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Statement of Purpose

ActewAGL aims to provide efficient, cost-effective transmission and distribution services to our customers, whilst meeting their current and future reliability and power quality expectations, ensuring public safety and minimising environmental impact.

The purpose of the Annual Planning Report is to inform Customers, Generators, Investors, and Government about the ActewAGL electricity transmission and distribution network's current capability, anticipated investments to maintain that capability, drivers of future development needs and options to meet them.

In doing so we aim to provide information in a clear, concise and accurate way that:

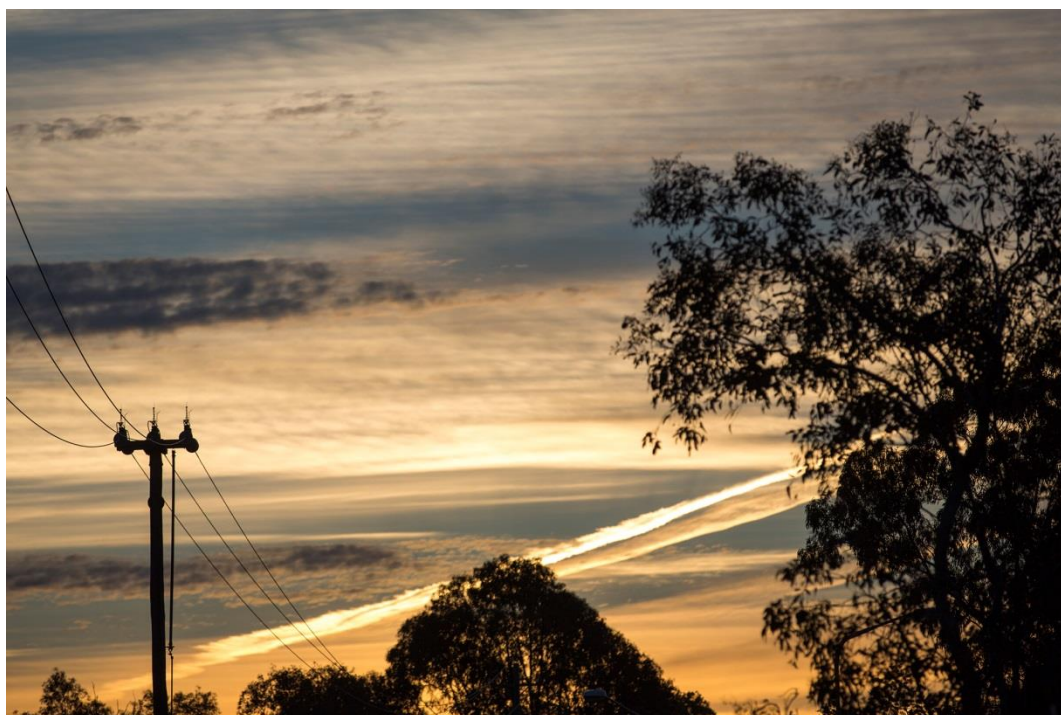
- Enables us to have informed dialog with Generators and Customers to contribute to our understanding of their development plans;
- Clearly identifies and promotes opportunities for Generators and Customers to participate in the development of our plans for the network; and
- Informs investment and connection decisions.

It is our priority to have a transparent and accessible approach to the way we plan our network. This will encourage meaningful stakeholder participation in the planning process and improve the planning of the investments necessary to deliver transmission and distribution services to the people of the ACT.

Achieving the above will also meet the obligations in the National Electricity Rules (NER) and the ACT Energy Utilities Technical Regulations (UTR).

ActewAGL welcomes feedback on this Annual Planning Report, especially from external stakeholders considering investments that could either defer or accelerate network development. For all enquiries and for making written submissions please contact:

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Executive Summary

ActewAGL is both a registered Distribution Network Service Provider and a Transmission Network Service Provider, and is required to produce a Distribution Annual Planning Report (DAPR) covering its distribution network and a Transmission Annual Planning Report (TAPR) for the transmission network. To align the publication of the DAPR and TAPR, the National Electricity Rules (NER) permits the publication of both documents in a combined Annual Planning Report.

ActewAGL publishes an Annual Planning Report to provide information about the electricity transmission and distribution networks in the ACT, to discuss current or emerging issues affecting the operation of these networks, proposed solutions to issues, and identify opportunities for external stakeholders to provide non-network solutions to these issues.

ActewAGL is proud to have the most reliable electricity network in Australia. ACT electricity customers also benefit from the cheapest electricity prices in Australia.

Energy is supplied to ActewAGL's network primarily from generation sources in neighbouring states. There is an increasing amount of embedded generation including the Royalla Solar Farm which generates up to 20 MW and a large amount of domestic rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) generation amounting to approximately 47 MW of installed capacity. Maximum system demand in the 2015 calendar year was 623 MW.

This Annual Planning Report presents the results of ActewAGL's annual planning review, including joint planning with TransGrid Limited, the provider of bulk transmission network services to ActewAGL.

The objective of this Annual Planning Report (APR) is to provide customers and external stakeholders with an opportunity to:

- Assess the capability of ActewAGL's transmission and distribution system to transfer electrical energy to its present and future customers in the ACT.
- Understand how the transmission and distribution system may affect their operations.
- Identify locations that would benefit from embedded generation or demand-side management initiatives.

The APR also provides an outline of the reliability centred maintenance program that ActewAGL plans to undertake during the planning period and summarises the results of recent reliability improvement initiatives.



1. Introduction

1.1. About ActewAGL

ActewAGL was established in October 2000 when the Australian Gas Light Company (AGL) and Icon Water Limited (formerly ACTEW Corporation), an ACT Government owned corporation, entered into Australia's first utility joint venture. Today ActewAGL is made up of two partnerships:

ActewAGL Distribution is owned equally by Icon Water Limited and Jemena Ltd via subsidiary companies.

Although ActewAGL was established in October 2000, with our predecessors we've been supplying reliable essential services to the ACT since 1915.

ActewAGL is licensed under the Utilities Act 2000 (ACT) to provide electricity transmission, distribution and connection services. ActewAGL is registered with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) as both a Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) and a Distribution Network Service Provider (DNSP), and operates in the National Electricity Market (NEM) as a Registered Participant. The NEM operates on an interconnected power system that includes the power systems of Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.

The *National Electricity Law (NEL)* and *National Electricity Rules (NER)* are enacted in the ACT by the *Electricity (National Scheme) Act 1997 ACT*.

The National Electricity Objective as stated in the National Electricity Law is:

"to promote efficient investment in and efficient operation and use of, electricity services for the long term interests of consumers of electricity with respect to:

- a) price, quality, safety, reliability and security of supply of electricity; and
- b) the reliability, safety and security of the national electricity system."

ActewAGL's vision is:

"Achieving excellence in the management of ActewAGL's strategic asset portfolio and continuously striving to safely and effectively deliver programs within stakeholder requirements and regulatory constraints."

ActewAGL's mission is:

"Providing the ACT community with access to safe, highly reliable and cost-effective supplies of energy and energy services."

ActewAGL's revenue for the provision of transmission and distribution network services is regulated. We prepare and submit on a five-yearly basis, a Regulatory Revenue Proposal to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER). The AER reviews this proposal and sets the maximum allowable revenue that ActewAGL can collect from customers for each year of the five-year regulatory period. This determines the revenue that ActewAGL can recover from its customers and hence the funds that can be invested in the network in the form of Operational Expenditure (Opex) and Capital Expenditure (Capex).

Technical regulation is overseen by the Utility Technical Regulator (Technical Regulator) of the Australian Capital Territory Government.

1.2. ActewAGL's function

ActewAGL provides electricity and gas services over an area of 2,358 square kilometres to 181,726 electricity and 145,532 gas customers, as of 30th June 2015, within the Australian Capital Territory.

ActewAGL is responsible for the operation, maintenance, planning and augmentation of the transmission and distribution system within the ACT. There are a small number of rural cross border high voltage lines feeding rural customers within NSW. Because of the presence of the Brindabella Ranges the developed electricity network is mainly confined to the Canberra urban and surrounding rural areas on the north east side of the ACT.

We supply electricity and natural gas network services to customers in the ACT (and south-east NSW for natural gas). This includes:

- conducting all maintenance, upgrade, and extension work on the distribution networks;
- performing connection, alterations, disconnection and reconnection;
- providing emergency response;
- maintaining quality and reliability of supply; and
- reading and maintaining meters (where these meters are owned by ActewAGL Distribution).

ActewAGL's company values form the basis for all works done by ActewAGL and are:

- Honesty
- Respect
- Health and Safety
- Teamwork
- Continuous Improvement
- Accountability

ActewAGL also owns and operates a telecommunications network that supports the operation of the electricity network.

1.3. Purpose of this document

This Annual Planning Report (APR) has been prepared to comply with the National Electricity Rules (NER) clause 5.12.2 Transmission Annual Planning Report (TAPR) and clause 5.13.2 and Schedule 5.8 Distribution Annual Planning Report (DAPR).

The purpose of this report is to inform Registered Participants, stakeholders and interested parties, of the identified current and future network issues, and the committed and proposed solutions to these issues. It identifies potential opportunities for non-network solutions such as embedded generation and demand-side management.

The APR provides information about ActewAGL's assessment and planning of its transmission and distribution capacity and ActewAGL's plans for augmentation of the distribution network to meet demand over the next five years.

This report also details how ActewAGL plans to meet predicted demand for electricity supplied through its transmission lines, zone substations and high voltage feeders and discusses the process to engage with non-network providers and customers to address network constraints and system limitations.

1.4. Audience

This APR provides information to existing customers, potential new load and generation customers, non-network solution providers, AEMO, the AER, and other interested parties.

It also provides information to all readers on the operation, development and planning of ActewAGL's network, and the drivers for network investment.

1.5. Planning horizon of the APR

ActewAGL has used a ten-year planning horizon to prepare the demand and energy forecasts for its distribution network contained in this APR. The load forecasts show a 1.0% per annum average increase in demand and energy requirements over the planning period, due to steady growth in the residential and commercial sectors of the ACT. This is offset to some extent by the increasing proliferation of rooftop PV throughout the region, coupled with the increasing efficiency of electrical appliances, and the advent of new battery storage systems.

Network development projects have been identified and are discussed in this APR for the next five-year planning period.

1.6. What has changed since 2014

The major changes for ActewAGL since the publication of the 2014 Distribution Annual Planning Report include:

1. System maximum demand during the 2014 calendar year was 634.9 MW. Peak demand during the 2015 calendar year (to 30 November) was 623 MW.
2. A reduction by the AER of ActewAGL's revenue proposal for the 2014-19 period has required some capital works projects to be deferred.
3. Installation of a second 132/11 kV 55 MVA transformer at East Lake Zone Substation has been deferred from 2015 to 2019.
4. New 11 kV feeder from Gold Creek Zone Substation to supply commercial developments at Mitchell has been deferred from 2015 to 2017.
5. New 11 kV feeders and inter-zone feeder ties from East Lake Zone Substation have been deferred from 2015 to 2019.
6. Decommissioning of Causeway Switching Station and associated 132 kV cabling works has been deferred from 2017 to 2018.
7. Major customer-initiated developments currently underway or planned for construction over the next five-year period, include:
 - Moncrieff Estate
 - Throsby Estate
 - Taylor Estate
 - Riverview Estate
 - Gungahlin Town Centre East development
 - Tuggeranong Town Centre development
 - Capital Metro Light Rail

1.7. Overview of this document

- Chapter 1: Introduces ActewAGL and the purpose of the Annual Planning Report, and summarises the main changes since ActewAGL's 2014 Distribution Annual Planning Report.
- Chapter 2: Explains the framework under which ActewAGL operates; the key aspects of network development and asset management strategies; and how customers and generators can participate in the planning process.
- Chapter 3: Describes ActewAGL's electricity network as it exists today and our planning philosophy for its future development.
- Chapter 4: Describes the current performance of ActewAGL's network against reliability targets, and summarises information about anticipated reliability performance, anticipated network augmentations, and asset management programs that impact system performance.
- Chapter 5: Describes the forecast electricity demand and energy requirements over the next ten years; discusses past and future trends; the impact of emerging technologies on forecasts; and assesses whether the existing generation supply can meet the forecast demand.
- Chapter 6: Describes ActewAGL's asset renewals program.
- Chapter 7: Describes those parts of ActewAGL's network forecast to require enhancement or development to meet forecast load demands or relieve constraints, and describes the options considered to achieve this. It also highlights any proposed augmentations that may be subject to the Regulatory Investment Tests for Transmission or Distribution.
- Chapter 8: Discusses strategies regarding demand-side management and why these are important to ActewAGL from a planning and investment perspective.
- Chapter 9: Discusses emerging technologies and why these are important to ActewAGL from a planning and investment perspective.
- Appendices: Provide additional and supporting data.

1.8. Feedback and enquiries

ActewAGL welcomes feedback on this Annual Planning Report. We welcome enquiries from interested parties to participate in non-network opportunities, demand-side management, and embedded generation, to assist ActewAGL manage its existing and forecast network issues.

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2. Planning Considerations

This chapter discusses relevant aspects of the legal framework that regulates how ActewAGL carries out network planning and augmentation activities in the ACT, and discusses key aspects of network planning and asset management strategies. It also discusses our engagement of stakeholders and customers in the network planning process.

2.1 The regulatory framework & operating environment

ActewAGL operates under the National Electricity Rules (NER) which are managed and updated by the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC).

ActewAGL is a Registered Participant in the National Electricity Market (NEM). This is the Australian wholesale electricity market and the associated electricity transmission grid. The NEM is operated by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) which controls the wholesale generation, dispatch and transmission of electricity in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, ACT and Tasmania. The NEM is not a physical thing but a set of procedures that AEMO manages in line with the National Electricity Law and the National Electricity Rules. The market uses sophisticated systems to send signals to generators instructing them how much energy to produce each five minutes so that production is matched to consumer requirements, spare capacity is kept ready for emergencies, and the current energy price can be calculated. NEM infrastructure comprises both state and private assets managed by many participants.

In addition, there are local territory requirements that ActewAGL must comply with under the terms of our license issued by the ACT Government. The ACT has a Technical Regulator of utilities services whose role is to ensure safe and reliable energy services to the community. In the ACT, the Chief Minister is responsible for technical regulation. The Director-General of the Environment and Planning Directorate is the Technical Regulator who administers technical regulation. The ACT's economic regulator is the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC).

Technical regulation ensures the safe and reliable delivery of energy to the ACT community. The Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014 sets out technical requirements for energy utilities. The specifics of any requirements are set out in technical codes made under the Act.

2.1.1 National Electricity Rules

The NER Chapter 5 describes the planning, design and operating criteria that must be applied by Network Service Providers to their networks. These criteria specify certain electrical performance standards that must be met such as voltage levels, voltage unbalance, voltage fluctuations, harmonics levels, protection operating times, power quality and power system stability.

2.1.2 Electricity Distribution (Supply Standards) Code

The Electricity Distribution (Supply Standards) Code issued by the Technical Regulator sets out performance standards for ActewAGL's network. ActewAGL is required to 'take all reasonable steps to ensure that its Electricity Network will have sufficient capacity to make an agreed level of supply available'.

This local jurisdictional code specifies reliability standards that ActewAGL must endeavour to meet when planning, operating and maintaining the network. It also specifies power quality parameters that must be met including limits on voltage flicker, voltage dips, switching transients, earth potential rise, voltage unbalance, harmonics and direct current content.

2.1.3 Regulatory Investment Test

Section 5.16 of the NER describes the Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T) and Section 5.17 describes the Regulatory Investment Test for Distribution (RIT-D). These tests must be carried out for any proposed investment where the augmentation cost of the most expensive credible option exceeds \$5 million. The regulatory investment tests provide the opportunity for external parties to submit alternative proposals to the Network Service Provider, who is obliged to consider any credible proposals objectively.

2.1.4 Revenue Determination

The revenue ActewAGL earns from providing transmission and distribution services in the ACT is set by the AER. ActewAGL prepares and submits a revenue proposal to the AER on a five-yearly basis. The current Revenue Determination covers the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019. This revenue amount determines how much ActewAGL is able to invest in capital projects and what it can spend on operational expenditure to maintain and operate the network in a secure and reliable state.

2.1.5 Service Target Performance Incentive Scheme

For the regulatory period from 2014-19 and possibly future regulatory periods ActewAGL will be subject to the AER's Service Target Performance Incentive Scheme (STPIS). Because the 2014-15 year is a transitional year the AER declared that STPIS would commence for ActewAGL on 1 July 2015.

For full details of the STPIS refer to the *AER Electricity Distribution Network Service Providers - Service Target Performance Incentive Scheme Guideline, November 2009 (STPIS Guidelines)*.

The main objective of the STPIS is to provide DNSPs with an incentive to maintain or improve reliability levels and consumer response during a regulatory control period. STPIS achieves this by rewarding DNSPs that outperform their targets or by penalising DNSPs that do not.

The ActewAGL STPIS scheme has two components:

- Reliability of Supply (unplanned SAIDI and SAIFI).
- Customer Service (telephone response time).

Both SAIDI and SAIFI are subdivided into Urban and Rural components. The definitions for the reliability of supply components are:

Unplanned SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index)

The sum of the duration of each unplanned sustained customer interruption (in customer minutes) divided by the total number of distribution customers (urban or rural). Unplanned SAIDI excludes momentary interruptions (one minute or less).

Unplanned SAIFI (System Average Interruption Frequency Index)

The total number of unplanned sustained customer interruptions divided by the total number of distribution customers (urban or rural). Unplanned SAIFI excludes momentary interruptions (one minute or less).

Key points:

- The parameters are separately applied to the two feeder types that ActewAGL has – urban and short rural.
- The performance targets are set at the start of each regulatory period and will remain the same for the full 5 year regulatory period.

The targets are generally set based on the average level recorded over the previous five years. For further detailed discussion on performance metrics, refer to Section 4.2.

2.1.6 Capital Expenditure Sharing Scheme

For the regulatory period from 2014-19 and probably future regulatory periods ActewAGL will be subject to the AER's Capital Expenditure Sharing Scheme (CESS). Because the 2014-15 year is a transitional year the AER declared that the CESS will commence for ActewAGL on 1 July 2015.

For full details of the CESS refer to the *AER Capital Expenditure Incentive Guideline for Electricity Network Service Providers, November 2013 (CESS Guidelines)*.

The main objective of the CESS is to provide DNSPs with an incentive to undertake efficient capital expenditure (capex) during a regulatory control period. It achieves this by rewarding DNSPs that outperform their capex allowance by making efficiency gains and spending less than forecast or by penalising DNSPs that spend more than their capex allowance because of a lack of efficiency gains. ActewAGL's strategies to manage the CESS include:

1. Ensuring that the annual capex budget matches or is lower than the AER Approved Allowance for each regulatory year. This includes the annual reforecast budgets.
2. Ensuring that final actual capex in any regulatory year does not exceed budget and/or the AER Approved Allowance.
3. The development of internal capex benchmarking targets based on optimal industry performance.
4. Close co-ordination of the Asset Management Maintenance and Capital Programs with the Program of Works delivery to achieve a timely capex program.

2.2 ActewAGL integrated planning

2.2.1 Integrated planning strategies - Asset Management, Network Development & Network Reliability.

Significant organisational changes and investments have been made to date which will allow ActewAGL to respond to the regulatory and commercial challenges facing the business, and to optimise network performance through improved alignment of planning, asset management and regulatory compliance. Targeted activities to ensure alignment and improve network performance include:

- Achieve electricity Service Target Performance Incentive Scheme (STPIS) targets through proactive management of:
 - Timely response to network outages.
 - Delivering and implementing risk based defect management of assets.
 - Incorporating reliability performance requirements into network investment business cases.
 - Effective call centre performance management.
 - Targeted reliability improvements upgrading the most unreliable feeders.
 - Root cause analysis of network faults.
 - Expanded use of Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA).
- Determine and deliver opportunities for asset utilisation improvement, through:
 - Reviewing network supply security standards.
 - Incorporating asset utilisation into network investment business cases.
 - Proactive monitoring of network design practices.
- Complete a bushfire mitigation program prior to the commencement of the bushfire season and conduct an internal exercise to test bushfire emergency preparedness.
- Deliver a Program of Work (PoW) with particular focus on :
 - Achieving budget targets and efficiency of PoW delivery
 - Improved PoW reporting which includes earned value metrics.

2.2.2. Asset Management Strategy

ActewAGL's Asset Management Strategy is intended to define the strategic objectives and approach to the management of its physical assets, in a manner that:

- Is optimised and sustainable in terms of whole- of -life, whole-system cost over the long-term;
- Assists in the delivery of ActewAGL's overall vision, strategic plans and objectives;
- Appropriately considers how ActewAGL will supply current and future demand via the management of the condition and performance of the asset base, ensuring that asset management plans are coordinated with network development plans;
- Ensures that asset renewals are based on asset condition and risk of failure rather than purely on age;
- Meets the required level of service in the most cost-effective way through the efficient use and maintenance of existing assets and the prudent investment in new assets; and
- Appropriately considers the necessary current and future Asset Management capabilities of the organisation, in terms of people, processes, systems, equipment and data to achieve the identified outputs and objectives.

The priorities for the 2015-16 year have been set largely in response to the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) ActewAGL Distribution Determination 2014-19 which reduced business revenue, operational and selected capital investment allowances for the 2014-19 period.

ActewAGL aims to achieve in-principle compliance with the International Standards Organisation standard for Asset Management (ISO 55001).

ActewAGL prepares technical specifications for the procurement of major primary assets which include requirements for an assessment of whole of life costs, including electrical losses. The method of assessing these costs is included in the specification and is taken into account when selecting the successful tenderer.

ActewAGL's Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Objectives are directed at maintaining assets according to the principles of Risk Centred Maintenance (RCM). The governing factor in RCM analysis is the impact of a functional failure at the equipment level, and tasks are directed at a limited number of significant items - those whose failure might have safety, environmental or economic consequences. More details of how RCM is deployed are in ActewAGL's Asset Management Objectives.

ActewAGL's Asset Management Policy, Strategy and Objectives may be found through the following links:

[Asset Management Policy - PO1101](#)

[Asset Management Strategy - SM1192](#)

[Asset Management Objectives - TBA](#)

2.2.3. Network Development Strategy

ActewAGL's network development strategy incorporates providing adequate supply to existing and new customers with prudent investment decision making, whilst applying risk management principles to achieve an appropriate balance between supply adequacy, security, reliability and safety at the lowest cost to our customers.

ActewAGL incorporates long term strategic planning with short term planning to ensure appropriate network developments meet the long term needs of our customers.

The nature of the transmission and distribution industry is changing rapidly with the emergence of new technologies (refer to Chapter 7) and the development of the network must be done so as to cater for these 'non-traditional' factors.

As assets near the end of their economic lives and require replacement, we consider whether a straight like-for-like replacement is the best solution or whether the network can be reconfigured in a way to minimise the costs of asset renewals.

ActewAGL plans and develops its transmission and distribution networks in an integrated way, e.g. the best way to resolve a transmission constraint could be to implement a distribution solution.

For all major investment projects we investigate non-network options and seek alternative proposals from external third parties.

2.2.4. Network Reliability Strategy

Transmission network reliability is measured in terms of the number of loss of supply events that occur in a year and the amount of unserved energy that results from such outages. ActewAGL's 132 kV transmission network is very secure in that all zone substations have at least two sources of 132 kV connection (ie N-1 security). In addition most zone substations have at least two power transformers and the 11 kV networks are interconnected between zone substations allowing load transfer in the event of a contingency.

Distribution network reliability is measured in terms of the frequency and duration of unplanned interruptions to customers. Measurement factors include SAIDI, SAIFI and CAIDI (refer Section 2.1.5).

ActewAGL's strategy is to maintain or improve existing levels of reliability throughout the network through the deployment of devices such as auto-reclosers and the use of our Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS).

2.3. Customer Connections

Customers can connect to ActewAGL's system at either high voltage (11 kV) or low voltage (400/230 V) level, depending on their requirements. Customer connections can be either load or generation or a combination of the two. Most load and embedded generation connections (for example, rooftop PV) are connected to the low voltage system. Larger customer loads or embedded generators (such as solar farms) are generally connected to the high voltage system. Metering is measured at the high or low voltage point of connection accordingly.

Larger load connections such as a greenfield residential estate may require ActewAGL to augment the up-stream portion of the network (eg provide a new 11 kV feeder). Such augmentations form part of the shared network that is not funded by a specific customer.

Larger load or generation connections require a detailed technical study to be undertaken to determine the impact on the network to ensure adequacy of the proposed connection point with regards to capacity, safety and power quality.

Proposed customer connections are included in load forecasts which provide a key input to network planning.

2.4. Stakeholder Engagement

ActewAGL firmly believes in the principle of follow through as it applies to stakeholder engagement. After consultations have taken place, stakeholders are advised on how their suggestions have been taken on board, what risk or impact mitigation measures will be put in place to address their concerns, and how project impacts are being monitored. Furthermore, aside from project-affected groups, other stakeholders are consulted on issues that address their particular concerns. Sustainability reporting, for example, provides ActewAGL with an opportunity to communicate information to a much wider range of stakeholders about the environmental, social, economic, and governance performance of the business. This process offers a platform to report back on the process of stakeholder engagement itself, such as

- who has been consulted,
- on what topics, and

- with what results.

