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Dear Senior Commissioner

ACAT Response to Draft Report No 3 of 2021

Review of the Retail Electricity Form of Price Control

The ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (the ACAT) is the jurisdictional energy ombudsman for the ACT.

We have reviewed Draft Report No 3 of 2021 and note that the ACAT was represented at a workshop for stakeholders conducted by the ICRC in March 2021.

The ACAT offers the following brief responses to the Draft Report.

We note that, although it is unusual for the Commission to alter its regulatory methodology between price investigations, the Commission considers that a timely resolution of the issue discussed in the Report is necessary. The ACAT agrees.

The ACAT considers that the proposed change to the network cost methodology outlined in the Report is appropriate and that the timely resolution of the issue (suggested as part of the 2021-2022 price recalibration) is also appropriate.

In forming this view, the ACAT notes that the proposed revised method:

- will allow ActewAGL to recover its efficient costs; and
- at least to the extent that it removes an anomaly whereby ActewAGL could recover more than its efficient costs in some situations, will remove an inequitable facet of price control and will be to the benefit of consumers.

Yours sincerely


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