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Dear Mr Pierce

RE: Draft Rule Determination National Electricity Amendment (Using estimated reads for customer transfers) Rule 2016 and National Energy Retail Amendment (Using estimated reads for customer transfers) Rule 2016

United Energy (UE) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Draft Rule Determination, Using estimated reads for customer transfers.

The proposed rule change was intended to apply to small customers with manually read metering who want to make in-situ transfers based on an estimated read.

The AEMC has decided not to make the Rule, on balance the proposed rule would not improve the transparency and certainty of customer transfers and the costs and complexity of implementing the proposed rule would be likely to outweigh the benefits.

Given the roll out of smart meters in Victoria the proposal would have limited benefit to Victorian consumers for the costs involved.

UE supports the AEMC Draft Determination to not make a Draft Rule.

Should you have any comments in relation to this response please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 8846 9856.

Yours sincerely

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