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Mr John Pierce
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Dear Mr Pierce

ERC0182 - NATIONAL ELECTRICITY AMENDMENT (METER REPLACEMENT PROCESS) RULE 2015 – DIRECTIONS PAPER

Ergon Energy Corporation Limited (Ergon Energy), in its capacity as a Distribution Network Service Provider (DNSP) in Queensland, welcomes the opportunity to provide comment to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) on its *National Electricity Amendment (Meter Replacement Processes) Rule 2015 – Directions Paper* (the Directions Paper).

Ergon Energy supports the AEMC's proposed framework for a new meter replacement process. Specifically, the proposed amendments to the National Electricity Rules outlined in the Directions Paper will ensure that roles and responsibilities during the meter churn period are clearly defined, yet flexible, so as to enable an efficient and effective metering sector for both market participants and customers. The proposed provisions allowing the changing of meters prior to retail transfer via commercial agreements is an equitable solution that balances the needs of retailers, DNSPs and customers.

Ergon Energy also supports the AEMC's decision to hold over the draft determination for the meter replacement rule change so it can be finalised in alignment with the closely related metering contestability rule change.

As a member of the Energy Networks Association (ENA), the peak national body for Australia's energy networks, Ergon Energy has contributed to and supports the issues raised in the ENA's submission.

Should you require additional information or wish to discuss any aspect of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact either myself on (07) 3851 6416 or Trudy Fraser on (07) 3851 6787.

Yours sincerely



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Enc: Ergon Energy's submission