Keeping track of the commitments made to various stakeholder groups at various times, and communicating progress made against these commitments on a regular basis, requires appropriate systems and organization. The following factors have been taken into account in determining ActewAGL's stakeholder engagement strategy: ActewAGL actively

- determines what information needs to be reported to which stakeholders, by what method and how frequently.
- updates its commitments register and discloses progress to affected and interested parties. In particular, ActewAGL publicises any material changes to commitments or implementation actions that vary from publicly disclosed documents.
- makes appropriate monitored results publicly available.
- reports on the process of stakeholder engagement as a whole, both to those stakeholders who are directly engaged, and to other interested parties.
- provides information reported to stakeholders in non-technical and easily understandable formats.

Further information on ActewAGL's engagement with stakeholders, including media and the public are detailed in the following policy documents:

[Link to ActewAGL's Consumer Engagement Website](#)



3. The ActewAGL Network

3.1. Overview of the network

This chapter describes ActewAGL's transmission and distribution network in the ACT and how it fits in the supply chain between generating power stations and end use customers, and discusses issues affecting the National Transmission Flow Path (NTFP).

3.2. Characteristics of the ActewAGL network

The ActewAGL network consists of an interconnected 132 kV transmission network supplying eleven 132/11 kV zone substations, one 132/11 kV mobile substation, and two 132 kV switching stations. There is also a single 66/11 kV zone substation. All 132 kV and 66 kV connections have N-1 transmission security.

There are three bulk supply points, all owned and operated by TransGrid Limited as follows:

- Canberra 330/132 kV bulk supply substation.
- Williamsdale 330/132 kV bulk supply substation.
- Queanbeyan 132/66 kV bulk supply substation.

ActewAGL's assets include 132 kV transmission lines, 66 kV sub-transmission lines, 132/11 kV and 66/11 kV zone substations, 22 kV and 11 kV distribution feeders, 22/0.415 kV and 11/0.415 kV distribution substations, low voltage 400 V circuits and connection points to customers.

East Lake Zone Substation and Angle Crossing Mobile Substation are the only two substations that have one transformer only. All other zone substations have N-1 transformer security.

There are currently 245 x 11 kV feeders. Most of these are interconnected with other feeders and other zone substations. There are also two 22 kV distribution feeders, supplied via 11/22 kV step-up transformers at Woden Zone Substation.

Approximately 53% of ActewAGL's distribution network is underground.

There are 24 customers directly connected at 11 kV, two customers directly connected at 22 kV, and no customers directly connected at either 66 kV or 132 kV. The remaining 181,700 customers are connected to the low voltage network (400 V three phase or 230 V single phase). 11/0.415 kV distribution stations are ground-mounted, pole-mounted, or installed inside buildings such as chamber substations, and range in size from 25 kVA to 1500 kVA.

Customers are primarily commercial, light industrial and residential connections. There are no major industrial customers.

The majority of electricity consumed by customers in the ACT is generated outside the ACT. There are some small embedded generation facilities in the ACT, the largest being the Fotowatio Renewable Ventures (FRV) Solar Farm at Royalla which has a peak output of 20 MW. There are two bio-gas generators installed at the Mugga Lane (3 MW) and Belconnen (3 MW) waste transfer stations.

There is approximately 46.8 MW of installed domestic rooftop photo-voltaic (PV) generation capacity consisting of 15,717 installations as at 30 November 2015. This represents approximately 8.6% of ActewAGL's customers. These are distributed all over the ACT. Their impact on zone substation summer peak demand is a reduction that ranges from 0.2% - 3.0% depending on the level of penetration in the area. Their impact on zone substation winter peak demand is negligible.

System peak demand is traditionally in summer, although the summer and winter maximum demands are similar. In 2015 the winter peak demand was 623 MW and the summer peak demand was 492 MW.

ActewAGL owns, operates and maintains a telecommunications network that supports the operation of the electricity network. It provides bearers for control, protection and data signalling, telephone handsets and mobile radios for operations and maintenance activities. Telecommunications assets include optical fibres on transmission and distribution lines, digital microwave radios and associated repeater stations, and some power line carrier equipment.

3.3. Transmission/Distribution system

Figure 3.1: ActewAGL Transmission System

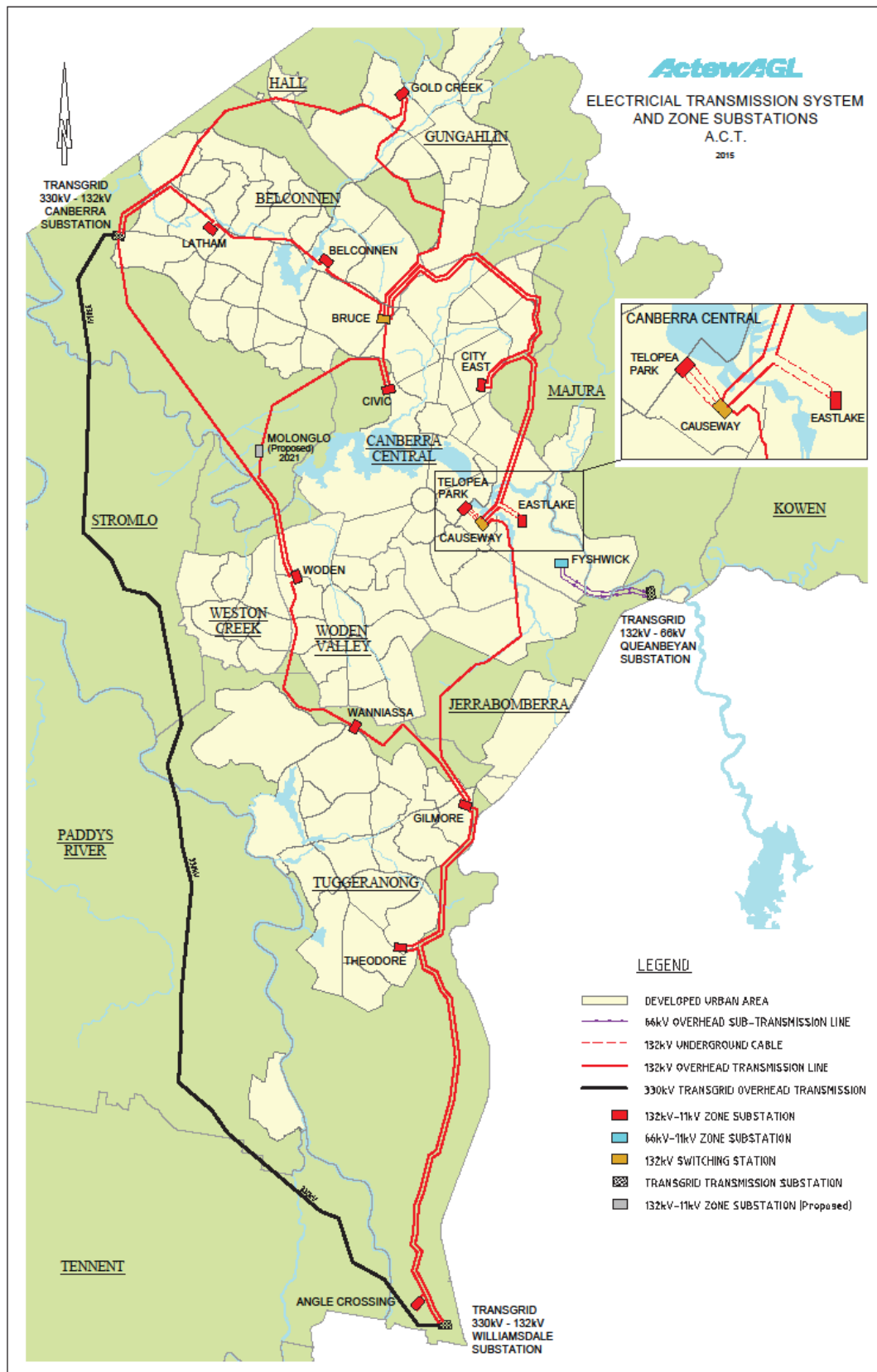


Figure 3.2 presents a schematic diagram of ActewAGL's transmission network.

Figure 3.2: ActewAGL Transmission Network Schematic Diagram

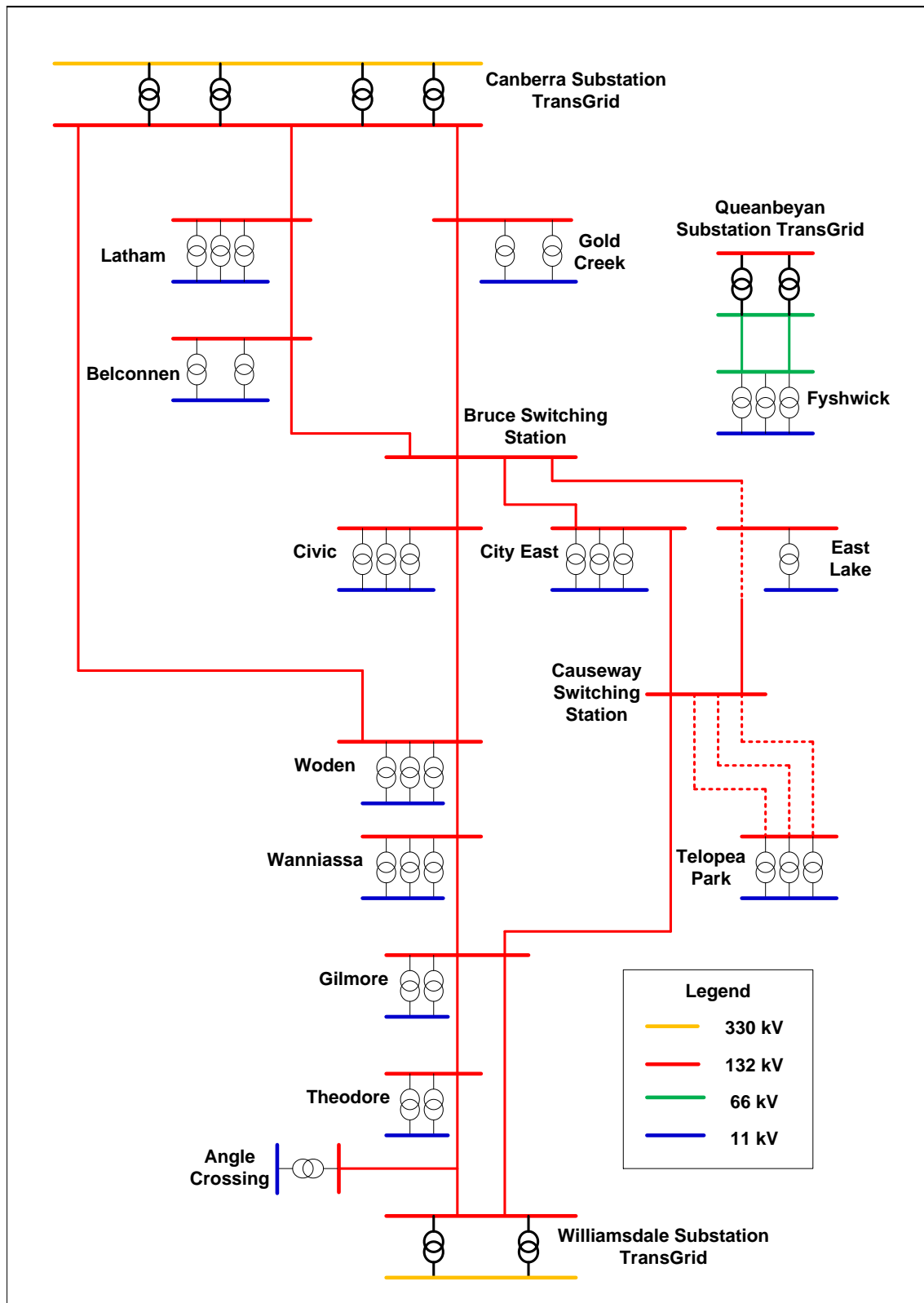
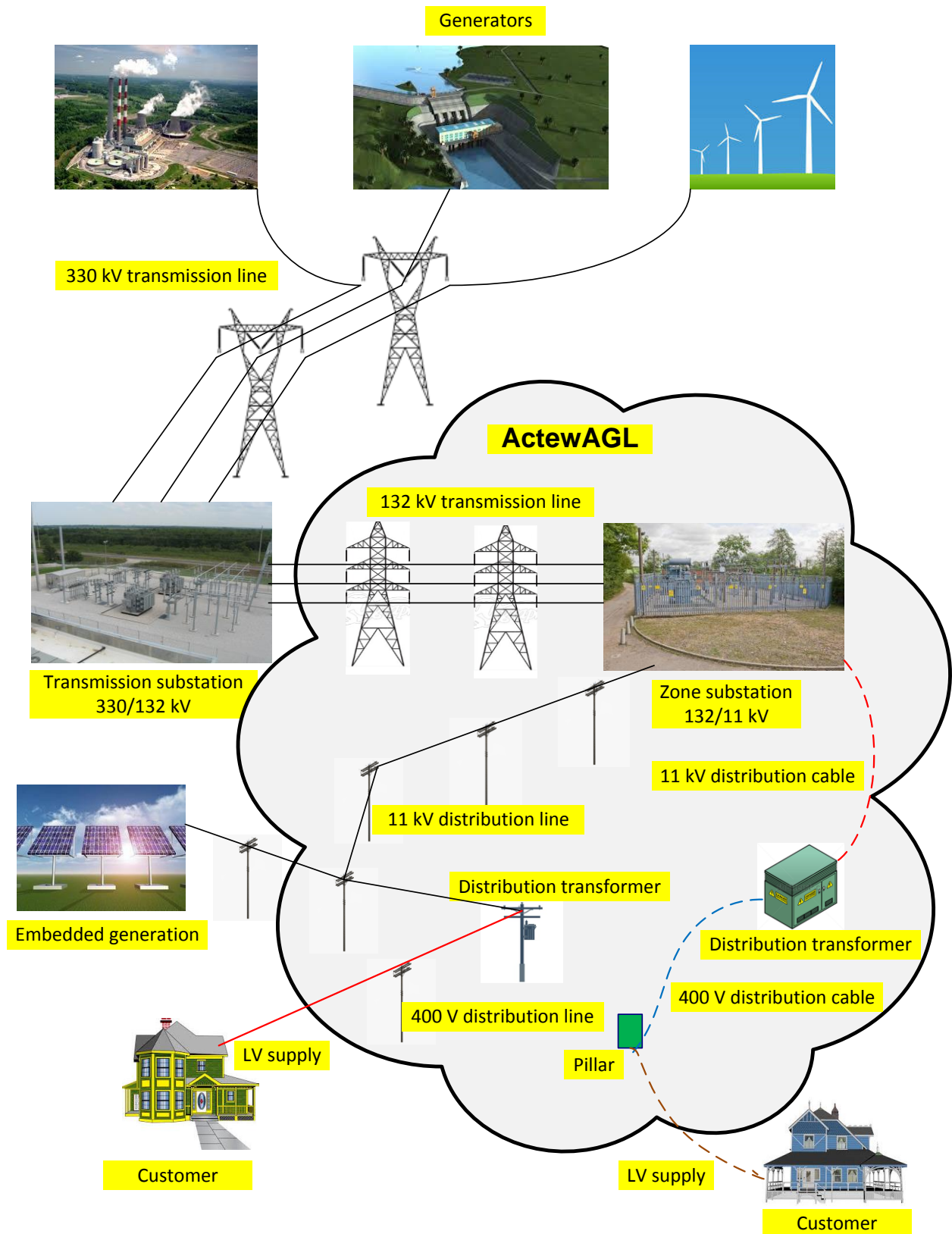


Figure 3.3 illustrates where ActewAGL fits in the supply chain.

Figure 3.3: Electricity Supply Chain



A summary of ActewAGL's major network assets is shown Table 3.1.

Table 3.1: ActewAGL Network Assets

Asset Type	Nominal Voltage	Quantity
Bulk Supply Points	330/132 kV	2
	132/66 kV	1
Transmission Lines	132 kV	159 km Overhead
	132 kV	3 km Underground
Sub-transmission Lines	66 kV	7 km overhead
Switching Stations	132 kV	2
Zone Substations	132/11 kV	11 + 1 mobile substation
	66/11kV	1
Feeders	22 kV	2
	11 kV	245
22/0.415 kV Substations	22 kV & 400 V	18
11/0.415 kV Substations	11 kV & 400 V	5,006
Number of transmission towers and pole structures	132 kV	917
	66 kV	52
Number of poles	22 kV, 11 kV and 400 V	51,275
Circuit km of distribution overhead lines	22 kV, 11 kV and 400 V	2,368 km
Circuit km of distribution underground cables	11 kV and 400 V	2,898 km
Number of customer connections	22 kV	2
	11 kV	24
	400 V / 230 V	181,700
Coverage area		2,358 km ²
System maximum demand		623 MW
Telecommunications network		Fibre optic and radio



Table 3.2 lists ActewAGL's zone substations, their year of commissioning and their installed power total capacity and firm capacity (N-1 rating).

Table 3.2: ActewAGL's Zone Substations

Zone Substation	Year commissioned	Voltage	Total capacity	Firm capacity	No of transformers
Angle Crossing (mobile substation)	2012	132/11 kV	15 MVA	0 MVA	1
Belconnen	1977	132/11 kV	110 MVA	55 MVA	2
City East	1979	132/11 kV	171 MVA	114 MVA	3
Civic	1967	132/11 kV	165 MVA	110 MVA	3
East Lake	2013	132/11 kV	55 MVA	0 MVA	1
Fyshwick	1982	66/11 kV	75 MVA	50 MVA	3
Gilmore	1987	132/11 kV	90 MVA	45 MVA	2
Gold Creek	1994	132/11 kV	114 MVA	57 MVA	2
Latham	1971	132/11 kV	150 MVA	100 MVA	3
Telopea Park	1986	132/11 kV	150 MVA	100 MVA	3
Theodore	1990	132/11 kV	90 MVA	45 MVA	2
Wanniassa	1975	132/11 kV	150 MVA	100 MVA	3
Woden	1967	132/11 kV	150 MVA	100 MVA	3

3.4. Planning Philosophy

The planning and development process for both transmission and distribution networks, is carried out in accordance with the National Electricity Rules (NER) Chapter 5 Part B Network Planning and Expansion. Planning for the transmission network is carried out in accordance with the NER Section 5.12 Transmission annual planning process and for the distribution network in accordance with the NER Section 5.13 Distribution annual planning process.

The primary objective of planning is to ensure that customers are able to receive a sufficient and reliable supply of electricity now and into the future. ActewAGL's planning standards are set to ensure that peak demand can be met with an appropriate level of backup should a credible contingency event occur. Typically there is a high level of redundancy applied to electricity networks. This reflects the implications of network service failures, noting that communities and businesses have a low tolerance to electricity supply interruptions.

ActewAGL's planning standards are determined on an economic basis but expressed deterministically. ActewAGL uses probabilistic planning techniques when carrying out economic analysis. When assessing the economic benefits of a proposed solution to an issue, we calculate the probability of an event occurring that would result in an interruption of supply to customers. This probability is used as part of the economic analysis to determine whether the benefits of the proposed solution exceed the costs. For example if the supply demand to a part of the network could not be met fully in the event of a contingency, existing assets may be upgraded or new assets may be installed if justified economically. Changes to system losses are included in the economic evaluation of a project.

The early identification, consultation and monitoring of emerging network limitations and prospective network developments is aimed at providing proponents of non-network solutions adequate time to prepare proposals.

ActewAGL's planning approach to addressing load growth or network constraint issues, is to use probabilistic analysis techniques coupled with fully exploring non-network solutions such as demand-side management, before investing in network augmentation. This approach takes into account the combination of demand forecasts, asset ratings and asset failure rates to identify the severity of constraints and the timing for solutions to be required.

ActewAGL runs a load flow model of the network using a computer software program known as ADMS (Advanced Distribution Management System). This system is linked to our Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system and obtains and analyses data such as the status of network assets (e.g. positions of circuit breakers), current flows and voltages levels throughout the network, in real time. This system is used to identify issues such as power flow constraints or voltage level issues on the network, and is used to model what-if scenarios such as the effect of a new load or generation connection. Using this tool, ActewAGL is able to identify existing and emerging constraints which form the basis of our asset management and network development plans.

ActewAGL's planning process is an annual process and covers a minimum forward planning period of ten years. The process commences with a comprehensive analysis of all indicators and trends to forecast the future load on the network. A detailed analysis of the network is then carried out to identify performance and capability shortcomings, ie constraints.

ActewAGL uses a two hour emergency cyclic rating for all its zone substation power transformers. ActewAGL has adopted the use of two hour emergency ratings and normal cyclic ratings, and uses the ADMS system to regularly record and reassess the cyclic loading capability of zone substation equipment, based on equipment manufacturer's recommendations and relevant Australian and international standards. ActewAGL maintains a high level of zone substation power transformer utilisation by using the two hour emergency cyclic rating, and effective load balancing between zone substations wherever possible. Load balancing is an integral initial solution to network augmentation planning.

Chapter 7 describes the outcomes of our annual planning process. If the augmentation cost of a proposal exceeds \$5 million, we undertake a Regulatory Investment Test in line with the requirements of the NER (section 5.16 for transmission RIT-T and section 5.17 for distribution RIT-D). The purpose of the Regulatory Investment Test is to identify the credible option that maximises the present value of net economic benefit to all those who produce, consume and transport electricity in the market. A preferred option may have a negative net economic benefit (that is, a net economic cost) where the identified need is for reliability corrective action.

3.4.1 Deterministic versus probabilistic planning approaches

Planning requirements are generally set as "deterministic" requirements, where rules or standards require investment to meet N (or N-0), N-1 and N-2 contingency criteria, where "N" is a single infrastructure element such as a transformer, transmission line or cable. These criteria basically define the level of reliability and security to which a network is designed. These requirements are intended to ensure that the network can withstand periods of plant outage, without leading to load shedding. The strict use of deterministic planning criteria that consider only supply side options, however, may preclude demand side management options.

Under the deterministic planning approach, the timing of augmentations is determined on the basis of peak demand exceeding the planning criteria. If the deterministic planning approach is applied strictly, network investment to augment capacity would be required prior to the year when peak demand exceeds capacity. Deterministic criteria like N-1 and N-2 also assume that network investment occurs in discrete units, with known levels of reliability. It therefore effectively assumes that investment in infrastructure is used to meet planning criteria. This can be a barrier to demand management as demand management projects are not always available in discrete blocks to balance against network investments in infrastructure such as transformers and line upgrades.

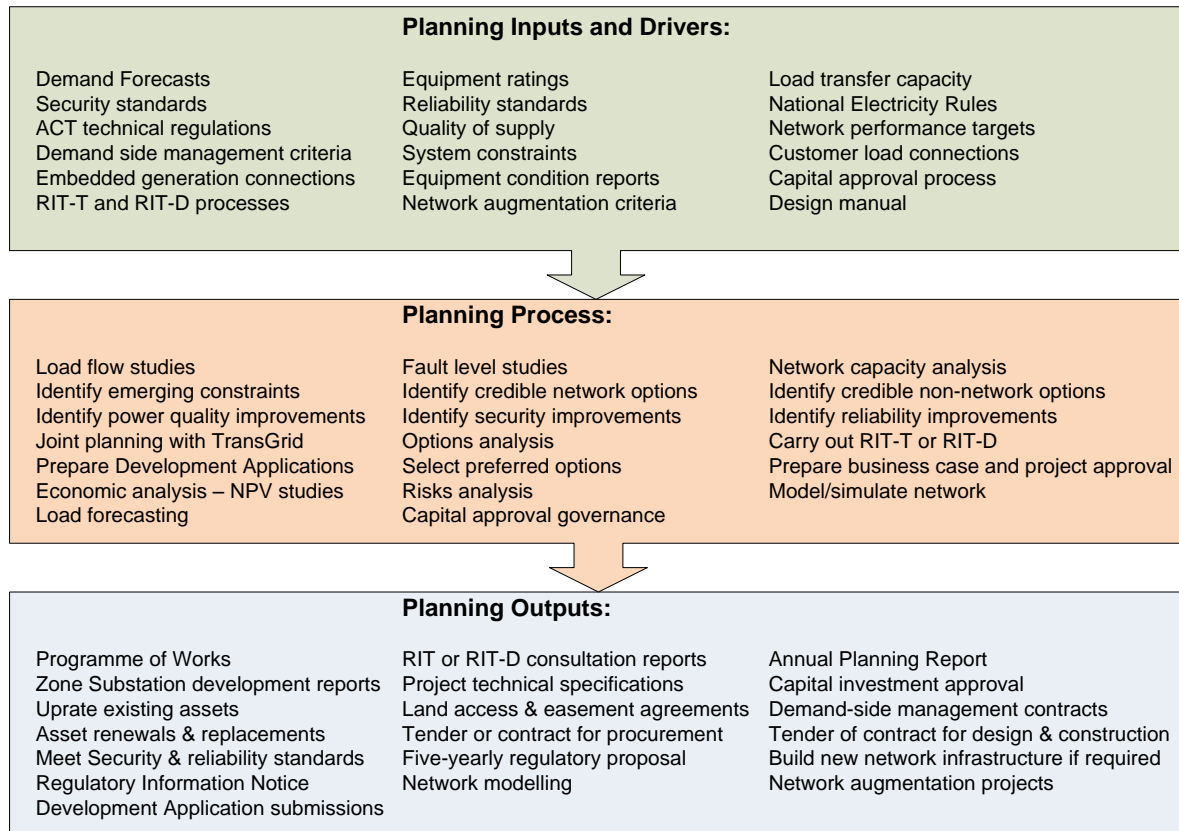
The “probabilistic” planning approach is an extension of the deterministic planning approach in the sense that it provides a method of assessing the economic value of network reliability to customers. This can be used as a way to prioritise competing projects. In doing this, probabilistic planning also provides scope for non-network demand management alternatives to reduce load by introducing the economic value of supply for customers, which is the basis for all demand management projects.

