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To whom it may concern

I strongly urge the AEMC to abandon its proposal to shift network charges away from being tied to power demand to instead become largely fixed.

This should be abandoned for the following reasons:

- It will hurt lower income households who on average tend to consume less energy than high income householders.
- It will undermine efforts to cost-effectively decarbonise our energy system (which is contrary to one aspect of the energy market objective which the AEMC is obliged to address) by substantially reducing the financial incentive for consumers to adopt energy efficiency measures as well as solar and batteries.
- It creates the risk of requiring substantial extra, unnecessary, costly investment in new supply capacity in both generation and networks. Decarbonisation of the energy system will require increased reliance on renewable energy and electrification of household heating loads and transport.

At a time when households should be incentivised to take control of their energy use and reduce their impact on the grid, this proposal pushes consumers in the exact opposite direction.

Kind regards

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