-25 Interim Consultation Paper.

EEQ supports the overarching framework and approach for the 2024-25 pricing determination as proposed by the QCA, and in particular:

- The removal of the default retail tariff arrangements at move-in for small customers.
- Recognition of the higher deployment rate of digital meters installed in regional Queensland compared to SEQ in determining meter charges for small customers.
- Consideration of a true up mechanism to account for variances between forecast and actual digital meter deployment volumes across years in the determination of meter charges.
- Recovery of the cost of physically reading Type 4A meters when a customer elects to have the remote communications on the meter disabled. Noting the Minister's pricing delegation requires the QCA to tailor this charge in a way that reflects the real costs associated with this customer choice, EEQ recommends that the QCA determine two charges using an urban/rural classification.
- Employing a "blended" load profile combining data from digital meters with net system load profiles in determining wholesale energy costs. EEQ suggests that this approach should also be used to inform the determination of the regional feed-in tariff (R-FiT) as this data more accurately reflects the actual profile of solar exports.

EEQ would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further with the QCA. Should the QCA require additional information in relation to any aspect of this submission, please contact Andrea Wold, Manager Retail Policy, Compliance and Assurance on 0428 384 448.

Yours sincerely



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