Customers will offer demand response capabilities when the reward for demand response is greater than the value they place on that supply. This can include accepting some degree of direct load control or capacity limitation. Deterministic planning criteria, strictly applied, do not facilitate NSPs offering this type of optimisation decision to customers, as it focuses entirely on the level of reliability and security of supply, not the value of that supply to customers. A probabilistic planning framework therefore may offer a different range of opportunities for demand management.



Figure 3.4 illustrates ActewAGL's network planning process.

Figure 3.4: ActewAGL's network planning process



4. Network Performance

4.1. Introduction

This chapter discusses the performance of the ActewAGL electricity network. There are a number of factors that contribute to network performance and these include the following:

- Network reliability which is measured in terms of the number and duration of customer outages.
- Network security which measures the power system's capacity to continue operating within defined technical limits even if a major power system element such as a transmission line or zone substation transformer, fails. Such failures are known as 'credible contingency events'.
- Constraints which restrict access to the network for maintenance purposes without the need to disrupt supply to customers.
- Major system incidences which may have been as a result of structural or geographic weaknesses.
- The level of photovoltaic generation penetration and the ability of the network to cope.
- The condition of the assets making up the network.
- Network fault levels and the ability of the network to cope.
- The quality of the power supply in terms of the voltage stability, harmonic content, freedom from flicker, and security from shocks and stray voltages.
- The level of network losses.
- The level of network information systems penetration.
- Any network innovations such as automatic fault isolation and restoration.

4.2. System Reliability and performance metrics

ActewAGL's service standards obligations arise mainly from the application of the Utilities ACT 2000 (ACT) (Utilities Act). The Utilities Act requires ActewAGL to comply with all relevant industry and technical codes, any directions by the Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) or the Chief Planning Executive of the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) made under the Utilities Act. Relevant codes include the Consumer Protection code, and the Electricity Distribution (Supply Standards) Code (Supply Standards Code).

The network reliability measures and standards are adopted from the Supply Standards Code and the referred Australian Standards therein which set out parameters for electricity supply through the ActewAGL network.

The minimum supply reliability standards are detailed in the Supply Standards Code, Schedule 2. Section 6.1 of the Code also specifies that ActewAGL must publish supply reliability targets annually for the following year, which include:

- **SAIDI:** System Average Interruption Duration Index. The ratio of total customer hours interrupted to total customers served. This is a performance measure of network reliability, indicating the total minutes, on average, that customers are without electricity during the relevant period.
- **SAIFI:** System Average Interruption Frequency Index. The ratio of total customer interruptions to total customers served. This is a performance measure of network reliability, indicating the average number of occasions each customer is interrupted during the relevant period.
- **CAIDI:** Customer Average Interruption Duration Index. The ratio of total customer time interrupted to total customer interruptions. Measured in minutes and indicates the average duration an affected customer is without power. $CAIDI = SAIDI/SAIFI$.

The reliability targets specified in the Supply Standards Code are shown in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1: Supply Standards Code Reliability Targets for 2014-15

Parameter	Target	Units
Outage duration (SAIDI)	91.0	Minutes
Outage frequency (SAIFI)	1.2	Number
Outage time (CAIDI)	74.6	Minutes

ActewAGL has applied an internal business target of 40 minutes for unplanned SAIDI to apply as a category within the overall externally set SAIDI target of 91 minutes in the Supply Standards Code. As previously discussed in Section 2.1.5, the AER introduced on 1 July 2015 a Service Target Performance Incentive Scheme (STPIS) as part of the 2014-15 to 2018-19 Regulatory Determination period. The STPIS reliability targets set by the AER for the 2015 to 2019 period for unplanned outages are shown in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2: AER Reliability Performance Targets for Unplanned Outages:

Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Unplanned SAIDI				
Urban feeder	30.32	30.32	30.32	30.32
Short rural feeder	46.86	46.86	46.86	46.86
Unplanned SAIFI				
Urban feeder	0.585	0.585	0.585	0.585
Short rural feeder	0.895	0.895	0.895	0.895

Table 4.3 shows ActewAGL's actual performance indicator figures for the 2014-15 financial year, for both planned and unplanned outages.

Table 4.3: Key Performance Indicators for the 2014-15 Financial Year

Key Performance Indicators		Feeder category			Overall target
		Urban	Rural Short	Overall network	
SAIDI	Overall	81.14	85.48	82.56	91.0
	Distribution network—planned	47.33	54.56	49.69	
	Distribution network—unplanned	33.81	30.92	32.87	
	STPIS Unplanned SAIDI Target for FY 2015-16	30.32	46.86		
SAIFI	Overall	0.853	0.762	0.823	1.2
	Distribution network—planned	0.212	0.230	0.218	
	Distribution network—unplanned	0.640	0.532	0.605	
	STPIS Unplanned SAIFI Target for FY 2015-16	0.585	0.895		
CAIDI	Overall	95.2	112.2	100.3	74.6
	Distribution network—planned	223.1	237.2	227.9	
	Distribution network—unplanned	52.8	58.1	54.3	
	No STPIS CAIDI target				

Number of loss of supply events (multi-premise) for the 2014-15 financial year was 698.

System minutes off transmission supply for the 2014-15 financial year = 0.

ActewAGL measures and monitors unplanned SAIDI and SAIFI on a monthly basis with the aim to meet or better the targets set by the AER under the STIPS program. Figures 4.1 and 4.2 depict unplanned SAIDI and SAIFI for the first five months of the 2015-16 financial year.

Figure 4.1: Monthly Unplanned SAIDI

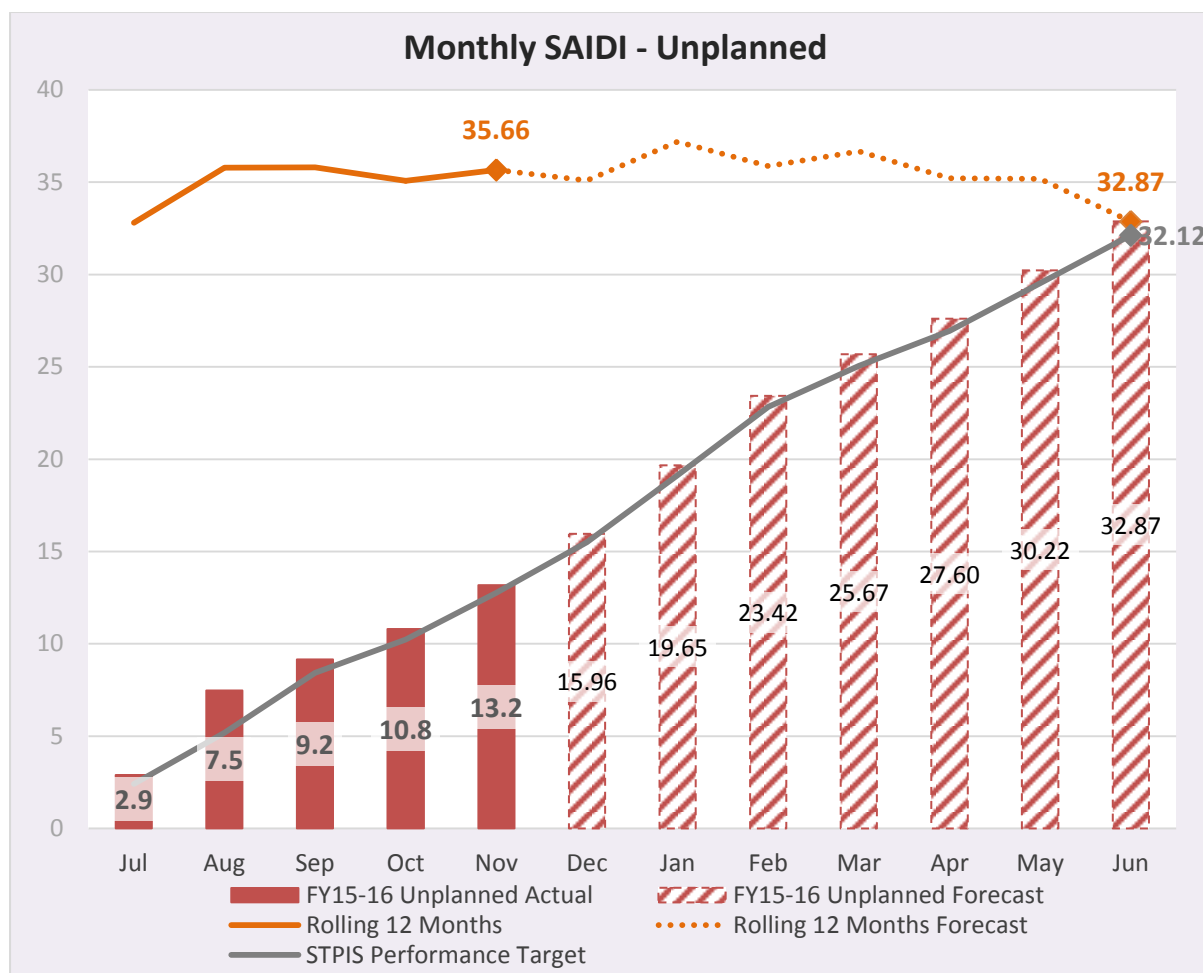
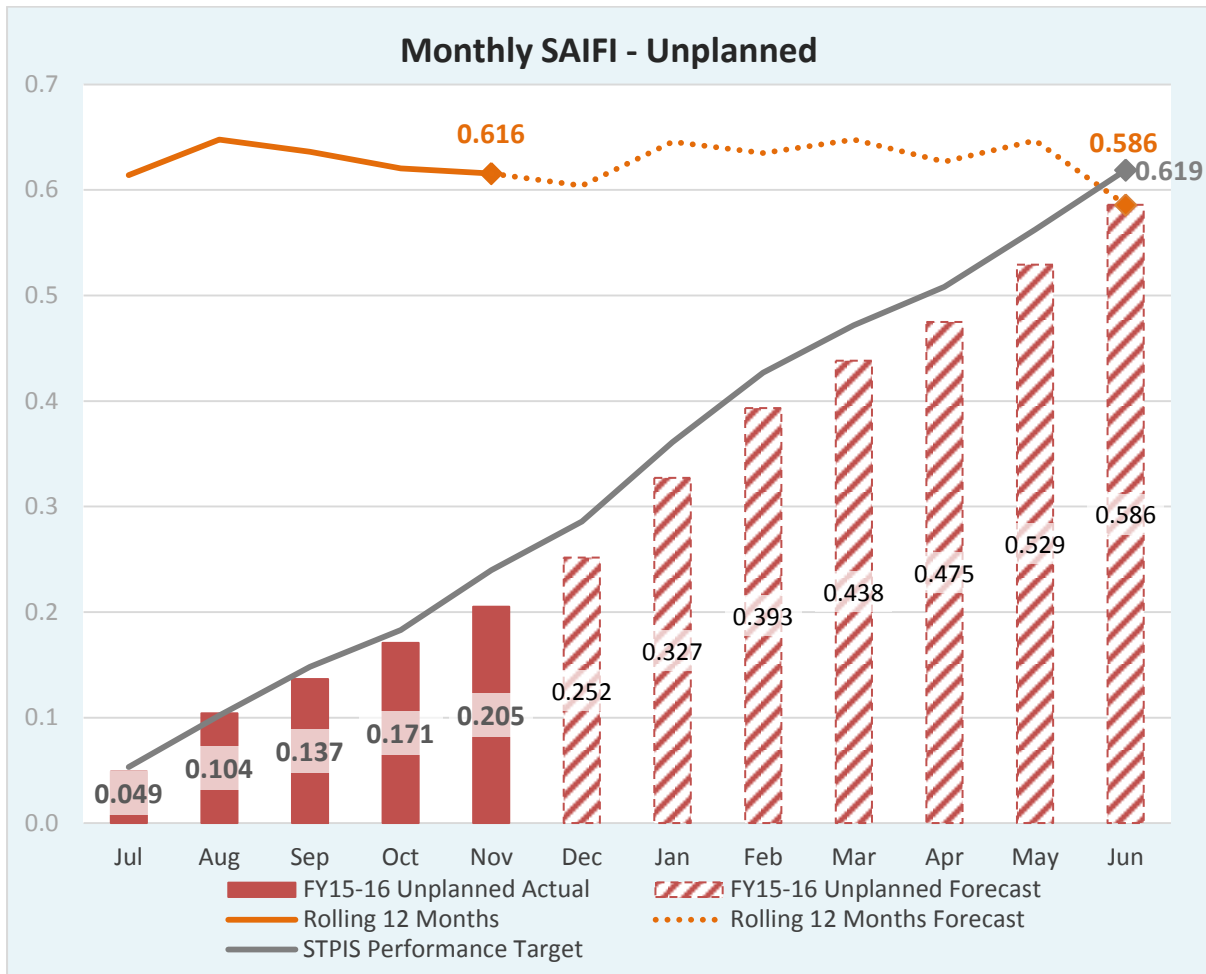


Figure 4.2: Monthly Unplanned SAIFI



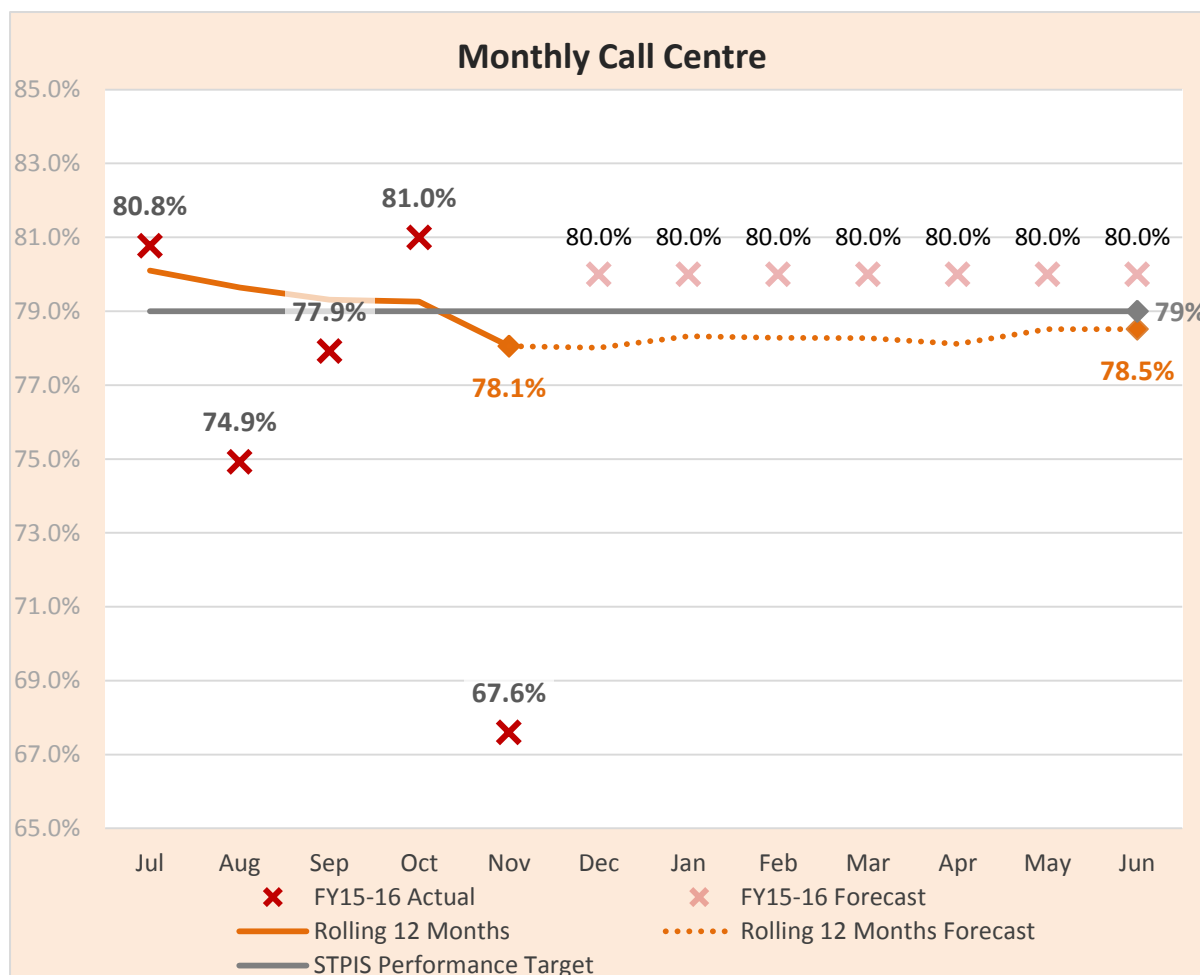
The reliability of supply component of the STPIS scheme will apply financial rewards for each year within the regulatory control period to ActewAGL on the basis of performance relative to targets. The maximum annual revenue at risk for the reliability of supply component is between +5% (upper limit) and -5% (lower limit).

Both SAIDI and SAIFI components exclude major event days such as extreme weather or bushfire conditions.



ActewAGL's customer service performance indicator specifies targets for the number of calls to the call centre faults line that are answered within 30 seconds. Figure 4.3 depicts ActewAGL's performance against this metric for the first five months of the 2015-16 financial year.

Figure 4.3: Monthly Call Centre Performance



ActewAGL has various programs underway aimed at improving system reliability. Several of these are associated with asset replacements, for example ground-mounted manually operated oil-insulated switchgear that has reached the end of its economic life is being replaced with remote controlled vacuum-insulated switchgear, and pole-mounted manually operated air-break switches are being replaced with gas-insulated remote controlled switches. The 11 kV network is being developed to reduce the number of radial feeders by installing ties to adjacent feeders. This will improve back-up supply capability and reduce the number of customers affected by a planned or unplanned outage.

Other initiatives to improve reliability such as self-healing networks are being considered with the aid of ActewAGL's Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS), refer section 4.10.1.

4.3. System constraints and security

A system constraint is a situation where the power flow through a part of the transmission or distribution network must be restricted in order to avoid exceeding a known technical limit. Examples of technical limits include the thermal rating of conductors or other equipment such as transformers, operating voltage levels, and equipment protection settings. Some constraints can exist under normal operating conditions, however they are most likely to occur when an element (such as a transmission line or distribution feeder) is out of service.

ActewAGL has a meshed 132 kV network in that all 132/11 kV zone substations are connected to two or more 132 kV lines, ie they have N-1 transmission security (refer Figure 2). The exception is the Angle Crossing 132/11 kV mobile substation which is connected radially via a 132 kV tee-off. However the load at Angle Crossing is small and a backup 11 kV feeder supply is provided to it from Wanniasa Zone Substation. ActewAGL's sole 66/11 kV zone substation, Fyshwick, is supplied via two single circuit 66 kV lines from TransGrid's Queanbeyan Substation so also has N-1 transmission security.

All 132 kV lines have sufficient capacity (refer Appendix D) to supply full capacity to each zone substation without constraint in the event of an outage of a 132 kV transmission line.

The 132 kV network is supplied from two TransGrid 330/132 kV bulk supply substations (Canberra and Williamsdale). As Williamsdale Substation is supplied radially from Canberra Substation at 330 kV, a constraint has been identified jointly by TransGrid and ActewAGL whereby in the event of a total outage of Canberra Substation, full supply to ActewAGL's network via Williamsdale would be constrained due to the rating of the Williamsdale-Theodore and Williamsdale-Gilmore 132 kV lines. This issue is to be addressed in the current planning period (refer section 7.5.1).

All zone substations with the exception of East Lake Zone Substation have two or more power transformers (i.e. N-1 transformer security). East Lake Zone Substation has one only 132/11 kV transformer but a second is proposed to be installed in 2019 at the end of the current regulatory period (refer section 7.5.2). In the interim, in the event of a transformer contingency, supply can be restored via 11 kV feeder ties to Telopea Park and Fyshwick zone substations.

The majority of the 11 kV distribution network is meshed with links between feeders and between zone substations. ActewAGL constantly monitors loads on all feeders and analyses the impact of proposed new connections. Such analysis is done using the Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) (refer section 4.11.1). Transfer capability between zone substations via the 11 kV network is carefully monitored and managed, with open points between feeders changed to cater for load growth whilst avoiding constraints such as thermal loading of conductors.

As the majority of generation and bulk transmission is located externally to the ACT, system frequency is not able to be controlled by ActewAGL. However in the event of a major system event such as a large generator or 330 kV transmission line contingency, frequency could drop below the normal operating frequency excursion band. Under clause 4.2.6 (c) of the NER, in such an event all affected TNSPs and DNSPs must be able to shed load quickly until frequency is restored to avoid the problem escalating. NER clause 4.3.1 (k) specifies that a DNSP must be able to shed up to 60% of its total load during an under-frequency event to allow for prompt restoration or recovery of the power system. ActewAGL is in the process of installing under frequency load shedding (UFLS) relays at all of its zone substations, to trip feeders according to a set hierarchy (ie feeders supplying critical loads such as hospitals would be the last to be tripped).

ActewAGL's network operations control centre is located at Fyshwick. A disaster recovery facility (DRF) has been completed recently at Civic Zone Substation. The DRF is basically a backup control centre with full SCADA and remote control facilities. Should a failure of the main control centre occur, the system could continue to be operated fully and securely from the DRF.

4.4. Significant system incidents

A significant event on ActewAGL's network is classified as an unplanned outage that results in more than two SAIDI minutes (equivalent to all of our customers, on average, having their power supply interrupted for two minutes or longer). Such events are usually the result of major equipment failure, major weather events, or major bushfire events. No such significant system events occurred during the 2014-15 financial year.

4.5. Photovoltaic penetration

Domestic rooftop photovoltaic (PV) generation systems are currently installed on approximately 8.6% of homes in the ACT. These vary in size from 1 kW – 10 kW capacity. The level of penetration is increasing steadily due to a number of reasons that include:

- Cost of PV systems is decreasing as more units are produced (ie reduced manufacturing costs) and more suppliers are competing for this market.
- Some developments (notably Denman Prospect Estate) have mandated that PV systems must be installed on all new houses to be constructed.
- Modern homes are being built with a PV system incorporated into the original design which avoids the costs associated with retrofitting later.
- The climate in the ACT is conducive to PV with long sunshine hours annually.
- The ACT Government is promoting its 90% renewable energy target and encouraging the installation of PV systems.
- Increased awareness of the public to climate change issues and the benefits of renewable energy.

Photovoltaic penetration in the ACT is widespread as shown in Table 4.4 and Appendix E.

Table 4.4: Photovoltaic penetration by zone substation (excluding network level PV)

Zone Substation	Number of PV installations	Total capacity installed (W)
Angle Crossing (mobile substation)	0	0
Belconnen	1,557	4,085,329
City East	1,011	3,133,903
Civic	695	1,991,488
East Lake	10	150,578
Fyshwick	33	1,036,325
Gilmore	816	2,808,071
Gold Creek	2,150	6,074,126
Latham	2,625	7,384,589
Telopea Park	628	2,092,331
Theodore	1,303	3,646,940
Wanniassa	2,793	8,355,905
Woden	2,096	6,089,877
TOTAL	15,717	46,842,462

4.6. Ageing assets

Electricity transmission and distribution networks are constructed of a range of asset types which all have their own maintenance, refurbishment and replacement life cycles.

Primary assets, those with the purpose of transmitting and distributing energy, such as poles, conductors and transformers, generally have an asset standard design life of around 45 – 60 years before requiring replacement.

Secondary assets, those with the purpose of measuring, monitoring, controlling, communicating and providing protection for primary assets, generally have an asset standard design life of around 15 – 20 years.

ActewAGL has prepared Asset Specific Plans for each class of asset, and from these plans has developed maintenance programs for each asset for its whole life cycle, including condition monitoring, periodic maintenance, renewal (see chapter 6) and leading to its ultimate replacement.

Before replacing an asset such as a distribution substation, ActewAGL reviews its network plan for that location. In some cases, load growth (or reduction) may deem it more appropriate to replace with a larger or smaller distribution substation rather than simply a like-for-like replacement. In this way ActewAGL integrates its planning to coordinate asset management spending with network development spending to provide the most appropriate and cost effective solutions.

