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DSP3 - The Power of Choice Role of Pricing and Technology

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Changing and emerging technology

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Demand Side Participation for Networks

The demand management programs being undertaken by the distributors are encouraging and are supported as a means of reducing future demand growth and improving network load factors

Electricity Network Capital Program review 2011 p12

- Complex
 - Location
 - Size
 - timing



- Capacity for the network element on the few peak load days
- Declining load factor less efficient use of the network
- Current pricing options to reward behaviours that improve load factor
- The technology options to make those behaviours convenient

Load Duration Curve



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The peak is getting peakier



4,700



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The Supply Challenge

C&I peak demand and energy consumption are tracking consistently and the load factor is stable



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The Supply Challenge

Residential energy consumption has declined while peak demand has increased resulting in a worsening load factor







Proposed retail tariffs – IBT, TOU, Fixed Charge

Source: QCA Draft Determination Regulated Retail Electricity Prices 2012-13



Proposed Fixed Charge

This is a charge that, in application, is charged at a rate of 78.674 cents per day (ex GST) for all customers on T11 (IBT) and T12 (ToU)

Monthly charge equates to approx \$23.94 per month (ex GST).





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The gazetted minimum payment of \$5.54 per month ex GST for Tariff 31 and Tariff 33 have been removed with no minimum charge applying in the 2012-13 gazette

Controlled load tariffs were effective – Hot Water - Behaviours are changing

Tariff Connection by Year of Premise Creation



Controlled load tariffs now – Regaining lost ground with focus on GHE hot water



Prices signals

- The proposed ToU and IBT are steps on a journey towards more cost reflective price signals
- Features that need to be signalled to customers
 - Capacity pay for the demand you choose
 - Peak Events take a reward if choose to respond



The next steps

And customers will respond to signals ...



- » April 2011
- » AGL External

Extract from Paul Simshauser Presentation at AEMC Forum 1 April 2011





incentive and convenience are present

Greenhouse Efficient Hot Water Systems



Old system generally on controlled load

- 2-2.5 hrs per day, 3.6 kW element
- 3000 3300 kWh per year cost \$305
- Contribution to network \$150
- impact on Peak , nil

New electric boost solar, usually T11

- 2 hrs per day 15 days per year 3.6 kW element
- 108 kWh per year cost \$24
- Contribution to network \$12
- impact on peak, up to \$7,500 before diversity, nil if connected to controlled load circuit





Load Management – Hot Water Load Forecast

Number of Substations Peaking in Winter

With / Without Existing Hot Water Load Control





Number of Substations

Load Management – Hot Water Load Forecast

With Switching Program

•Reduce the number of Winter peaking subs by 42

•System and Individual peaks are reduced on average by ~ 7% (some up to 14%)

•Provides 95 substations with reduction of > 3% (predominately Winter, but some Summer)





Pools

- Two offers in the market
- Connection to controlled load T33
 - Direct circuit from the switchboard to the pump socket outlet
- High efficiency pump with variable speed drive
- And you can do both
- Strong industry support, great value for consumers



Building on the foundation: PeakSmart Air-Conditioning

This is <u>NOT</u> about turning off air conditioners!

Comfort is King

Sophisticated Demand Management

•A/C demand management is designed to minimise any perceivable change

Standards / Manufacturers - AS4755 New Demand Reduction AC Technology

•Input energy capping NOT Compressor cycling (ECC & Cool change)

Industry led model: Work with AC manufacturers, sales & installation channels to target new AC units from 2012

Target >66,000 units in SE Qld by 2015 (30MW peak load reduction)



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Where are we headed? Smart Solutions

Consumption based tariff trial

- Average Brisbane results

5 summer events throughout 2011. All days greater than 30°



To achieve peak demand reductions

- Communications
 - SMS or phone call
 - Day before notice
- Response
 - Voluntary
 - Varied, not usually air conditioning
 - People found capacity when given the opportunity and incentive
- Meter comms only used for data collection, process could be run on standard interval meters
- With Home automation could be seamless and convenient
 - Appliances with capability

energex Incentives to reward

Peak demand reductions in 2025 (Source: DCCEE)



Key Messages

- Load duration and load factor need to be improved to achieve lower cost (capital efficiency)
- Simple price signals
 - Capacity, Time of Use
 - Critical peak
- Technology responding to Peak Demand
 - Incentives and rewards
 - Comfort and convenience
 - Ubiquitous and voluntary

