Utilities (ACT Retail Electricity—Transparency and Comparability Code) Variation 2023

Disallowable instrument DI2023-14

made under the

Utilities Act 2000, section 61 (Variation) and section 63 (Public access)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Utilities (ACT Retail Electricity–Transparency and Comparability Code) Variation 2023.*

2 Commencement

This instrument commences the day after notification.

3 Meaning of *transparency and comparability code*

In this instrument:

transparency and comparability code means the *Utilities (ACT Retail Electricity – Transparency and Comparability Code) Determination 2021* [DI2021-182].

4 Variation of transparency and comparability code

The transparency and comparability code is varied as set out in the schedule.

5 Revocation

The Utilities (ACT Retail Electricity – Transparency and Comparability Code) Variation 2022 DI2022-103 is revoked.

6 Public access to documents

Copies of the code as varied by this instrument are available on the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission's website. These documents are also available for inspection by members of the public between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday to Friday at the Commission's office. Hard copies can be made available on request.

Joe Dimasi Senior Commissioner 14 February 2023

The transparency and comparability Code (October 2021) is varied as follows:

Preliminary

At clause 1.2 remove the words:

The obligations in clauses 3.3 and 3.4 will commence 9 months after the commencement of the code or on a later date determined by the **ICRC**.

Better offer notification on bills

Omit clauses 3.3 and 3.4.

Transitional arrangements

At clause 3.5 substitute the current wording with

Until the earlier of either a **NERL retailer** becoming compliant with the AER Better Bills Guideline or 30 September 2023, a **NERL retailer** will be required to give its **small customers** a **transitional better offer message**.

Transitional better offer message

Omit part 4 of clause 3.5.1

Period of effect

At clause 3.5.2 substitute the current wording with:

Clause 3.5 will cease to have effect from 30 September 2023.