Assets are replaced as a result of a condition assessment, i.e. an asset is not just replaced because it has reached its 'retirement age'. It is replaced because its future maintenance costs exceed its replacement plus net present value costs.

An example of ActewAGL's asset replacement program is the replacement of aged 132 kV SF6 gas-insulated circuit breakers with modern SF6 insulated models (which require a lower volume of SF6 gas). During the 2014-15 financial year ActewAGL replaced four 132 kV circuit breakers; two each at Belconnen and City East zone substations. This program will continue during the 2015-16 financial year with two additional 132 kV circuit breakers at City East zone substation, an additional one at Belconnen Zone Substation and one 132 kV circuit breaker to be replaced at Bruce Switching Station. In 2016-17, a further two circuit breakers will be replaced at the Bruce Zone switching station site. Each circuit breaker replacement costs approximately \$300,000.

In the past year, ActewAGL has replaced approximately 647 m of 400 V distribution cables of concentric neutral solid aluminium conductor (CONSAC) type in the Canberra suburb of Hawker. A further 1147m of this cable type will be replaced in 2015-16 in Scullin. This cable type is obsolete and has caused reliability issues in recent years. These cables have been replaced with XLPE (cross linked polyethylene) - insulated cables.

The ActewAGL network includes approximately 52,000 poles, the majority of which are wooden and subject to gradual rotting and subsequent loss of strength. All poles are inspected and assessed on a rotating annual program. Strengthening works such as nailing or attaching steel armour guards are carried out to prolong the life of wooden poles. Low voltage poles are replaced with two-part fibreglass poles in non-accessible locations, while high voltage and transmission poles are generally replaced with pre-stressed spun concrete poles.

As technology changes, asset types also change, for example circuit breakers were once all oil-insulated, then progressed to SF6 gas-insulated, and now modern circuit breakers are vacuum-insulated. Protection relays have evolved from large electro-mechanical devices to compact multi-processor self-analysing computerised units. The frequency and degree of maintenance required by modern assets is considerably less than their older counterparts.

The following diagrams show the age distribution of ActewAGL's assets as follows:

Figure 4.4 Poles.

Figure 4.5 Overhead conductors.

Figure 4.6 Underground cables.

Figure 4.7 Distribution transformers.

Figure 4.8 Service Lines

Figure 4.9 Switchgear.

Figure 4.10 SCADA, control and protection equipment.

Figure 4.4 - Pole Assets - Quantity Currently In Commission by Age
Poles by Highest Operating Voltage and Material

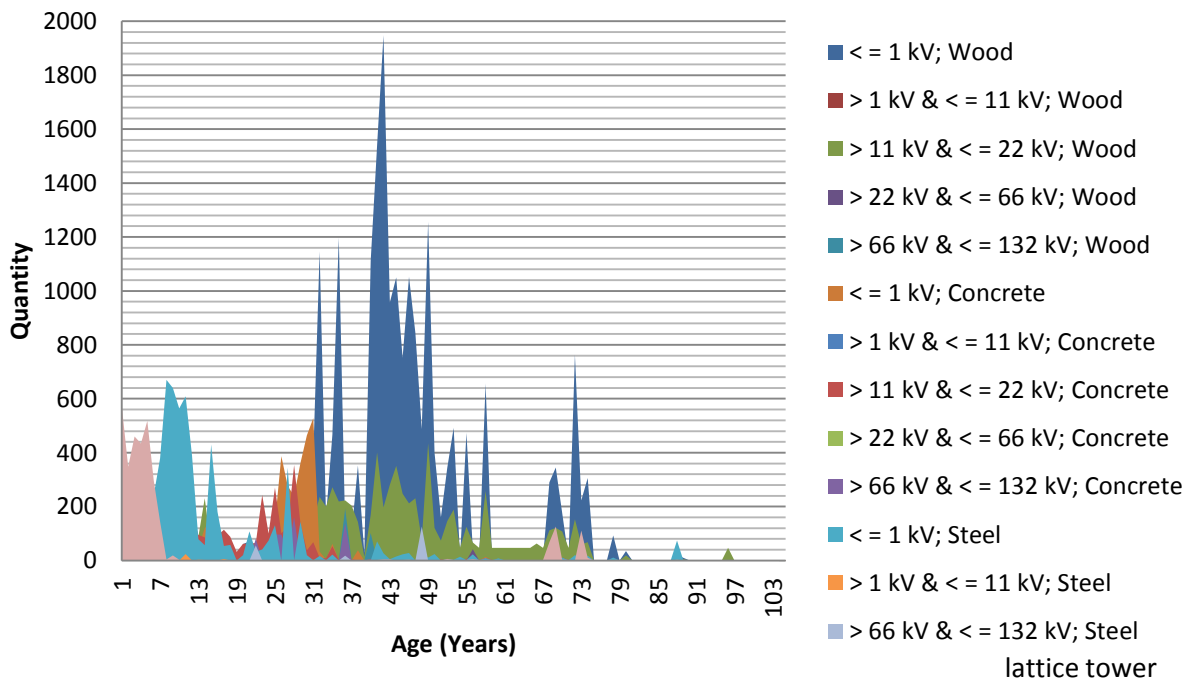


Figure 4.5 - Overhead Conductor Assets - Quantity Currently In Commission by Age
Overhead Conductor by Highest Operating Voltage

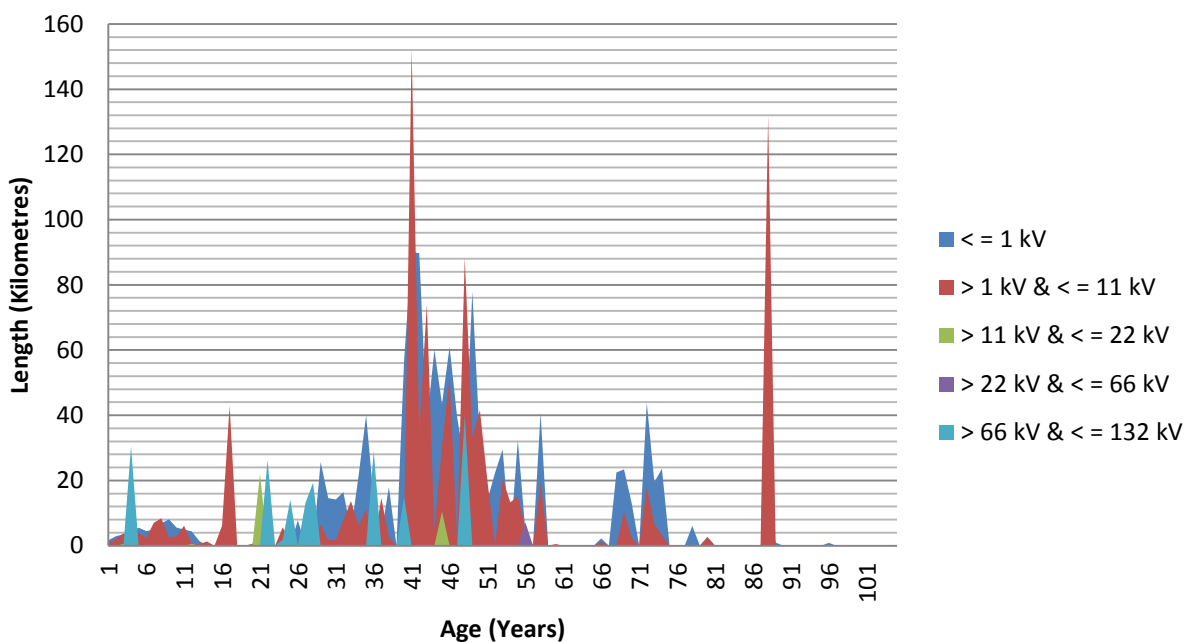


Figure 4.6- Underground Cable Assets - Quantity Currently In Commission by Age
Underground Cable by Highest Operating Voltage

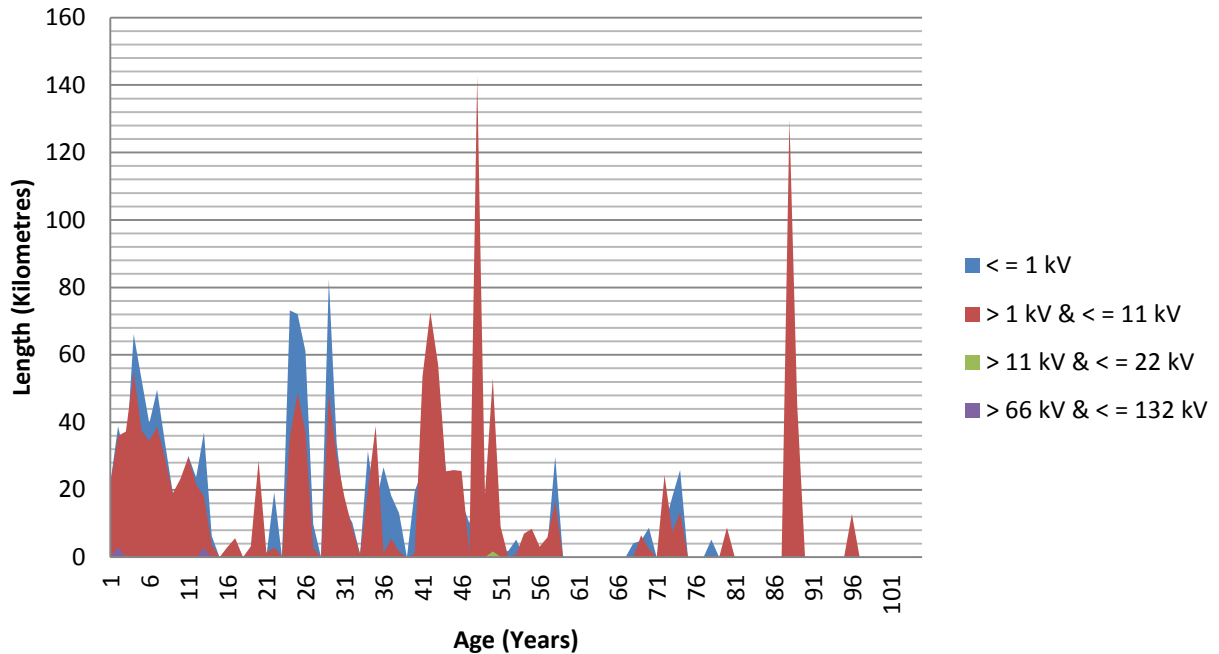


Figure 4.7 - Service Line Assets - Quantity Currently In Commission by Age
Service Line by Connection Voltage & Customer Type

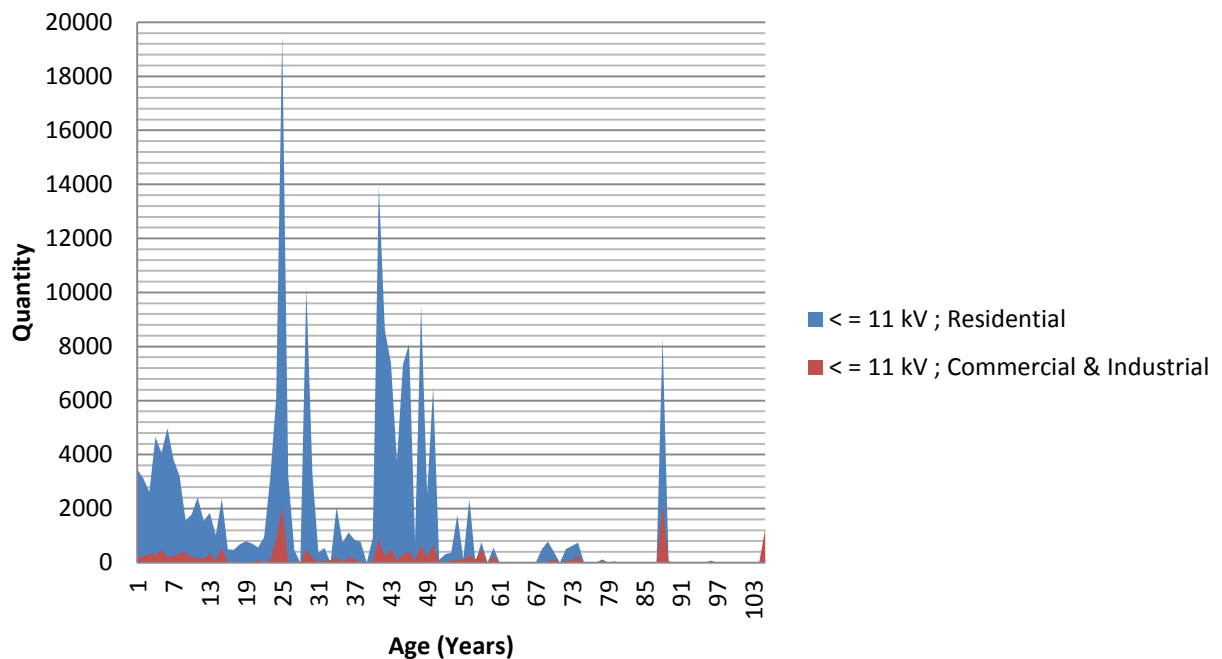


Figure 4.8 - Transformer Assets - Quantity Currently In Commission by Age
Transformers by Mount Type; Highest Operating Voltage; Ampere Rating; No. of phases

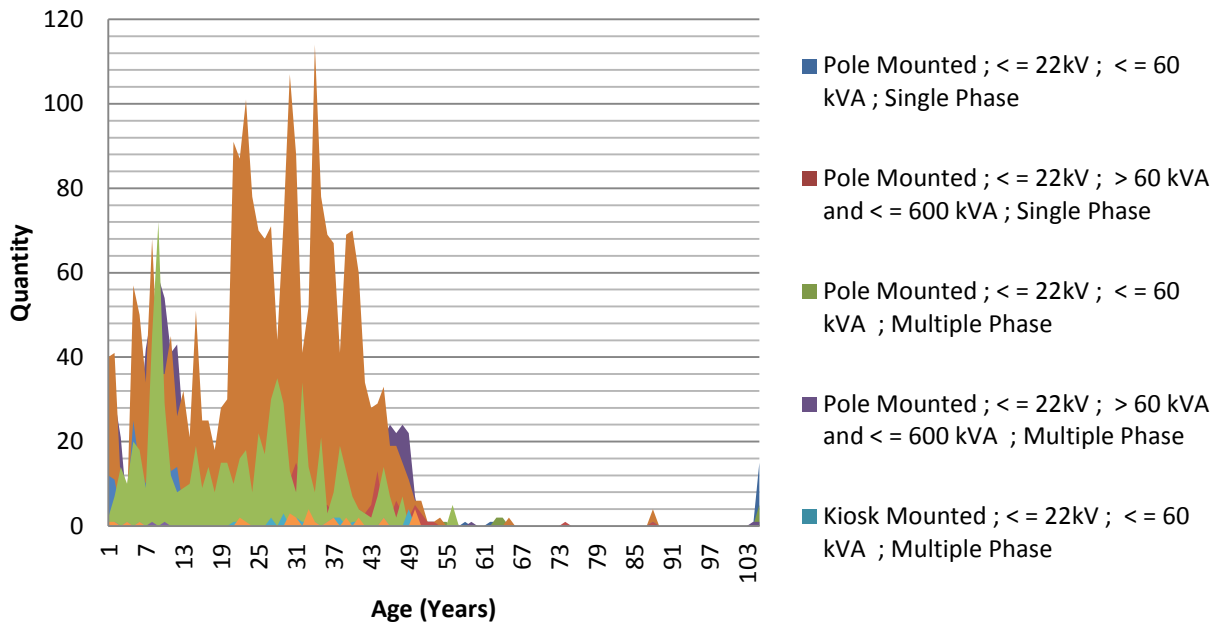
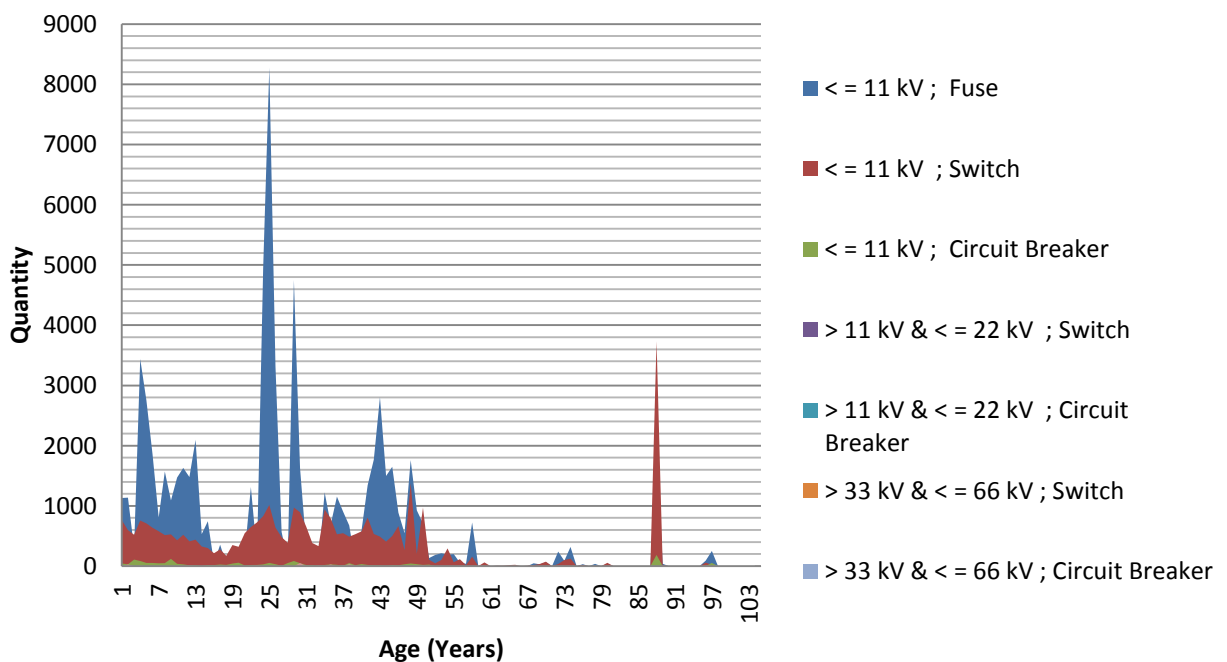
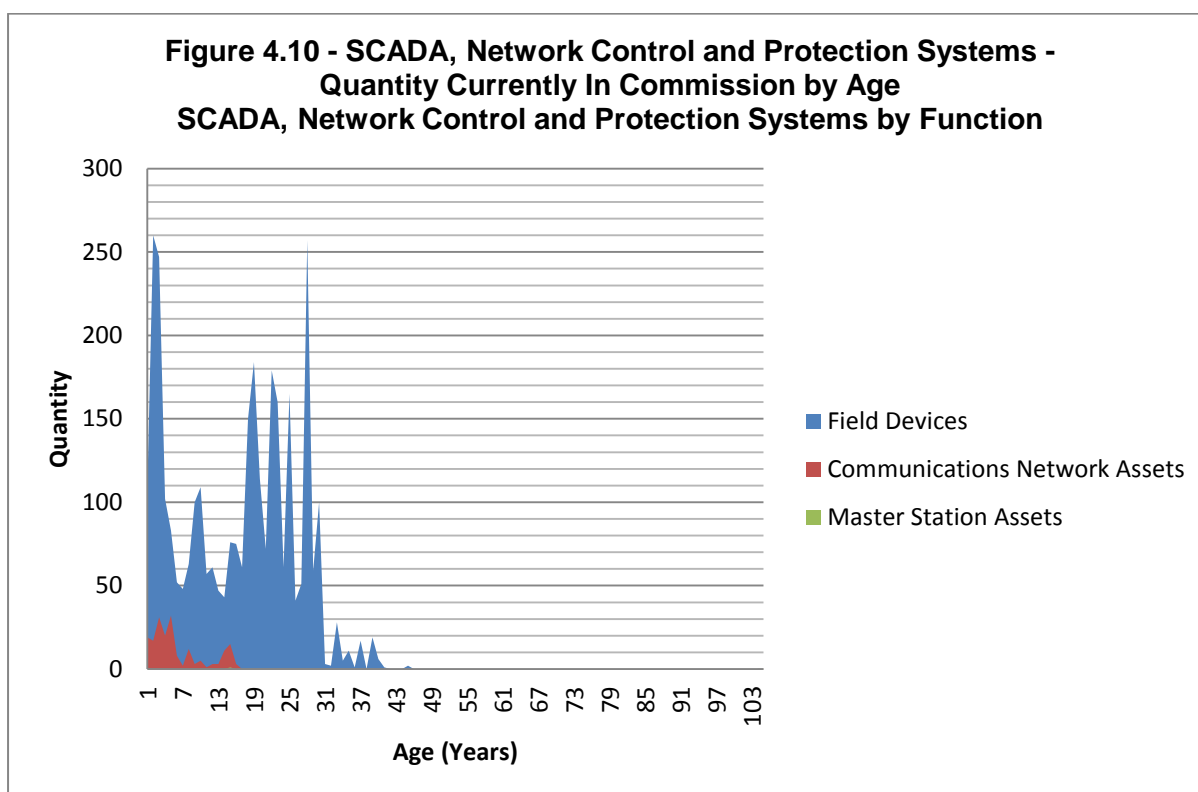


Figure 4.9 - Switchgear Assets - Quantity Currently In Commission by Age
Switchgear by Highest Operating Voltage & Switch Function





The ActewAGL network has a large number of wooden poles, overhead conductors and underground cables that have been in service for 40 years or more. These assets will be monitored over coming years regarding their condition and risk of failure. Annual replacement programs may need to be increased as more assets reach the end of their economic service lives.

The distribution transformer population is relatively modern, although there are a large number of pole-mounted transformers over 30 years of age.

The age profile of switchgear is fairly even, however here are a small number of 11 kV and low voltage switchboards nearing end of life.

The majority of secondary protection and SCADA equipment has an effective life of less than 15–20 years of age.

ActewAGL uses the Risk Centred Maintenance (RCM as outlined in the Asset Management Objectives), approach to plan and carry out the replacement of aged assets.

4.7. Fault level

Fault level is defined in terms of current (kA). The fault current is the maximum current that would flow at that point in the network should a short circuit fault occur. Major equipment elements such as circuit breakers, switchgear, cables and busbars are specified to withstand the maximum possible fault level. Fault level is also an indication of a network's "strength".

High voltage overhead lines that are insufficiently fault rated may cause the conductors to clash, sag below minimum ground clearance, or even break when subjected to a fault current. Such situations can occur when network augmentations such as the construction of a new zone substation increase the fault levels in the distribution network.

ActewAGL specifies new 11 kV equipment to be capable of withstanding 25 kA three-phase short circuit fault current. Maximum 11 kV fault level on the network has been calculated at around 12.2 kA.

ActewAGL specifies new 132 kV equipment to be capable of withstanding 31.5 kA three-phase short circuit fault current. Maximum 132 kV fault level on the network has been calculated at around 24.0 kA.

4.8 Power quality

Power quality issues manifest themselves in voltage, current or frequency deviation, which result in premature failure, reduced service life or incorrect operation of customer equipment. Electricity customers have ever-increasing expectations and are becoming less tolerant of power quality and reliability issues. Some modern appliances are not suited to events that occur on distribution networks due to their sensitivity and design.

At all voltages in ActewAGL's network, the quality of supply is maintained to provide a safe and secure source of electricity to our customers.

Power quality is measured by the installation of mobile power quality analysers in various locations on the distribution network. Measurements are taken on both a proactive and reactive basis.

Optimisation of network power quality enhances asset lifetimes due to reductions in operating stresses (e.g. lower transformer iron losses and resultant heating from harmonic voltage distortion).

ActewAGL has a proactive program to survey power quality across our 11 kV network. This program features the following:

Proactive Quality of Supply Survey Program:

- A rotational program across a 10 year period.
- Approximately 25 feeders will be selected per year.
- For each feeder, sites will be identified at the first distribution substation from the zone substation and the last distribution substation on the feeder.
- For each site, measurements will be taken at the distribution substation and at a single installation on an LV circuit supplied by the distribution substation.
- This will provide ActewAGL with a network-wide picture of power quality through a structured rotational program.
- The program will provide quality of supply data for the highest and lowest voltage points of the selected HV feeders and LV circuits, with the effects of embedded generation in these circuits being addressed by ActewAGL's embedded generation guidelines.
- Parameters measured include steady state voltage, harmonics, power factor, voltage dips and swells.

This program is compliant with AS.61000.4.30 - Testing and measurement techniques—Power quality measurement methods.

During the 2014-15 financial year, in addition to routine pro-active power quality monitoring, ActewAGL investigated 13 high voltage complaints from customers, 9 of which were found to be valid and corrected by altering distribution transformer tap positions.

4.8.1 Steady State Voltage

Voltage levels at customers' premises must be supplied and maintained within regulation limits to ensure correction operation of appliances and safety to equipment and personnel.

Voltage levels on the 132 kV bus at Canberra and Williamsdale bulk supply substations, is controlled by TransGrid via its 330/132 kV interconnecting transformers on-load tap changers (OLTCs) and 132 kV capacitor banks. Similarly the 66 kV bus voltage at Queanbeyan bulk supply substation is controlled by TransGrid.

The 11kV bus voltage at zone substations is maintained by the voltage-regulating relay which controls the tap position of the main 132/11kV transformers. In order to maintain the voltage within limits along the

11 kV feeders, the bus voltage is varied according to network conditions (loading, incoming voltage, feeder voltage drops etc.).

ActewAGL monitors steady state voltage levels and responds to customer complaints where required. ActewAGL shall use the implementation of the ADMS and the application of smart metering technology to further ensure compliance of steady state voltage levels. ActewAGL is presently reviewing embedded generation guidelines to address the impact of embedded generation on network supply voltage.

Steady state phase-neutral low voltage at the customer's point of supply is maintained at 230 V + 10% / - 6% in accordance with Australian Standards AS/NZS 60038 and AS/NZS 61000.3.100.

4.8.2 Rapid Fluctuations in Supply Voltage (Flicker)

Flicker is the human perception of variations of light intensity due to voltage fluctuations and is usually customer-generated due to the following:

- Frequent starting of induction motors – mainly the direct on line starting of induction motors.
- Electric welders.
- Arc furnaces.

ActewAGL shall respond to customer complaints on a case by case basis. ActewAGL shall install mobile power quality analysers to measure flicker in the network and advise customers if flicker is caused due to their operations, or rectify if caused by ActewAGL's equipment.

Maximum permissible voltage flicker levels are specified in Australian Standard AS/NZS 61000.

4.8.3 Voltage Dips

Voltage dips are typically caused by events such as lightning or faults on adjacent feeders, or are generated by equipment located within customers' premises (e.g. induction motor starting).

Dips caused by faults on adjacent feeders can propagate throughout the network, affecting customers' supply voltage on all feeders at the zone substation. Although only customers on the faulted feeder experience an interruption, many experience the reflected voltage sags generated by the fault.

ActewAGL shall monitor voltage dips as part of its power quality monitoring program. ActewAGL uses its SCADA system and protection records to analyse events and uses its mobile power quality analysers to assist in the analysis and rectification of voltage dips. ActewAGL shall use the implementation of numerical protection devices and the ADMS to further reduce the overall number of voltage dips on the network. ActewAGL proposes to review fault switching and investigate the use of auto-reclosers, sectionalisers and fault passage indication devices to reduce fault switching.

4.8.4 Switching Voltage Transients

Switching transients are primarily associated with the operation of circuit breakers and are typically the consequence of the switched current being extinguished prior to the natural current zero value of the sinusoidal current waveform. This characteristic is termed as current chopping.

The chopping of the current results in transient voltages being generated which enter and travel through the interconnected network. Switching transients can also be generated by the switching of lumped capacitances (e.g. capacitor banks).

Switching transients are typically high frequency, short duration voltage conditions (mainly overvoltage conditions) which can result in damage to sensitive equipment.

ActewAGL shall manage switching transient voltages through switchgear procurement standards (i.e. utilising switching equipment that has small chopping current characteristics) and asset specific maintenance regimes, and routine maintenance programs designed to avoid excessive switch contact arcing.

4.8.5 Voltage Difference Neutral to Earth

Voltage differences between neutral and earth can present the risk of damage to electrical equipment at customers' premises as well as a risk of electric shock and fire. Typically voltage differences can be caused by such things as:

- Inadequate earthing (high earth resistance or open circuit earth) at substations.
- Inadequate bonding of earth and neutral in Multiple Earth Neutral (MEN) systems.

ActewAGL adheres to the relevant distribution substation earthing requirements and advises customers of correct earthing practices. ActewAGL includes neutral to earth monitoring as part of its power quality monitoring program to assist with classifying neutral to earth voltage non-compliance.

Target voltage difference between neutral and earth is < 10 V steady state (5 minute average) at the point of supply.

4.8.6 Earth Potential Rise

Earth potential rise relates to the localised increase in the voltage of an object that should remain at earth potential. Typically it is a result of fault current passing through an earth connection that is inadequate for the magnitude of the fault current. This can be due to:

- Inadequate sizing of the earth conductor relative to the maximum fault current.
- High impedance between the earth conductor and the mass of earth (true earth).

Under such conditions the passage of the fault current through the inadequate earth connection will result in a voltage increase on the earth connection for the duration of the fault. This condition can present risk of electric shock to a person who may be standing on "true earth" but is in contact with the inadequately earthed device. It can also result in damage to sensitive equipment.

ActewAGL complies with earth potential rise requirements by basing its network designs on reference publications¹. ActewAGL's system is designed to ensure that step and touch voltages arising from earth potential rise are within the allowable limits of Australian Standard AS/NZS 7000. ActewAGL inspects the earth connections on its system on a five-yearly program.

4.8.7 Voltage Unbalance

Voltage unbalance typically results from:

- Unbalanced phase impedances.
- Unbalanced phase loadings
- Interaction between phases (induced voltages) on overhead lines.

Unbalanced voltages can result in high neutral currents which introduce the potential for high neutral to earth voltage difference, and the generation of negative sequence voltages that can damage three-phase induction motors.

ActewAGL manages voltage unbalance within the required limits through appropriate design practices and transformer procurement specifications. ActewAGL uses its mobile power quality analysers and quality of supply survey procedures to identify and rectify voltage unbalance. This is supported through the use of ADMS calculations to ensure compliance.

¹ENA EG-O Power System Earthing Guide
 ENA EG-1 Substation Earthing Guide
 AS 3835 – EPR – Protection of Telecommunication Network
 AS/NZS 4853 – Electrical Hazards on Metallic Pipelines

4.8.8 Direct Current (DC) Component

A high DC component of the neutral voltage can cause damage to electronic devices and impact on the correct operation of protective devices. It can also lead to an increase in losses and result in heating within electrical and electronic equipment.

ActewAGL ensures that customer's inverters connected to the network adhere to the relevant standards and regulatory requirements. ActewAGL is presently reviewing HV and LV embedded generation guidelines to limit the impact on network power quality.

4.8.9 Harmonics

Harmonics are usually customer-generated. Non-linear loads such as industrial equipment (eg arc welders), variable speed drives, uninterruptible power supplies, and office equipment, are all sources of harmonic currents. Harmonic currents flowing in transformers cause an increase in the copper (resistive) losses and iron (magnetising) losses.

ActewAGL responds to customer complaints to measure and analyse harmonic levels. ActewAGL uses its mobile power quality analysers and undertake harmonic monitoring as part of its power quality surveys. ActewAGL is currently investigating the use of the ADMS to identify areas of the network where harmonic levels are outside regulation limits and explore the potential of real-time harmonic monitoring at zone substations.

4.8.10 Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)

Electromagnetic fields are a key design consideration for bare electrical conductors such as overhead lines and bus-work, particularly those which operate at high voltage. For conductors with an earth shield, such as underground cables, the fields are encapsulated within the cable and do not present external hazards.

Electromagnetic fields incorporate both electric fields resulting from the voltage on conductors and also the magnetic fields generated by the current flowing in the conductors. Both phenomena result in a "grading" of the respective fields from the conductor to the nearest earth location. In terms of voltage there will be a voltage "gradient" between the conductor and earth. In terms of current there will be a grading of the magnetic field (flux density) from the conductor to the earth.

Depending on the strength of these fields minute currents can be induced in the bodies of animals and humans. Research is inconclusive at present but there are concerns as to the health implications of exposure to electromagnetic fields. As such there are strict guidelines for the management of electromagnetic fields incorporated into the design of overhead lines and high current equipment.

ActewAGL complies with the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) Guidelines in the design of its network with respect to electromagnetic fields.

4.8.11 Inductive Interference

Inductive interference refers to the ability of the magnetic fields generated by current flowing in typically overhead line conductors, to cause interference with other electromagnetic radiation such as radio, television and communication signals.

ActewAGL shall continue to undertake routine maintenance programs to ensure all equipment is in good working condition, in particular all HV and LV overhead lines, to ensure that inductive interference is within the limits specified in Australian Standard AS/NZS 2344.

4.8.12 Power Factor

Power factor relates to the relationship between the real and reactive power. In an alternating current (AC) system the in-phase portions of voltage and current waveforms produce "active" or real power which is the capacity of the electricity system to perform work. The out of phase portions of voltage and current waveforms produce "reactive" power. The combination of active and reactive power is termed apparent power. A low or poor power factor will result in inefficiency due to high apparent power loading with a low real power delivery.

ActewAGL monitors power factor as part of its programmed proactive and reactive monitoring of the network. ActewAGL shall use the ADMS to identify areas of the network that may be experiencing power factor issues. Metering data shall also be used to identify installations with power factor outside acceptable limits.

Customers can gain significant benefits by improving the power factor at their premises. These benefits include reduced electricity costs, increased plant load capacity and utilisation, and better voltage regulation. Improvement of power factor is usually achieved by the installation of capacitors.

ActewAGL requires that the power factor at the point of common coupling between ActewAGL's network and the customer's installation shall be between 0.9 lagging and unity. Leading power factor is unacceptable. Details can be found in ActewAGL's Service & Installation Rules for Connection to the Electricity Distribution Network which can be found on our external website.

4.9 System Losses

As power flows through the transmission and distribution networks, a portion is lost due to the electrical resistance and heating of the conductors and transformers. Across the network these losses may be up to 3%-5% of the total energy transported. These losses are allowed for throughout the transmission and distribution networks to ensure that supply meets demand and the power system remains secure, ie more electricity is generated than is consumed by customers.

Distribution Loss Factors (DLFs) represent the average energy loss between the distribution network connection point and the transmission network connection point to which it is assigned.

ActewAGL periodically reviews open points on the network, to enable the network to be reconfigured to reduce losses. This includes load balancing between zone substation transformers.

The cost of electrical losses is factored into the assessment of tenders for new distribution and zone substation power transformers. The life cycle cost assessment ensures that the capital cost is not the dominant factor in the assessment of transformer tenders. The existing methodology takes into account the estimated losses over the life of transformers ensuring better energy efficiency and environmental outcomes.

Electrical losses in the network are proportional to the square of the current. Having a higher power factor results in a lower current, for the same amount of useful energy, and therefore reduces network losses. Maximum demand and capacity charges, if they are effective in reducing peak load on the network, will also result in reduced currents and therefore reduced network losses.

Under the NER section 3.6.3, ActewAGL is required to calculate and publish the distribution loss factors on its network. Publishing of the loss factors improves transparency of the network loss performance to retailers and customers. ActewAGL has engaged GHD Hill Michael Consultants to calculate distribution loss factors for both site specific customers (embedded generators with output greater than 10 MW and load customers with maximum demand greater than 10 MW) and average DLFs for non-site specific customers. The entire population of high voltage distribution feeders was analysed for these calculations. ActewAGL's Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) was used to calculate the DLFs. This system allows for the entire distribution network from zone substation transformers to distribution transformers to be modelled. All network elements have known loss characteristics including copper and iron losses for both zone and distribution transformers and impedance and length of all conductors. Losses on the 132 kV transmission network are calculated using a PSS Sincal transmission network model.

The effects and costs of distribution losses are included in the system planning analysis and investment strategy as inputs to determining any augmentation required to the system capacity to maintain the supply-demand balance.

4.10 Information Technology

ActewAGL will fully implement two major IT replacement programs in the present planning period:

1. Core Systems Replacement Project and
2. Operational System Replacement Project.

The Core Systems Replacement Program (CSRP) aims to upgrade key Information and Communications Technology (ICT) systems to increase operational efficiency across the business.

The CSRP Program is made up of three projects that upgrade systems used in Finance, Human Resources and Distributive Billing. These are:

- Financial Information Management Systems project;
- Human Resources Management Information System project; and
- ActewAGL's Billing project.

The purpose of the Operational Systems Replacement Program (OSRP) is to develop an Operational Technology (OT) and Information Technology (IT) roadmap for the business that is suited to an asset intensive organisation that manages linear assets. It will be based on a geo-spatial OT environment that is tightly incorporated with the corporate IT environment and based on commercially available applications.

The overall capital expenditure on the replacement program for Operational System applications, enhancements and billing systems amounts to 13.5% of the total capital budget for the 2015-16 financial year, however this is expected to fall to 4.1% over the 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20.

The following OT business systems have been introduced to improve ActewAGL's efficiency and accuracy of information:

- Advanced Distribution Management System
- ArcFM Designer
- Cityworks
- Riva

4.10.1 Advanced Distribution Management System

ActewAGL's existing monitoring and control system (ENMAC) was installed 15 years ago and is no longer capable to meet the changing needs of the ActewAGL's business.

ActewAGL is implementing an Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS). This is a software package that is used to monitor and control the operation of ActewAGL's network. Installed on a dedicated computer network, the system will support network analysis, optimisation, planning and training.

ADMS is a consolidated network modelling system that combines both network operations functionalities with network analysis and simulation capabilities. It provides a single platform for network load modelling and operations management in a real-time environment. The system has three core integrated components:

1. **Distribution Management System (DMS)** providing network control, optimisation, analysis and planning functions. It is used to perform load flow analysis, protection setting calculations and fault level studies as well as other functions.
2. **Outage Management System (OMS)** facilitates fault calls taking, repair crew dispatch, and planned and unplanned outage management.
3. **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)** system enables real-time network data acquisition and control.

The system leverages the network connectivity and topology contained within the geographical information system (ArcFM) to automatically replicate the network model in the ADMS. The ADMS also contains advanced analytics and capabilities for automated control of network apparatus.

Having these capabilities available as one integrated solution enables our operators, dispatchers, analysts, planners and managers to work from the same as-operated representation of network information.

Key benefits that the implementation of ADMS will deliver include the following.

- Enables faster fault location, isolation and supply restoration for customers.
- Meeting ActewAGL's commitments to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) including more accurate and informative reporting.
- Improved information system will provide safer access and operation of the network.
- Improved network utilisation and enablement of future opportunities for improved utilisation.
- Record faults and system events to enable subsequent analysis.
- Calculation of system losses.
- Capacity for future smart grid infrastructure integration.
- A system that provides a backup facility to operate the distribution network in the event of an emergency where the primary control system cannot be used.

4.10.2 ArcFM Designer

ArcFM is a Geographical Information System (GIS) that provides a suite of configurable data models as well as sophisticated tools that are critical to effective asset management. By using asset attribute information and enabling end-to-end connectivity, ArcFM provides a single platform for documenting and maintaining the electrical network topology. This system provides ActewAGL with the ability to draft network designs directly in the GIS, conducive to a geospatially-centred environment. This avoids the need to draft new designs using a computer-aided design package, and then transfer this information later to the GIS. It also allows all users of the GIS to view proposed designs and changes to the network.

This system is linked to the ADMS so that changes to network topology are updated in both systems in real time.

ActewAGL proposes to develop the use of ArcFM Designer over the next year to fully utilise its functionality which includes:

- Automatic volt drop calculations analysis.
- Automatic preparation of bills of materials for works as designed.
- Automatic preparation of cost estimates for works and creation of works orders (by linking to the CityWorks program).
- Secondary circuits' analysis tool.

4.10.3 Cityworks

ActewAGL performs works on the electrical network of varying complexity, ranging from high volume fast turnaround connection works, to large scale electricity transmission infrastructure projects.

Every activity performed can be classified and organized to a standardised pattern that determines how it is managed by personnel and systems.

Cityworks is ActewAGL's works management system that is used to schedule cost-effective inspection, monitoring and condition assessment of our assets, as well as initiate, schedule and manage maintenance and capital works on the network. It leverages a geospatial view (GIS) of our assets supported by engineering drawings (unit assemblies) to standardize work practices and maximize utilisation of equipment, labour and materials.

Cityworks is used to prepare detailed cost estimates for works and to monitor actual costs incurred. Such costs are assigned to the assets being created or maintained.

Cityworks links to other business systems including financial and procurement systems.

ActewAGL proposes to roll out over the next year a mobility solution for works management which will enable field staff to pick up, execute and report works in the field using Cityworks via remote hand-held tablet computers.

4.10.4 Riva

Riva is a data base system that contains attribute and historical record details of all of ActewAGL's network assets. It is an asset management decision support tool that provides an opportunity to enhance and expand ActewAGL's asset management framework to align the international standard for asset management ISO 55001 and support more informed asset investment.

Data stored in Riva is used to prepare Asset Specific Plans for different types of network assets such as transformers and circuit breakers. These plans detail the maintenance requirements and frequency of maintenance for such assets throughout their lifetimes.

An output from Riva is ActewAGL's annual Program of Works (PoW) for the testing and maintenance of all network assets. This is aligned with the operational expenditure (OPEX) budget.

Historical records stored in Riva of the performance of assets are used for Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA). This assists ActewAGL to identify common or recurring faults with specific types of assets and assists with the development of preventive maintenance and replacement programs to prevent similar faults or failures occurring in the future.

4.10.5 Velocity

Velocity (ActewAGL's billing system) contains ActewAGL's customer database and is used for customer communications and billing purposes. It is a utility-specific billing and customer relations management tool with market integration capabilities. Velocity provides a system for managing the customer relationship when providing services for customer initiated works. Velocity supports meter and meter data management, referenced to each specific customer's profile. This system has automated ActewAGL's metering and billing processes, replacing out-dated manual systems.

ActewAGL's Customer Connections team uses Velocity for customer interactions. Meter replacements and testing are initiated in this system.

ActewAGL plans to further develop the Velocity system to provide the following:

- To transition to an automated solar inverter monitoring and compliance function as required by the ACT Utilities Act 2010 and administered by the Utilities Technical Regulator.
- To automate the Outage Management and Notification system by implementing the workflow within Velocity and integrating with the Outage Notification interface, transferring enabling information from other operational technology systems ADMS and Cityworks.
- Improve the Request for Service workflow process through data transfer enhancements between Velocity and Cityworks.

ActewAGL will be working over the coming year to integrate and synchronise the information stored in the ADMS, ArcFM, Riva and Velocity systems.

4.11 Metering

ActewAGL has a policy of installing electronic metering as the standard metering installation. An annual replacement program is underway to replace old induction disc type meters at a rate of around 3,000

meters per annum. In addition to this, around 5,000 new meters per annum are installed for new customer connections.

There are two key drivers for the replacement of metering equipment:

- Assets found to be non-compliant with testing regimes must be replaced to ensure compliance with NER – Chapter 7; and
- Planned replacements to address specific business needs such as access, obsolete technologies, obsolete network tariffs and safety issues.

The replacement program is designed to continue to rationalise the meter fleet by removing meter types with small numbers of meters and to future-proof the meter fleet by installing electronic meters. This will allow for reduced use of time switches as the new meters have on-board contactors for time of use type loads.

Electronic meters also allow communications to be installed for remote sites to reduce the cost of meter reading in remote locations (in particular monthly read installations). New technology also allows for monitoring power quality, is capable of remote disconnection / reconnection and can allow for different retail tariffs for customers without changing the meter.

The metering budget for 2015-16 is 6% of the total capital budget, but contains a one-off expenditure of 1.7% on the installation of transmission metering. Over the next 5 years the figure falls to 4.4% per annum of the total capital budget.

4.11.1 Smart Meters

ActewAGL is considering the installation of smart meters that offer the following functionality in addition to recording energy usage:

4.11.1.1 Outage management

A smart meter can communicate with the control room when supply is lost thus quickly indicating that a fault has occurred and its location. The operator will also be able to ascertain if the fault is on the network side or the customer's side of the meter.

4.11.1.2 Network planning

Smart meters will provide accurate information of energy use and load data which can be used for network energy and demand forecasts. This will assist the future planning of low voltage networks in particular where standard values of load for customers are currently used, known as After Diversity Maximum Demand (ADMD) values. The impact of embedded generation such as rooftop PV will be able to be analysed accurately so that future networks are designed appropriately. This will enable future network augmentations to be optimised and existing assets to be utilised fully.

4.11.1.3 Demand management

Smart meters can facilitate and support demand side management by providing customers with details of their energy consumption and costs via web-portals, and providing customers with a range of energy plans to meet their individual needs.

4.11.1.4 Power quality monitoring

Smart meters are able to record condition monitoring parameters that can be used for analysing network power quality to ensure compliance with standards. For example, ActewAGL currently investigates voltage complaints by installing temporary logging equipment at the customer's premises. Such information will be remotely accessible in future from a smart meter.

4.11.1.5 Remote disconnection and reconnection of supply

Smart meters have an integrated mains supply contactor that provides the capability to remotely disconnect or reconnect customers supplies from the network and enables special meter reads to be done remotely.

4.11.1.6 Safety

A smart meter can detect a faulty or broken neutral connection at a customer's premises and notify the network operator. This will enhance the safety of the customer and ActewAGL's field staff.

4.11.2 Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) Metering

ActewAGL has established a capital works project to install TNSP metering at its zone substations over the next two years. The purpose of the project is for ActewAGL to complete the necessary technical (metering) and associated regulatory works to perform the role of a TNSP as defined in the National Electricity Rules (NER) chapter 7 and administered by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).

The proposed TNSP metering will interface with other metering and secondary systems equipment at ActewAGL's zone substations. These interfaces will be at defined connection points that comply with the NER. The proposed TNSP metering will be installed in new dedicated metering panels, and will require the installation of new current transformers (CTs), voltage transformers (VTs), and new or upgraded communications equipment. This metering will comply with Australian Standard AS 1284.



5. System load and energy demand, and the supply-demand balance

5.1. Introduction

This chapter describes the methodology and assumptions made for calculating a ten- year forecast of maximum summer and winter load demands for each zone substation, bulk supply point and whole of system. These forecasts are used to identify potential future constraints in the network.

Load demand forecasting is one of the main inputs to network planning. It is used to identify parts of the network that may become overloaded due to load growth and require augmentation. Within the planning framework, the network load demand forecasting is the most complex because of its dependence on a number of factors such as ambient temperature, weather patterns, population growth, uptake of embedded generation, and economic factors such as electricity prices.

Load growth varies from year to year and is not uniform across the whole network. It is not unusual to find parts of the network that grow at three or four times the average network growth rate, while other parts of the network experience no growth at all.

ActewAGL has prepared forecasts for maximum demand for each zone substation and transmission system as follows:

- Whole of system & bulk supply points: see Appendix B; and
- Zone substations: see Appendix C.

5.2. Forecasting methodology

5.2.1. Key definitions

5.2.1.1 Maximum Demand

Maximum demand is the highest level of instantaneous demand for electricity during summer and winter each year, averaged over a 30-minute period. Maximum demand projections include load supplied by the network, network losses, and auxiliary loads.

5.2.1.2 Probability of Exceedance (POE)

Probability of Exceedance (POE) is a generalised approach to electricity demand forecasting. Probability of Exceedance is the probability, as a percentage, that the maximum demand level will be met or exceeded (eg due to ambient temperature) in a particular period of time. Maximum demand is the most extreme event that occurs in a season, and is highly dependent on weather. Thus, there is substantial uncertainty inherent in maximum demand forecasts. ActewAGL prepares maximum demand forecasts with 10%, 50% and 90% POE's:

- A 10% POE maximum demand projection is expected to be exceeded, on average, one year in 10.
- A 50% POE maximum demand projection is expected to be exceeded, on average, five years in 10(or one year in two).
- A 90% POE maximum demand projection is expected to be exceeded, on average, nine years in 10.

The 50% POE maximum demand forecast is used for planning purposes.

5.2.1.3 Diversity Factor

Diversity factor is the ratio of the sum of the individual non-coincident maximum demands of the parts of a system to the maximum demand of the whole system under consideration. Diversity factor is generally ≥ 1 .

$$\text{Diversity Factor} = \frac{\text{Sum of non – coincident maximum demands of parts of system}}{\text{Maximum demand on whole system}}$$

5.2.1.4 Load Factor

Load factor is defined as the average load divided by the peak load in a specified time period such as annually, quarterly or monthly. Load factor is generally ≤ 1 .

$$\text{Load Factor} = \frac{\text{Average demand in a given time period}}{\text{Maximum demand in the same given time period}}$$

5.2.1.5 Power Factor

The power factor of an AC electrical power system is defined as the ratio of the real power (MW) used to do work to the apparent power (MVA) supplied to the circuit. Power factor is generally > 0 and ≤ 1 .

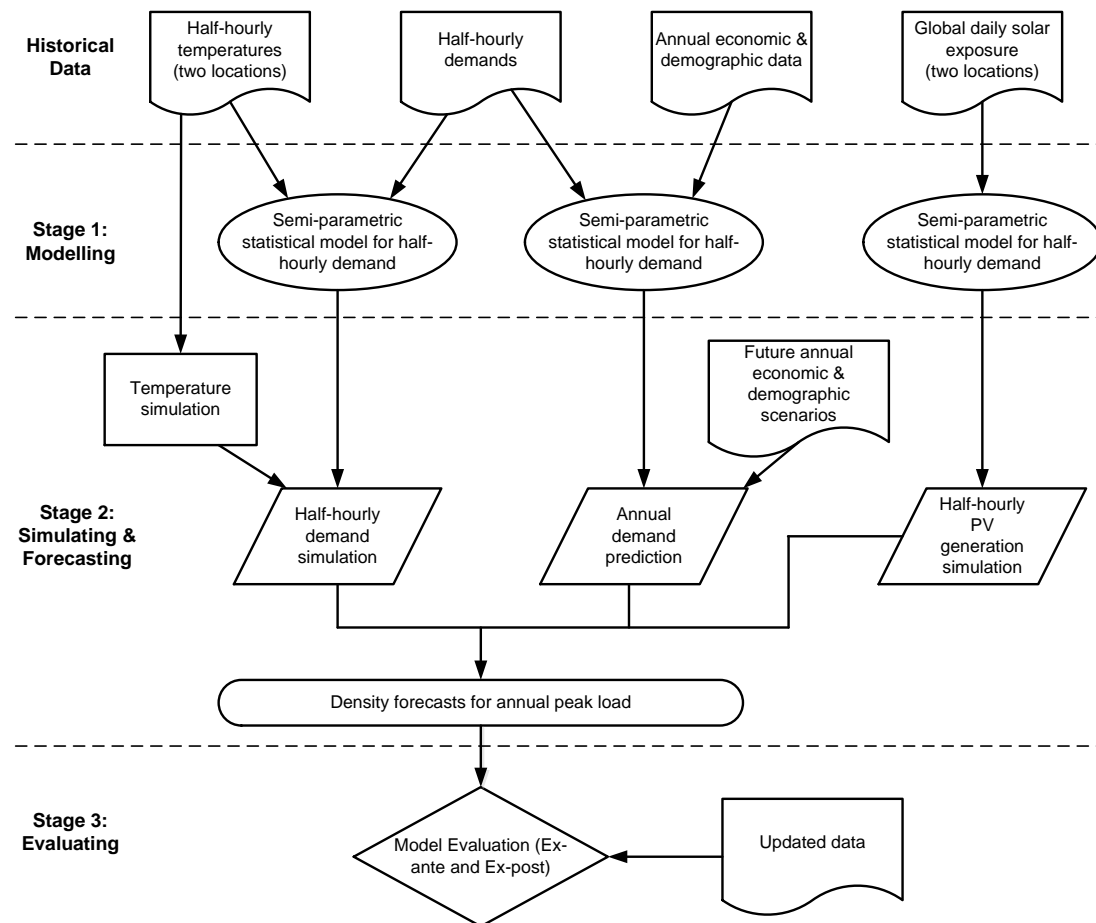
$$\text{Power Factor} = \frac{MW}{MVA}$$

5.2.2 Forecasting methodology for distribution

ActewAGL has adopted and implemented AEMO's maximum demand forecast methodology which uses the Monash Electricity Forecasting Model (MEFM) which is based on the paper by Hyndman and Fan (2010)². For more technical details about this methodology, the Monash Electricity Forecasting Model Technical Report is available at AEMO's website.

Figure 5.1 illustrates the MEFM load forecasting process.

Figure 5.1: Block diagram of the Monash Electricity Forecasting Model.



Source: Monash Electricity Forecasting Model Technical Report

² R. J. Hyndman and S. Fan (2010) "Density Forecasting for Long-term Peak Electricity Demand", IEEE Trans. Power Systems, 25(2), 1142–1153. <http://robjhyndman.com/papers/peak-electricity-demand/>

Key features of the Monash Electricity Forecasting Model (MEFM) load forecasting methodology are:

- MFEM has three sub-models: 1) Half-hourly model (HH Model); 2) Annual model; and 3) PV generation model (PV Model).
- Adjusted half-hourly demand where each year of demand is normalised by seasonal average demand are inputs to the HH model.
- Annual model considers seasonal average demand against all possible economic and demographic drivers.
- Forecast generated from Half-hourly and PV generation models are based on temperature and daily solar exposure simulations.
- For the HH model, temperature and calendar variables are selected through a cross-validation procedure based on mean squared error (MSE).
- The coincident maximum demand contributions of block loads to the total maximum demand of BSPs and zone substation are calculated using diversity factors.
- The final demand forecast simulation = Forecast from HH Model × Forecast from Annual Model - Forecast from PV model.

Table 5.1 summarises the key differences between the 2014 and 2015 forecasting methodologies.

Table 5.1: Key differences between load forecasting methodologies

Model Features	2014 Forecast Methodology	2015 Forecast Methodology (MEFM)
Type of Model	Multiple linear regressions.	Semi-parametric demand model.
Drivers	Temperature related variables, demographic and economic factors.	Temperature related variables, demographic and economic factors, electricity prices, and PV generation.
Number of sub-models	None.	Total of 50 models = 48 half-hourly models + 1 annual model + 1 PV model.
Normalisation	None.	Raw demands normalised for HH model.
Simulation	No, temperature forecast based on percentile calculation of historical data.	Yes, temperature and daily solar exposure simulations
Model Selection	Stepwise regression.	HH model: Cross validation procedure based on MSE; Annual Model: by minimum AICc.
Model Evaluation	None	Evaluation of forecasting model by comparing actual demand with ex ante forecasts and ex post forecasts ³ .
Forecast Bias	Potential positive bias	Risk of bias reduced by raw demand normalisation and simulation.

³ The definition from Hyndman and Fan (2014) states: "ex ante forecasts are the forecasts made in advance using whatever information is available at the time. ex post forecasts are those that are made using information on the "driver variables" that is only known after the event being forecast.

The main purpose of changing to the MEFM methodology is to improve forecast accuracy, minimise estimation bias and enhance ActewAGL's networking planning.

5.2.2.3 Demographic and Economic Factors

The long-term electricity demand growth is largely dependent on demographic and economic variables. The following three demographic and economic variables impact on ActewAGL's maximum demand and energy consumption forecasts:

1. Population

Actual population growth rate in the ACT over the last five years has varied from 1.2% pa to 2.0% pa. The forecast average population growth rate for the ACT over the next ten years is 1.3% pa.

2. State Final Demand

State Final Demand (SFD) measures the total value of goods and services that are sold in a state. SFD growth rate in the ACT over the last five years has varied from 1.0% pa to 6.0% pa. The forecast average SFD growth rate for the ACT over the next ten years is 3.4% pa.

3. Electricity Price

Electricity price growth rate in the ACT over the last five years has varied from 0.6% pa to 1.4% pa. The forecast average electricity price growth rate for the ACT over the next ten years is 1.2% pa.

5.2.2.4 Rooftop PV Generation

The uptake of rooftop PV generation in the ACT has been increasing steadily over the past five years. There is currently around 47 MW of installed capacity.

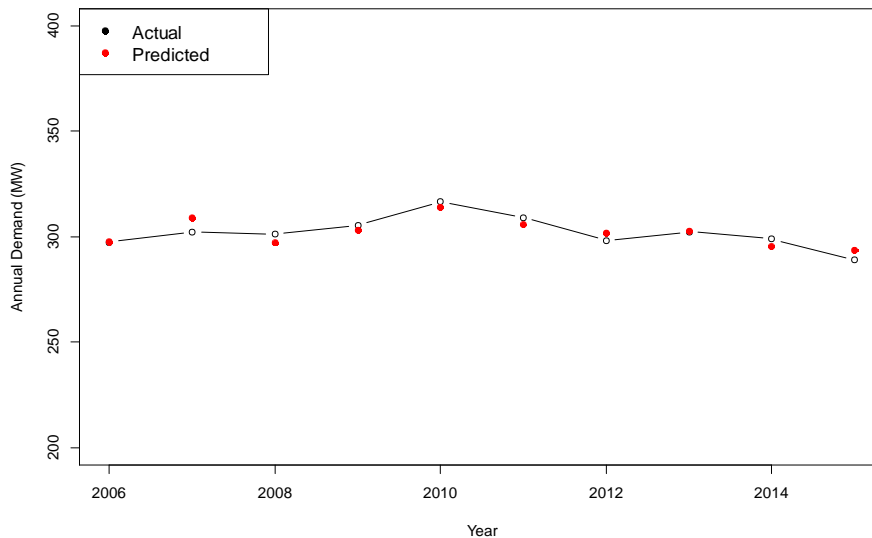
Summer peak demand on ActewAGL's network occurs around 4:00pm during the month of January so rooftop PV generation has a small impact on this (on cloudless days). Winter peak demand occurs around 6:00pm during the month of August so rooftop PV generation has no impact on this.

Rooftop PV generation does impact on energy consumption however, throughout the year.

5.2.2.5 Forecasting model verification

The accuracy of the forecasting model has been verified by comparing calculated back cast (a backward looking forecast) values with actual values. Figure 5.2 shows the calculated back cast annual median demand figures with the actual figures. These show a close correlation.

Figure 5.2: Actual summer median demand and calculated summer median demand



5.3. Historical demand

Key features of the past 10 years historical demand data are as follows:

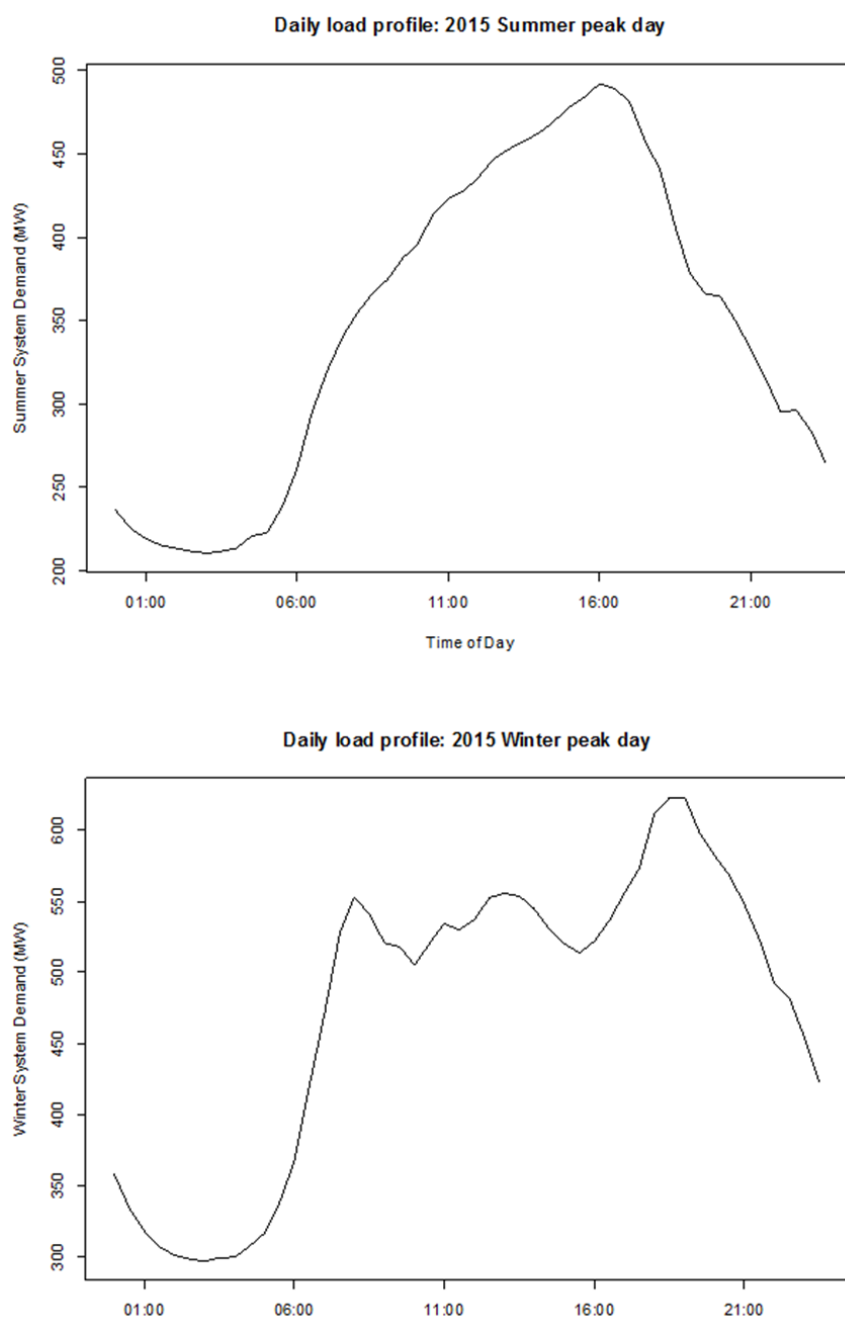
- Summer demand load is very weather dependent. For example summer 2012 and 2015 maximum demands fell below 500 MW due to mild weather conditions.
- Summer peak load increased steadily until 2011 and has experienced a decline from 2012 onwards. This is due to the introduction of the Government's solar generation incentive scheme and subsequent increase in rooftop solar PV installations.
- Winter maximum demand has been more consistent than summer. Improvements in the energy efficiency of space heating and household appliances have resulted in minimum growth of winter maximum demand. In the 2014-15 summer period, the hottest day was 23 November 2014, whereas the peak demand occurred on 8 January 2015 and was 492 MW⁴.
- In the 2015 winter period, the coldest day was 3 July 2015, whereas the peak demand occurred on 12 August 2015 and was 623 MW.



⁴ Actual system peak demand during the summer season includes energy imports from both TransGrid and Royalla solar farm.

2015 summer and winter peak day load profiles are shown in Figure 5.3.

Figure 5.3: Daily load profile 2015 summer and winter peak days



5.4. Forecast Demand and Energy

5.4.1 ACT Forecast Demand

Load forecasts are calculated for three economic scenarios, low, medium and high. These scenarios are based on different economic conditions, i.e. low, medium and high growth rate conditions. In the ACT they are also influenced by weather conditions, i.e. low (mild weather conditions), medium (normal weather conditions), and high (extreme weather conditions).

In addition to these scenarios, ActewAGL calculates load forecasts based on 10%, 50% and 90% POE. Network planning is based on the medium 50% POE forecast.

ActewAGL's maximum demand forecasts for the ten year period 2015-25 have been calculated based on these different scenarios and are presented in Figures 5.4 and 5.5.

Figure 5.4: Summer 10-year maximum demand forecast

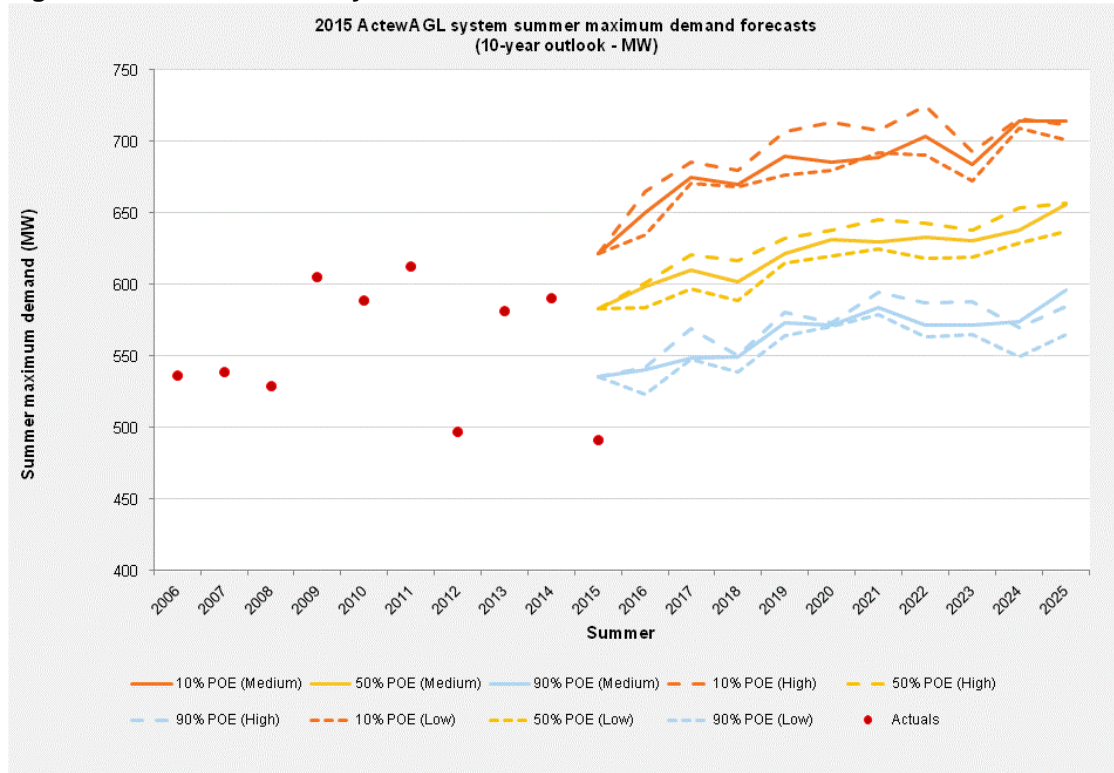
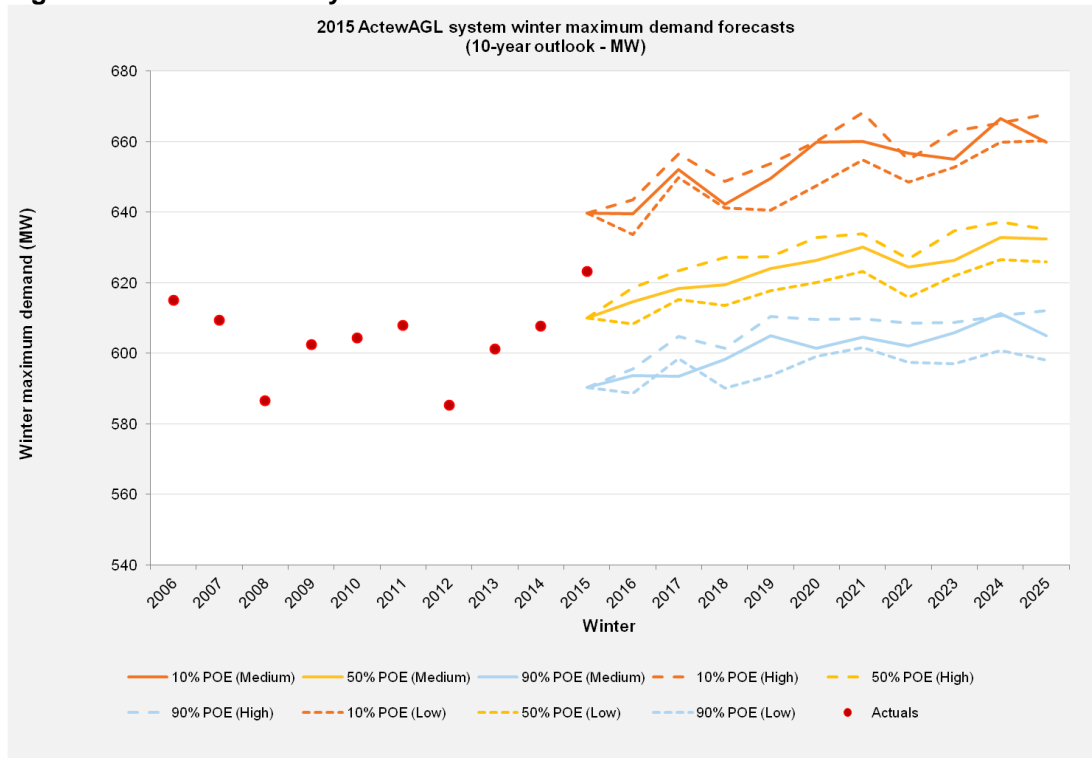


Figure 5.5: Winter 10-year maximum demand forecast



5.4.1.1 Key features of the maximum demand forecasts

Table 5.2 summarises system summer 10% POE and 50% POE forecasts' annual average growth rates by scenarios. Key features are as follows:

- Mild weather during the 2014-15 summer resulted in a reduced maximum demand and average demand.
- Maximum demand is expected to increase at a higher rate (e.g. 4.7% growth for the medium 10% POE scenario) in the 2015-16 summer as hotter temperatures are forecast.
- Under the medium growth scenario, the short term (next 10 years) 10% POE and 50% POE growth rates are quite different. This is because all temperature and daily solar exposure inputs have been simulated. This temporary deviation will be recovered in the long term.
- Under the same medium scenario, the long term (over 10 years) 10% POE and 50% POE growth rates are very similar.
- Figure 5.5 indicates that system peak demand will exceed 650 MW in ten years' time.

Table 5.2: Summer 10% POE and 50% POE maximum demand annual average growth rates

Growth Rates (annual average)		Summer (10% POE)				Summer (50% POE)		
		Actual	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low
2011 to 2015	Historical	-5.3%						
2015 to 2016	1 year 0-1 yrs growth		7.0%	4.7%	2.1%	3.1%	2.6%	0.1%
2015 to 2018	3 years 0-3 yrs growth		3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	1.9%	1.1%	0.3%
2018 to 2025	7 years 3-10 yrs growth		0.7%	0.9%	0.7%	0.9%	1.2%	1.1%
2015 to 2025	10 years 0-10 yrs growth		1.4%	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	0.9%

Table 5.3 summarises system winter 10% POE and 50% POE forecasts' annual average growth rates by scenarios. Key features are as follows:

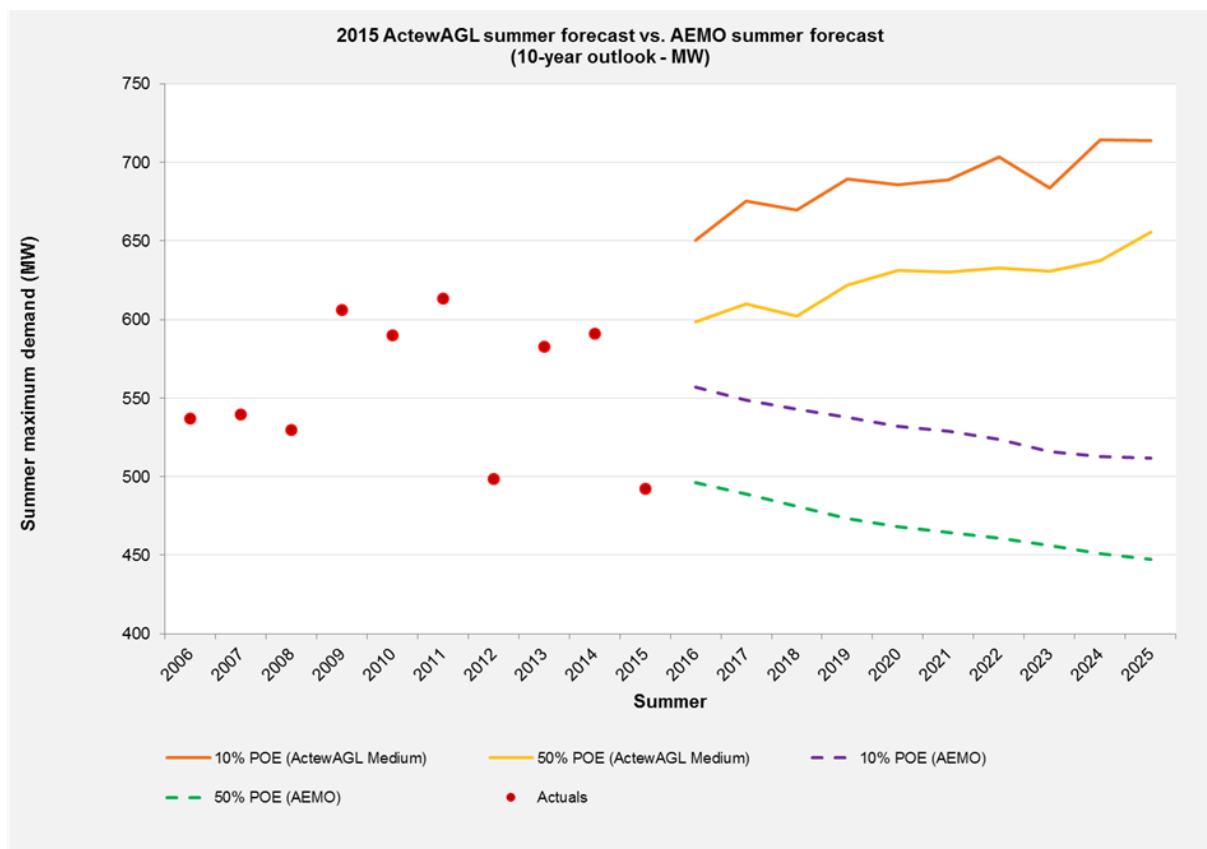
- Winter demand growth rate is less than summer. Winter peak is normally higher than summer peak due to colder winter conditions in Canberra than other state capital cities.
- Load deviation between a warm winter and a cold winter is less obvious than between a hot summer and a mild summer.

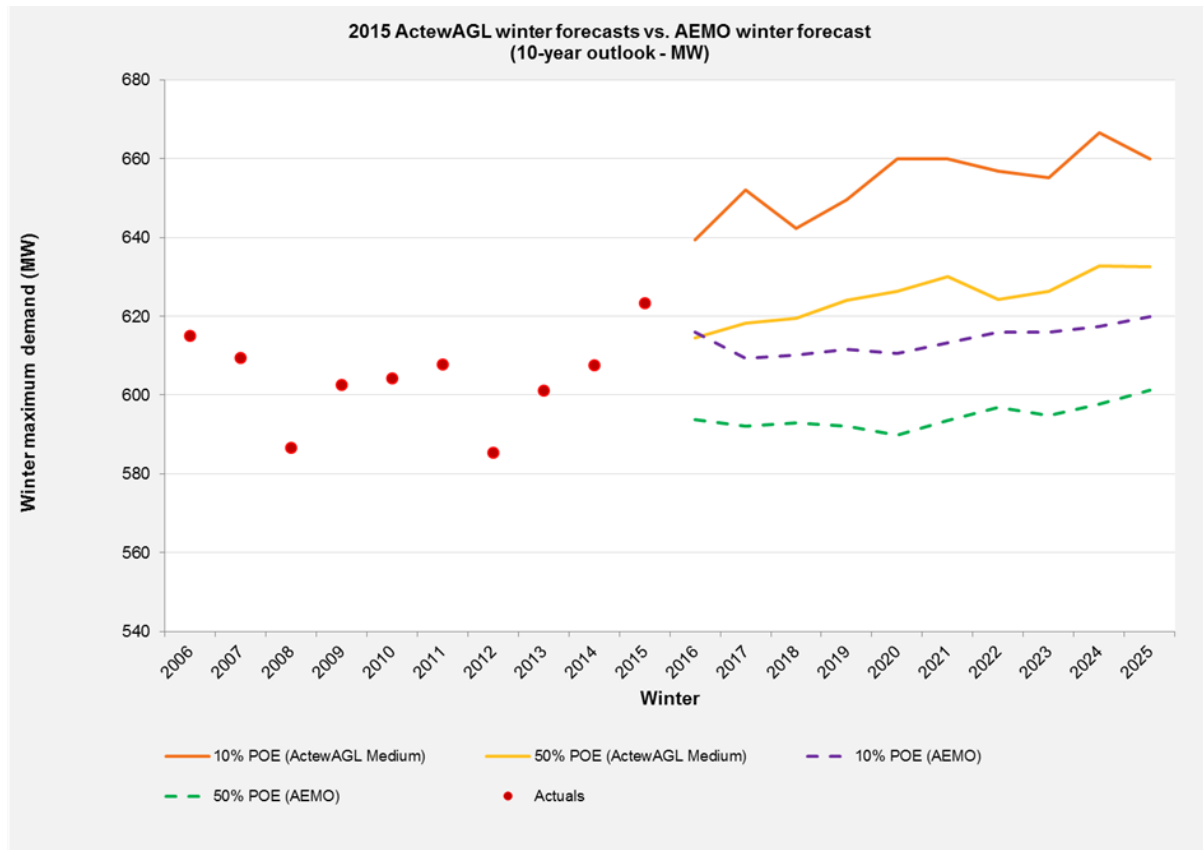
Table 5.3: Winter 10% POE and 50% POE maximum demand annual average growth rates

Growth Rates (annual average)		Winter (10% POE)				Winter(50% POE)		
		Actual	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low
2011 to 2015	Historical	0.6%						
2015 to 2016	1 year 0-1 yrs grow th		0.6%	0.0%	-1.0%	1.4%	0.7%	-0.3%
2015 to 2018	3 years 0-3 yrs grow th		0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.9%	0.5%	0.2%
2018 to 2025	7 years 3-10 yrs grow th		0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
2015 to 2025	10 years 0-10 yrs grow th		0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%

5.4.1.4 Comparison with NEM forecasts (AEMO)

Figures 5.6 and 5.7 compare ActewAGL's load forecast with AEMO's load forecast.

Figure 5.6: ActewAGL summer maximum demand forecast compared with AEMO's forecast

Figure 5.7: ActewAGL winter maximum demand forecast compared with AEMO's forecast



AEMO forecasts load decline in summer and little or no load growth in winter. ActewAGL's forecasts take into account the strong and continuing growth in residential housing, development of new commercial areas and point loads such as data centres, while accounting for the small impact on maximum demand of rooftop solar PV generation.

5.4.2 Bulk supply points' (BSPs) forecasts

Appendix B details the summer and winter maximum demand forecasts for the three TransGrid owned bulk supply substations Canberra, Williamsdale and Queanbeyan.

Queanbeyan Substation supplies Fyshwick Zone Substation only at 66 kV (as well as some Essential Energy substations).

5.4.3 Zone Substation forecasts

Appendix C details the summer and winter maximum demand forecasts for ActewAGL's zone substations.

5.6. Emerging technologies

5.6.1 Photovoltaic Generation – effect on load forecasts

Figure 5.8 illustrates the impact of solar PV generation on ActewAGL's forecast summer maximum demand.

Figure 5.8: Rooftop solar PV impact on summer maximum demand

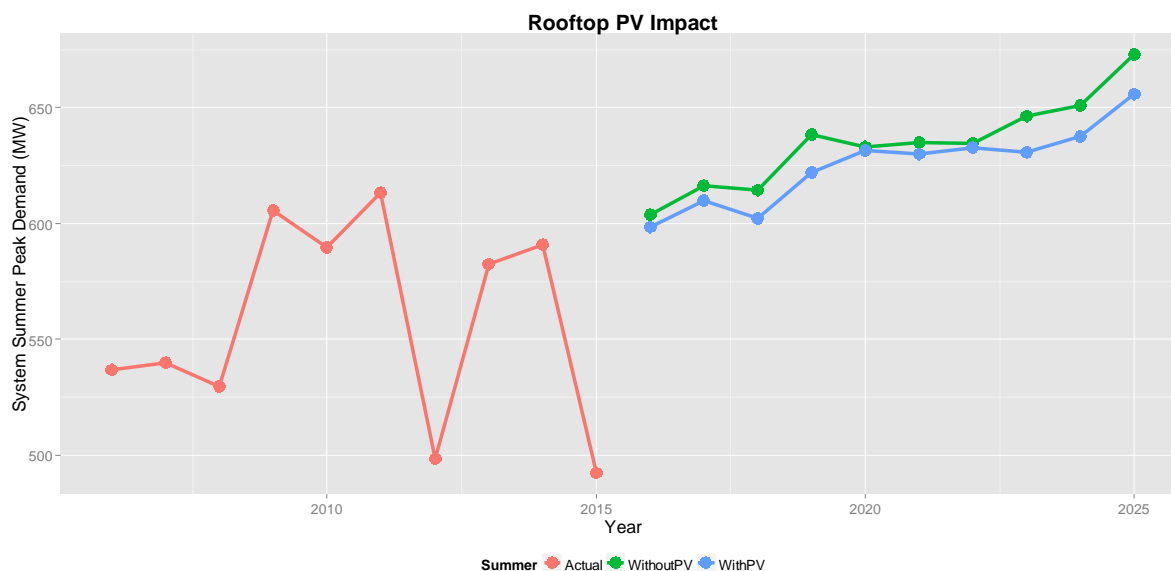


Figure 5.8 shows that solar PV generation does reduce the summer maximum demand by a small amount, however it has no impact on winter maximum demand.



6. Asset Renewals

6.1. Introduction

Asset renewal is simply defined as those works which return the asset to its “as-new” condition. Depending on the nature of the existing asset, the renewal process may be replacement of components, such as overhead line insulators, other line hardware, or appropriate treatment. Major assets such as zone substation power transformers may undergo a ‘mid-life’ refurbishment which would include de-tanking of the core and windings. In order to realise the full potential of any asset, routine maintenance is required. This maintenance does not return the asset to its “as-new” condition, but controls premature deterioration and potential failure.

The cost of asset renewal is included in the “whole of life” cost of the asset.

All assets are assigned a “health profile” which is determined by combining the asset’s condition rating with its criticality rating. Condition is determined by the asset’s capacity to meet its service requirements, level of reliability and its level of obsolescence. Obsolescence is determined by maintenance requirements and availability of spares and support from suppliers. Criticality is determined from operational, safety and environmental consequences due to asset failure.

This chapter provides a summary of asset renewal programs across the ACT, in particular those with an estimated capital cost of \$2 million or more.

6.1.1. Transmission Asset Renewal Programs

There are currently no transmission asset renewal programs in excess of \$2 million per annum.

Four 132 kV circuit breakers were replaced during the 2014-15 financial year at Belconnen and City East zone substations. A further two 132 kV circuit breakers will be replaced at Bruce Switching Station over the next two years. These are replacements of aging assets that have reached the end of their economic life.

66 kV current transformers at Fyshwick Zone Substation were replaced during the 2014-15 financial year with higher rated units to enable the full capacity of this zone substation to be realised.

6.1.2. Distribution Asset Renewal Programs

There is currently no single distribution asset renewal proposed in excess of \$2 million.

However every year, distribution poles are replaced due to poor structural condition identified from condition monitoring program. This asset renewal program exceeds \$2 million per annum. Over 750 distribution poles were replaced in the 2014-15 financial year and 600 distribution poles are planned to be replaced in the 2015-16 financial year.

Other distribution assets are replaced via a rolling program based on an assessment of their condition and remaining economic life. All classes of distribution assets are renewed in this way, including:

- Distribution transformers.
- 11 kV switchgear (switchboards, ring main units and air-break switches).
- 11 kV and 400 V cables and conductors.
- Low voltage distribution pillars.
- Protection relays, communications and SCADA equipment.
- Batteries and battery chargers.
- Earthing equipment and systems.
- Meters.

6.1.3. Telecommunications upgrade programs

Planned telecommunications projects – fibre optic network:

ActewAGL has a program to roll out Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) within our network. This involves replacing the existing overhead earth wire on 132 kV transmission lines with hybrid OPGW cables to provide an optical fibre communications capability to meet the following regulatory and business requirements:

- Updating our 132 kV transmission line protection systems to meet current NER network performance standards, ensuring regulatory compliance and safety for the community. Currently some 132 kV transmission line protection systems within the ActewAGL transmission network are non-compliant with the required fault clearance times under the National Electricity Rules (NER) and need to be updated.
- Providing a secure SCADA communication network enabling the Control Room to monitor and operate zone substations in the ActewAGL network.
- Providing inter control centre SCADA communications and communications to the TransGrid and AEMO control rooms, required by our role as a Transmission Network Service Provider (TNSP) in the national grid.
- Providing communications for security monitoring of substations and other corporate communication services.

The program plans to provide communications to all zone substations in the ActewAGL transmission network by 2018. Figures 6.1 and 6.2 depict the proposed communications network program.

Figure 6.1 Proposed Fibre Optic Network – northern region

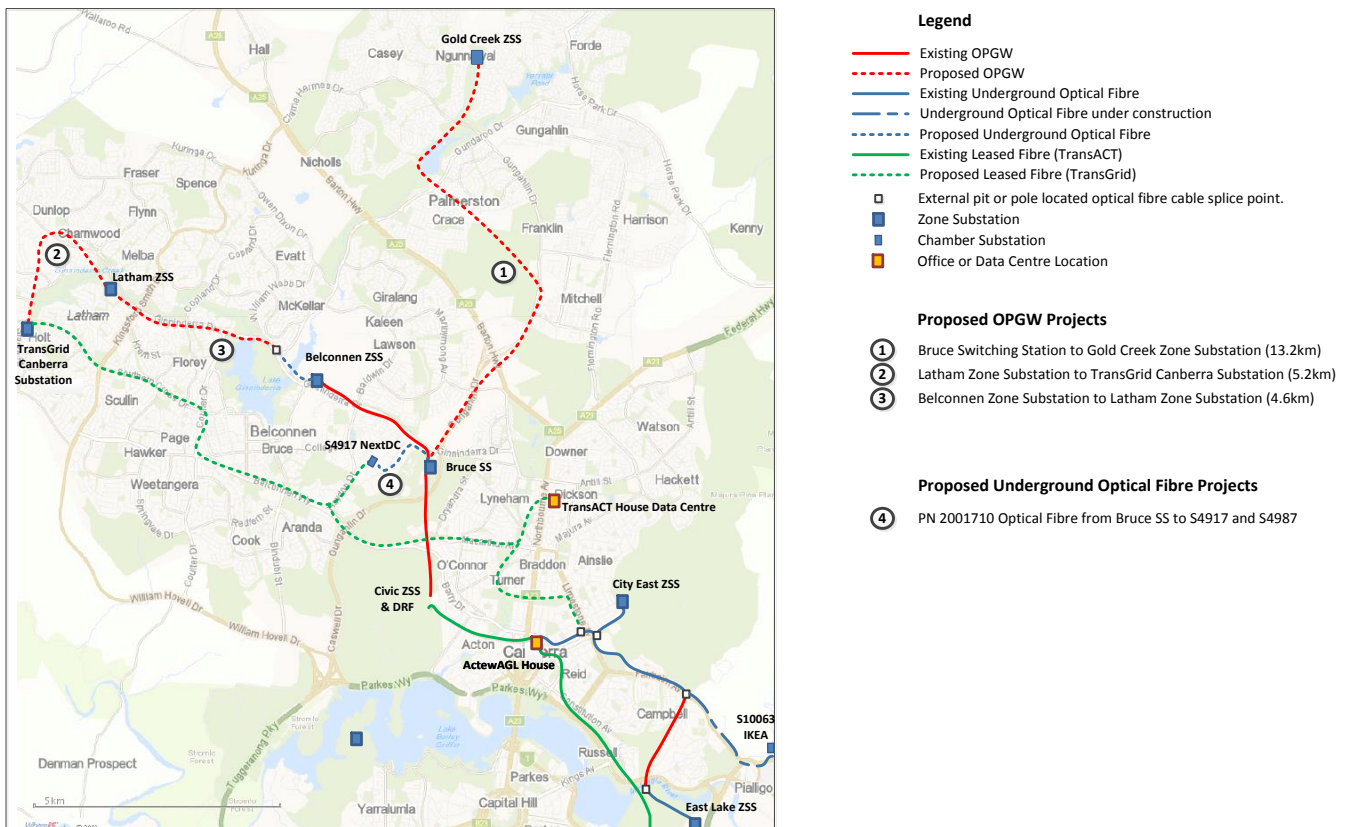
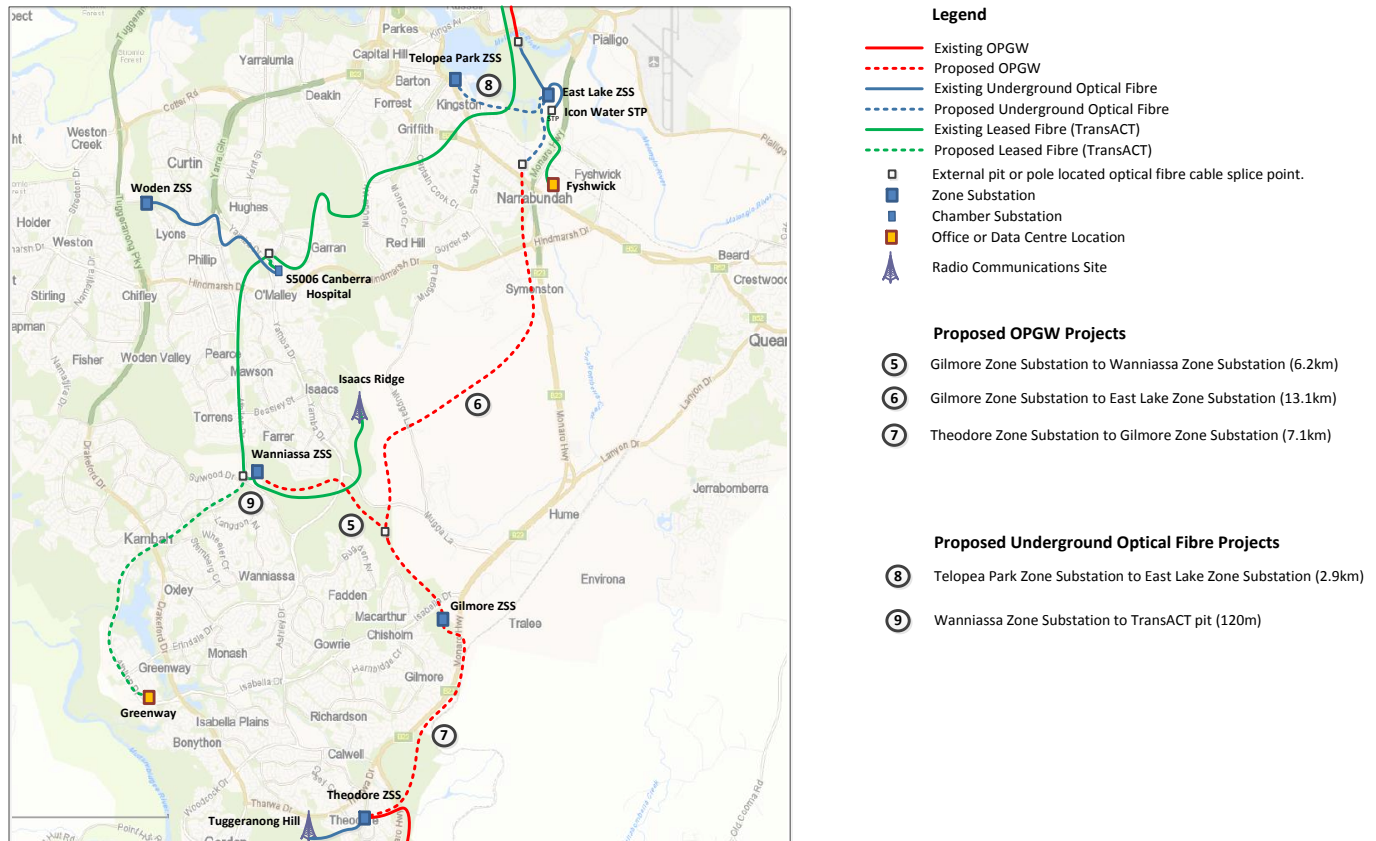


Figure 6.2 Proposed Fibre Optic Network – southern region



Communications Wide Area Network Deployment:

ActewAGL has a program to roll out a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) based Wide Area Network (WAN) to corporate office and zone substation locations. The WAN will utilise the fibre optic and microwave links. This will deliver the business requirement for a secure SCADA communication network for the effective operation of the electrical network.

Other telecommunications upgrade programs include:

- Telecommunications multiplexer replacement program
- Replacement of aging copper pilot cables with Optical Fibre cables. Pilot cables are used for 11 kV feeder protection and SCADA communications. This is necessary for providing safety and reliability in the 11 kV network.
- Progressive replacement of radio equipment in the SCADA Digital Data Radio Network (DDRN). This program will replace SCADA data radios as they reach the end of their serviceable life.
- Retirement of the aging ActewAGL VHF voice radio system and consolidation of all radio voice communications onto the ActewAGL TMR radio system. The VHF system is at the end of its service life and needs to be replaced. ActewAGL also owns and operates a UHF TMR voice radio system in the ACT. The scope of this project is to fully transfer and consolidate all operational voice communication requirements to TMR.

7. System Planning

7.1. Introduction

System planning studies are undertaken to assess the adequacy of the transmission and distribution network to meet current and forecast demands whilst meeting the quality of supply criteria stipulated in the NER. The key performance criteria that are addressed are: thermal overloading, voltage performance, supply security, and supply reliability. The studies have been conducted using ActewAGL's 2015 medium growth, 50 per cent POE demand forecast.

System planning is the process of investigating present and future system capability and identifying, evaluating and initiating system upgrade requirements where required and where economically justified to do so. Long term system planning is necessary to ensure the security of the power system is maintained. System upgrades are driven by the need to maintain system reliability, to provide capacity for demand growth, and to relieve current or future system constraints.

The planning process is set out in the NER, and involves consultation with the public on any proposed upgrade requirements and the proposed options to address those requirements. The NER specifies the method for selecting the preferred option to addressing an issue from the feasible alternatives, which must include non-network options.

This chapter describes existing and emerging constraints on the ActewAGL network that have been identified to occur over the next ten years. It describes those issues that are proposed to be addressed over the next five-year planning period, and discusses options identified and proposed solutions. Opportunities for non-network solutions such as demand side management or embedded generation support required to defer the emerging issues are identified.

Details of system performance are included in Chapter 4. Details of demand forecasts are included in Chapter 5 and Appendices B, C, and D.

ActewAGL's network is a meshed 132 kV transmission and meshed 11 kV distribution system, with the exception of Fyshwick Zone Substation which is supplied radially at 66 kV from TransGrid's Queanbeyan Substation. There are also two radial 22 kV feeders emanating from Woden Zone Substation, feeding Cotter and Tidbinbilla.

Figure 3.1 shows the transmission network and location of zone substations and switching stations geographically, and Figure 3.2 shows this information schematically.

7.2. Embedded generation

7.2.1 Solar Photovoltaic (PV)

Embedded generation connected to the ActewAGL network includes 15,717 domestic rooftop PV installations (as at 30 November 2015) of average size 3 kW connected to the low voltage 400 V system. These installations are spread all over the ACT (refer Appendix E). Total installed capacity is around 46.8 MW.

There is currently one large scale solar embedded generation installation connected to the ActewAGL network:

PRV Solar Farm, Royalla – 20 MW. This is connected to Theodore Zone Substation via two dedicated 11 kV feeders.

There are some solar PV installations in the range 20-200 kW, typically on the roofs of commercial or industrial buildings.

Proposed medium and large scale solar embedded generation installations to be developed in the five-year planning period include:

OneSun Capital Solar Farm, Williamsdale – 10 MW. This is proposed to connect to the Williamsdale–Theodore 132 kV line via an 11/132 kV step-up substation.

Zhenfa Solar Farm, Hume – 12.85 MW. This is proposed to connect to Gilmore Zone Substation via a dedicated 11 kV feeder.

Solar Share Solar farm, Mount Majura – 3.6 MW. This is proposed to connect to City East and East Lake zone substations via two existing shared 11 kV feeders.

7.2.2 Hydro-electric

There is an existing micro-hydro generators connected to the ActewAGL network, the Stromlo micro-hydro 700 kW. This is connected to Woden Zone Substation via a shared 22 kV feeder.

There is another small hydro generator at Googong Dam, which recovers energy in the event that water is pumped from Angle Crossing to Googong Dam.

7.2.3 Gas

There are two existing bio-gas fuelled open-cycle gas turbine (OCGT) generators connected to the ActewAGL network:

Belconnen Waste Transfer Station 3 MW. This is connected to Latham Zone Substation via a shared 11 kV feeder.

Mugga Lane Waste Transfer Station 3 MW. This is connected to Gilmore Zone Substation via a shared 11 kV feeder.

7.2.4 Co-generation

There are two gas fuelled co-generation plants connected to the ActewAGL network: One at HMAS Harman 1.2 MW. This is connected to Fyshwick Zone Substation via a shared 11 kV feeder. The other is at Canberra Airport

7.3. Joint Planning with TransGrid

ActewAGL and TransGrid hold joint planning meetings bi-annually. The joint planning process ensures that the most economic solutions to issues are implemented, whether they are a network or non-network option, transmission or distribution option. The joint planning process covers:

- Evaluation of relevant limitations of both networks and progression of joint planning activities to address these limitations.
- Demand and energy forecasts.
- Non-network development proposals.
- Long term transmission and distribution developments.
- Annual planning reports and presentations.

Major projects are discussed such as TransGrid's proposed Stockdill Drive 330 kV switching station and the second point of bulk supply to the ACT (refer sections 7.5.1 and 7.7). Regular project development meetings and exchanges of information (eg design drawings) are exchanged as such projects progress.

ActewAGL and TransGrid also have regular discussions in addition to the formal joint planning meetings, to discuss and resolve technical issues such as bulk supply point (BSP) bus voltage levels.

TransGrid proposes to carry out replacement of some of its aging major assets at Canberra BSP Substation, including replacement of 330/132 kV interconnecting transformers and associated

switchgear. ActewAGL will liaise closely with TransGrid throughout the implementation of this project to ensure continuity and security of supply to the ACT is maintained. Refer to TransGrid's Annual Planning Report 2015.

7.4. Emerging needs

Customer-initiated load growth is steady in the ACT, around 1.0% per annum. New developments are primarily residential greenfield estates and in-fill housing, community developments such as schools, commercial developments such as shopping centres and data centres, and infrastructure developments such as the proposed Canberra light rail project.

Accurate demand forecasting is essential to the planning and development of ActewAGL's distribution network. ActewAGL uses the same demand forecasting model as AEMO. Demand forecasts are calculated at the whole of system level, at each zone substation, and at each distribution feeder for the forward planning period. These forecasts are used to identify emerging network limitations, and identify network risks, that need to be addressed by either network or non-network solutions. The forecasts are then used as an input to the timing and scope of capital expenditure, or the timing required for demand reduction strategies to be established, or risk management plans to be put in place.

ActewAGL has analysed existing and emerging needs on its network using the Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS). Such needs are met firstly by utilising available spare capacity within the network, e.g. by transferring load between feeders or between zone substations whilst ensuring all security and reliability criteria are maintained. Analysis is conducted on feeder tie points to determine the feeder capacity to support loads of adjacent feeders during contingency events.

Section 7.5 describes network developments with a capital cost in excess of \$2 million proposed to be carried out over the five-year planning period to meet emerging needs.

7.5. Proposed Network Developments

Proposed developments have been identified through the planning process for the forward ten-year planning period. Load forecasts and new major customer connection requests have been the inputs for the maximum demand forecasting. Table 7.1 presents future proposed developments estimated to cost more than \$2 million that are programmed to commence during the five-year planning period, and the timing of their completion. These projects are described in the following sections.



Table 7.1: Proposed ActewAGL Network Developments in Excess of \$2.0 m

Asset Type	Proposed Development	Estimated Start	Estimated Completion	Estimated Cost
TransGrid – ActewAGL Connection Points	Nil	NA	NA	
Transmission Lines	Upgrade of existing 132 kV Gilmore – Theodore transmission line section to match transfer capability of the rest of the transmission network	2016	2017	\$10.22 m
Zone Substations	East Lake Zone Substation second transformer	2019	2019	\$2.3 m
	Belconnen Zone Substation third transformer	2019	2020	\$12.62 m
	Molonglo Zone Substation	2019	2021	\$21.94 m
Distribution Feeders	11 kV feeder from Gold Creek Zone Substation to Mitchell area	2016	2017	\$3.48 m
	11 kV feeder from Wanniasa Zone Substation to Tuggeranong Town Centre	2016	2017	\$2.96 m
	11 kV feeder from Woden Zone Substation to Molonglo Valley	2018	2018	\$2.50 m
	11 kV feeder from Latham Zone Substation to Belconnen Trade Services Area	2018	2019	\$2.08 m
	11 kV feeder from Civic Zone Substation to Canberra City Central	2019	2019	\$2.77 m
	11 kV feeder from East Lake Zone Substation to East Lake area	2019	2020	\$2.07 m
Secondary systems	Installation of Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) on 132 kV transmission lines	2015	2017	\$5.25 m
	SCADA communications upgrade, optic fibre to distribution substations	2015	2024	\$4.28 m

7.5.1 Upgrade of existing 132 kV Theodore–Gilmore transmission line section

The commissioning of TransGrid's Williamsdale 330/132 kV Substation in February 2013 introduced a second bulk supply point into the ACT to address power system security requirements. The Williamsdale 330/132 kV Substation is linked to ActewAGL's network at Theodore and Gilmore 132 kV Zone Substations (refer Figures 3.1 and 3.2).

Stage 1 of the Second Point of Supply project involved the construction by ActewAGL of a new 132 kV double circuit transmission line from Williamsdale to Theodore. This line features twin Uranus (506mm² all aluminium) conductors per phase and has a rating per circuit of 500 MVA. Figure 7.1 shows a typical section of this line.

Figure 7.1 Williamsdale–Theodore Double Circuit 132 kV Transmission Line



Stage 2 of this project involves upgrading the existing Theodore–Gilmore 132 kV transmission corridor to match the rating of the Williamsdale–Theodore transmission line. The existing Theodore–Gilmore 132 kV transmission corridor comprises two single circuit transmission lines each rated at 250 MVA. Figure 7.2 shows a typical section of these lines.

Figure 7.2 Theodore–Gilmore Single Circuit 132 kV Transmission Lines



The preferred option is to replace one of the existing single circuit transmission lines with a new double circuit 132 kV transmission line (strung with twin Uranus conductors per phase), identical to the

Williamsdale–Theodore line. This new section of transmission line, 7.1 km long, will follow the same route of the single circuit line that it replaces. The other single circuit Theodore–Gilmore 132 kV line will remain in place and will be converted to operate at 11 kV and utilised as a distribution feeder.

Estimated cost is \$10.22 million and proposed project completion is by June 2017.

A joint regulatory investment test for the Second Point of Supply project was completed by ActewAGL and TransGrid in 2009.

Completion of this project will ensure there is a robust and reliable transmission line connection from Williamsdale Bulk Supply Substation with the full line capacity to pick up the entire ActewAGL network in the event of a contingency affecting the TransGrid Canberra Bulk Supply Substation. This project is a necessary component of the Second Point of Supply project.

During an outage of TransGrid's Canberra–Williamsdale 330 kV line, ActewAGL's entire load (with the exception of Fyshwick Zone Substation) is supplied through the Canberra Substation 330/132 kV transformers and ActewAGL's 132 kV network, and Cooma Substation (Essential Energy) load is also supplied via ActewAGL's 132 kV network. This project will improve the security of supply to Cooma Substation.

Stage 2 of TransGrid's part of this project is the construction of a 330 kV switching station at Stockdill Drive. Williamsdale Substation is currently supplied radially from Canberra Substation at 330 kV. The Stockdill Switching Station will enable 330 kV supply to bypass Canberra Substation if required and maintain supply to Williamsdale Substation in the event of a contingency of Canberra Substation.

In the interim period until completion of this project, in the event of a loss of Canberra Bulk Supply Substation, a contingency plan has been made by TransGrid which has constructed assets at its Yass and Canberra substations to deal with this eventuality.

No non-network alternative to this project has been identified.

7.5.2 East Lake Zone Substation second transformer

ActewAGL's network assets include 31 power transformers located at 12 zone substations and one mobile substation (refer Figure 2). 28 of these transformers are 132/11 kV and 3 are 66/11 kV.

The age profile of these transformers shows that more than half of them are approaching or exceeding 30 years of age, and the oldest units are 48 years of age. The expected operational life of a power transformer ranges from 45 to 60 years. The typical failure rate of power transformers is estimated at around 3% per annum.

ActewAGL thus proposes to invest in a system spare 132/11 kV 30/55 MVA transformer to mitigate the effect of a power transformer failure on the network. Three options have been investigated regarding the location of such a transformer:

Option 1: Installation as a system spare at an existing zone substation.

As a system spare, the transformer would normally be installed as a fully functional and energised network component, and although energised may not actually be supplying any load.

Option 2: Installation as a rotational system spare to allow refurbishment of ageing transformers.

As a rotational system spare the purpose of the spare transformer would be to support load at substations while transformer testing and refurbishment was undertaken. Refurbishment of a power transformer has the potential to extend its operational life by 10 years or more.

At the majority of ActewAGL's zone substations, testing and refurbishment of a transformer would have to

be done in situ as inadequate space is available to allow removal of the transformer and hence the opportunity to deploy a system spare in its place is limited.

Option 3: Permanent installation at East Lake Zone Substation.

East Lake Zone Substation was commissioned in 2013 as a single transformer substation with provision for a second transformer. Installation of the system spare transformer permanently at East Lake Zone Substation would establish N-1 supply security at this zone substation, and compliance with the ACT Electricity Distribution Supply Standards Code. Supply security is currently provided via 11 kV feeder interties with neighbouring Telopea Park and Fyshwick Zone Substations

Rapid demand growth at East Lake is forecast over the next five years through the transfer of load to offload Fyshwick Zone substation.

As the transformer foundation pad and 132 kV and 11 kV connection equipment is already available at East Lake Zone Substation, this is the preferred option.

Estimated cost is \$2.3 million and proposed project completion is by June 2018.

No non-network alternative to this project has been identified.

7.5.3 Belconnen Zone Substation third transformer

Belconnen Zone Substation supplies power to the Belconnen Town Centre, Calvary Hospital, University of Canberra, Canberra Institute of Technology, Australian Institute of Sport and surrounding commercial and residential areas. It has two 132/11 kV 30/55 MVA transformers. These transformers each have an emergency two-hour summer rating of 74 MVA and winter rating of 76 MVA.

ActewAGL's planning criteria requires a power transformer to be able to operate to its two hour emergency rating in the event of a contingency. After the initial two hour period the load must be reduced either by transferring to neighbouring zone substations or load shedding, to enable the load to be reduced on the remaining transformer to below its cyclic rating. The cyclic rating considers a longer term overload condition typically associated with the replacement of long lead items such as power transformers or 11 kV switchgear. The cyclic overload rating is lower than the emergency rating and in the case of the transformers at Belconnen Zone Substation is 63 MVA.

Summer and winter maximum demands at Belconnen Zone Substation currently exceed 55 MVA and are forecast to grow steadily at around 1.8% per annum due primarily to major residential developments in the Belconnen and Lawson areas. Maximum demand is forecast to exceed 63 MVA for more than 2 hours by 2017.

Four options have been investigated to resolve the capacity issue at Belconnen Zone Substation:

Option 1: Load transfers to neighbouring zone substations.

Zone substations that have 11 kV feeder ties with Belconnen include Latham, Gold Creek and Civic zone substations. These feeder ties have limited transfer capability and load is growing at each of these three zone substations due to strong residential and commercial developments in the Belconnen, Gungahlin and Canberra Central precincts. This option is thus not technically feasible.

Option 2: Construction of a new zone substation.

This option involves the construction of a new 132/11 kV zone substation, located probably in the Mitchell area. Load would be transferred from Belconnen Zone Substation to this new zone substation. A future zone substation in the Mitchell area may be required around 2022 should large commercial loads eventuate. This option is technically and operationally feasible but is not the most economic option so is not preferred.

Option 3: Non-network and demand side management.

There is no known potential embedded generation to be developed in the Belconnen area in the next five years other than rooftop solar PV. Solar PV has little impact on the winter maximum demand however which usually occurs around 8:00am during July when PV generation is very low.

A non-network option providing load reduction at Belconnen Zone Substation of around 4.5 MW would be required by 2019.

Option 4: Installation of third transformer at Belconnen Zone Substation.

This option involves:

- Construction of three new 132 kV bays (line bay, transformer bay and bus section bay).
- Installation of new 132/11 kV 30/55 MVA power transformer and associated neutral earthing transformer.
- Installation of third 11 kV switchboard in a new building (the existing switch room does not have sufficient space for a third switchboard).
- Protection and control equipment associated with the above new assets.

Installation of a third transformer would achieve the objectives of providing sufficient firm capacity to meet the forecast demand, whilst maintaining N-1 security of supply as required by the planning criteria.

The estimated cost of this option is \$12.62 million. This option has the highest net present value (NPV) of benefits and is preferred. Proposed project completion is by June 2020. The load will be managed by transfers to adjacent zone substations until then.

The augmentation cost of this proposal exceeds \$5 million so this project will be subject to the Regulatory Investment Test for Distribution (RIT-D). ActewAGL proposes to commence the RIT-D consultation process in July 2017.

Viable proposals from third parties that can significantly reduce maximum demand of the Belconnen and Gungahlin area developments and enable ActewAGL to defer installation of the third power transformer at Belconnen Zone Substation are welcome. It is estimated that such proposals would be required to provide an increasing reduction in maximum demand of approximately 2.5 MW in 2020, 5.0 MW in 2021, 7.5 MW in 2022, and 10.0 MW in 2023, to enable the Belconnen Zone Substation third transformer project to be deferred. This would be in addition to currently proposed rooftop PV installations on all dwellings.

7.5.4 Molonglo Zone Substation

The Molonglo Valley District is situated in Canberra's west, approximately 10 km from the Canberra Central Business District (CBD). It lies to the north of the urban areas of Weston Creek and south of Belconnen. Land servicing has commenced for the initial developments and when fully developed over the next 20 years, the Molonglo Valley District will support an estimated 21,000 dwellings plus shopping centres, schools and community facilities.

ActewAGL has four existing zone substations within 10 km of the proposed Molonglo Zone Substation. These are Latham (8.5 km), Belconnen (7.2 km), Civic (5.3 km) and Woden (5 km).

The first stage of development of the Molonglo Valley is underway, the Denman Prospect Estate Stage 1A comprising 390 residential lots and a proposed school. Supply is being provided to this development through two extended 11 kV feeders from Woden Zone Substation (Hilder feeder @ 2.7 MW and Streeton feeder @ 2.7 MW). The next few stages of this estate will require additional capacity which will be provided through the proposed upgrade of an 11 kV feeder from Civic Zone Substation (Black Mountain feeder @ 3.2 MW).

Load forecasts indicate that these feeders will reach their thermal capacity around mid-2021 when the load of new developments in the Molonglo Valley exceeds 10 MW.

The *Electricity Distribution (Supply Standards) Code* issued by the ACT Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) sets out certain performance standards for the distribution network in the ACT. A Distribution Network Service Provider (DNSP) is required to 'take all reasonable steps to ensure that its Electricity Network will have sufficient capacity to make an agreed level of supply available'. The processes defined in these criteria serve to limit network augmentation expenditure to instances where the increase in demand is clear and above the secure or firm capacity.

The proposed Molonglo Zone Substation is required to meet the Electricity Distribution (Supply Standards) Code.

ActewAGL has considered four options to supply the Molonglo Valley District as follows:

Option	Option type	Description	Evaluation
1	Network	Construct new 11kV cable feeders from Latham Zone Substation	Discounted
2	Network	Construct new 11kV cable feeders from Belconnen Zone Substation	Discounted
3	Non-network	Demand side management	Not Preferred
4	Network	New Molonglo Zone Substation	Preferred

Options 1 & 2 are discounted due to their high capital cost and the forecasted loading on Latham and Belconnen zone substations.

Option 3 considers demand side management initiatives including demand reduction and alternative supply measures such as embedded generation. The initial demand of this development is residential dwellings. The developer proposes to make these dwellings energy efficient including the mandatory installation of rooftop solar PV generation. This will reduce energy demand but will require significant uptake of energy storage, e.g. via battery storage installations, to have a major impact on the overall maximum demand of the network. In particular winter demand usually occurs around 8:00am throughout the month of July when PV generation is very low.

Other demand reduction measures such as on-site generation, co-generation and tri-generation⁵ which are associated with commercial and industrial businesses will not be applicable in the immediate future and therefore the viability of a demand reduction solution of sufficient scale to avoid network augmentation (ie a zone substation) is not considered further.

Option 4 proposes to establish a new 132/11 kV zone substation at Molonglo by winter 2021. ActewAGL (in consultation with the ACT Government) has identified a suitable site in the Molonglo District for the zone substation. This site has been granted the necessary ACT Government approvals.

The new Molonglo Zone Substation will initially be equipped with a single 132/11kV 30/55 MVA transformer with provision made for a second transformer to provide future capacity and security. Ultimate maximum demand of Molonglo Zone Substation is forecast to reach 53 MW by 2045 based on a 30-year development plan for the Molonglo Valley. 132 kV connection will be via loop-in-loop-out to the Woden–Civic circuit.

This is the preferred option. Estimated cost is \$21.94 million and proposed project completion is by June 2021.

The augmentation cost of this proposal exceeds \$5 million so this project will be subject to the Regulatory Investment Test for Distribution (RIT-D). ActewAGL proposes to commence the RIT-D consultation process in July 2017.

⁵ Tri-generation is the production of electricity, heat and cooling in the one process. Typically this means a gas fired generator producing electricity and heat with the exhaust heat going to an absorption chiller which produces chilled water and hot water for air conditioning or alternatively the heat is used to heat a swimming pool.

Viable proposals from third parties that can significantly reduce maximum demand of the Molonglo Valley development and enable ActewAGL to defer construction of the Molonglo Zone Substation are welcome. It is estimated that such proposals would be required to provide an increasing reduction in maximum demand of approximately 2.5 MW in 2021, 4.2 MW in 2022, 5.9 MW in 2023 etc, to enable the Molonglo Zone Substation project to be deferred. This would be in addition to currently proposed rooftop PV installations on all dwellings.

7.5.5 11 kV Feeder from Gold Creek Zone Substation to Mitchell

The objective of this project is to provide supply to existing and proposed commercial developments in the Mitchell area.

Confirmed commercial developments in the Mitchell area have requested demand up to 7.0 MW. The nature of this demand is a flat load profile. There is insufficient spare capacity in existing 11 kV feeders in the area. ActewAGL has considered two options to supply the Mitchell area as follows:

Option	Option type	Description	Cost	Evaluation
1	Network	Construct new 11kV cable feeder from Belconnen Zone Substation	\$4.38 m	Not Preferred
2	Network	Construct new 11kV cable feeder from Gold Creek Zone Substation	\$3.48 m	Preferred

Option 1 involves the installation of a new 11 kV cable feeder from Belconnen Zone Substation to the Mitchell area. There is no spare 11 kV feeder circuit breaker at Belconnen Zone Substation so the new feeder would have to be connected in parallel with an existing feeder. The length of this feeder would be approximately 9.5 km. This is not the lowest cost option and is not preferred.

Option 2 involves the installation of a new underground 11 kV cable feeder from Gold Creek Zone Substation to the Mitchell area. A feeder circuit breaker will be made available at Gold Creek Zone Substation through another project. The length of this feeder will be approximately 7.0 km. Spare conduits will be installed along the feeder route to provide for future developments. This is the lowest cost option and is preferred.

Estimated cost is \$3.48 million and proposed project completion is by June 2017.

7.5.6 11 kV Feeder from Wanniasa Zone Substation to Tuggeranong Town Centre

The ACT Government's Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD) has prepared a plan for the development of the Tuggeranong Town Centre, including commercial and residential developments. Construction is underway at the first stage of development which is the Greenway residential development adjacent to Lake Tuggeranong.

The development will comprise approximately 2,400 residential dwellings and 7,400 m² of land zoned for commercial development. The residential dwellings will be primarily multi-storey apartments.

The load forecast for this development is estimated to be 7.1 MW, comprising 5.1 MW of residential load and 2.0 MW of commercial and light industrial load. Load required by any community development has not been included.

There are several existing 11 kV feeders in the area, all from Wanniasa Zone Substation. Two of these feeders (Pitman and Rowland) have approximately 2.5 MW of spare capacity available between them but all other feeders are heavily loaded. Construction of a large office block at Athllon Drive, Greenway is currently underway which will require around 2.0 MW of this available capacity.

ActewAGL has considered three options to supply the Tuggeranong Town Centre area as follows:

Option	Option type	Description	Cost	Evaluation
1	Network	Extend two existing 11 kV cable feeders from Wanniasa Zone Substation	\$1.66 m	Discounted
2	Network	Construct new 11 kV cable feeder from Theodore Zone Substation	\$3.06 m	Not Preferred
3	Network	Construct new 11 kV cable feeder from Wanniasa Zone Substation	\$2.96 m	Preferred

Option 1 involves the extension of the Pitman and Rowland feeders to the Greenway residential development area. The combined length of these feeder extensions would be approximately 3.6 km. This option would provide 2.5 MW capacity only, 2.0 MW of which has been allocated to the office block under construction as mentioned above. This option is thus discounted.

Option 2 involves the installation of a new 11 kV cable feeder from Theodore Zone Substation to the Tuggeranong Town Centre area. There is a spare 11 kV feeder circuit breaker at Theodore Zone Substation. The length of this feeder would be approximately 7.2 km. This is not the lowest cost option and is not preferred.

Option 3 involves the installation of a new underground 11 kV cable feeder from Wanniasa Zone Substation to the Tuggeranong Town Centre area. There is no spare 11 kV feeder circuit breaker at Wanniasa Zone Substation so a circuit breaker will be made available by paralleling two other lightly loaded feeders. Wanniasa Zone Substation has a continuous summer rating of 95 MVA with maximum demand around 80 MVA, so has spare capacity available for this development. The length of this feeder will be approximately 6.3 km. Spare conduits will be installed along the feeder route to provide for future developments. This is the lowest cost option and is preferred.

Estimated cost is \$2.96 m and proposed project completion is by June 2017.

Viable proposals from third parties that can significantly reduce maximum demand of the Tuggeranong Town Centre development and enable ActewAGL to defer construction of the new 11 kV feeder are welcome. It is estimated that such proposals would be required to provide an increasing reduction in maximum demand of approximately 2.5 MW in 2016, 4.5 MW in 2017, 5.8 MW in 2018, and 7.1 MW by 2019, to enable the proposed 11 kV feeder project to be deferred. This would be in addition to currently proposed rooftop PV installations on all dwellings.

7.5.7 11 kV Feeder from Woden Zone Substation to Molonglo Valley

A new zone substation is planned to be constructed in the Molonglo Valley by June 2021 (refer section 7.5.4).

Development of the Molonglo Valley district has commenced with Coombs Suburb development nearing completion and Denman Prospect suburb development underway.

Two 11 kV feeders from Woden Zone Substation (Hilder and Streeton feeders) have recently been extended to provide initial supply to Denman Prospect. It is also proposed to upgrade an existing 11 kV overhead line feeder from Civic Zone Substation (Black Mountain feeder) to provide additional capacity and future feeder inter-tie to the proposed Molonglo Zone Substation.

A new 11 kV cable feeder from Woden Zone Substation is proposed to provide additional capacity and future feeder inter-tie to the proposed Molonglo Zone Substation.

These feeder developments will enable construction of the Molonglo Zone Substation to be deferred until 2019-2021.

It is proposed to install a new 11 kV cable feeder from Woden Zone Substation to the Molonglo Valley area. There are no spare 11 kV feeder circuit breakers available at Woden so one of the three existing 11 kV switchboards will be extended to provide an additional circuit breaker. Woden Zone Substation has a continuous summer rating of 95 MVA with maximum demand around 81 MVA, so has spare capacity available for this development. The length of this feeder will be approximately 6.0 km and it will utilise an existing spare conduit along John Gorton Drive.

Estimated cost is \$2.50 million and proposed project completion is by June 2018.

7.5.8 11 kV Feeder from Latham Zone Substation to Belconnen Trade Services Area

The Belconnen Services Trade area is a proposed development located to the west of the Belconnen Town Centre. The development will comprise approximately 800 residential dwellings and 48,300 m² of land zoned for commercial and light industrial development, and community use.

The load forecast for this development is estimated to be 11.8 MW, comprising 2.8 MW of residential load and 9.0 MW of commercial and light industrial load. Load required by any community development has not been included. There are several existing 11 kV feeders in the area (four from Belconnen Zone Substation and two from Latham Zone Substation). The nearest feeder to the development area is the Fielder Feeder from Latham Zone Substation. There is insufficient spare capacity available in these feeders that could be used to supply this development, so a new feeder is proposed.

ActewAGL has considered two options to supply the Belconnen Trade Services area as follows:

Option	Option type	Description	Cost	Evaluation
1	Network	Construct new 11kV cable feeder from Belconnen Zone Substation	\$2.32 m	Not Preferred
2	Network	Construct new 11kV cable feeder from Latham Zone Substation	\$2.08 m	Preferred

Option 1 involves the installation of a new underground 11 kV feeder from Belconnen Zone Substation to the Belconnen Trade Services area. There is no spare 11 kV feeder circuit breaker at Belconnen Zone Substation so the new feeder would have to be connected in parallel with an existing feeder. The length of this feeder would be approximately 4.5 km. This option is contingent on the Belconnen Zone Substation third transformer installation proceeding (ref 7.5.3). This is not the lowest cost option and is not preferred.

Option 2 involves the installation of a new 11 kV feeder from Latham Zone Substation to the Belconnen Trade Services area. A spare feeder circuit breaker is available at Latham Zone Substation. Latham Zone Substation has a continuous summer rating of 95 MVA with maximum demand around 60 MVA, so has spare capacity available for this development. The length of this feeder will be approximately 4.9 km. Spare conduits will be installed along the feeder route to provide for future developments. This is the lowest cost option and is preferred.

Estimated cost is \$2.08 million and proposed project completion is by June 2019.

7.5.9 11 kV Feeder from Civic Zone Substation to Canberra City

Canberra City Central area is forecast to experience significant growth in terms of residential redevelopments (old detached houses being replaced by multi-unit blocks), particularly in the Acton, Braddon, O'Connor and Lyneham areas. The load forecast for these developments is estimated to be 6.0 MW of residential load.

There are several existing 11 kV feeders in the area, all from Civic Zone Substation, all of which are heavily loaded. There is insufficient spare capacity available in these feeders that could be used to supply these new developments, so a new feeder is proposed. Civic Zone Substation has a continuous summer rating of 110 MVA with maximum demand around 70 MVA, so has spare capacity available for these developments.

It is proposed to install an 11 kV cable feeder to an existing 11 kV switching station at Edinburgh St in central Canberra City from an existing spare feeder circuit breaker at Civic Zone Substation. The length of this feeder will be approximately 3.3 km.

Estimated cost is \$2.77 million and proposed project completion is by June 2019.

Demand management could possibly defer the need for this project.

Potential demand management options to relieve existing and forecast feeder constraints include:

- On-site embedded generation used to reduce peak demands.
- Demand response by larger commercial customers to reduce peak demands.

Suitable embedded generation could be in the form of diesel or gas fuelled generators which would be required to operate daily during peak load periods.

Demand response by larger customers requires predetermined and guaranteed demand reduction actions at the participating customer sites.

Viable proposals from third parties that can significantly reduce maximum demand of the Canberra Central City area to defer construction of the new 11 kV feeder are welcome.

7.5.10 11 kV Feeders from East Lake Zone Substation to East Lake area

The ACT Government's Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD) has prepared a plan for the development of the area of land at the eastern end of Lake Burley-Griffin between Kingston and Fyshwick, including commercial and residential developments.

The development will comprise approximately 3,850 residential dwellings, a commercial area and a school. The residential dwellings will be primarily multi-storey apartments.

The load forecast for this development is estimated to be 9.7 MW, comprising 7.7 MW of residential load and 2.0 MW of commercial and community use (school) load.

There are no existing 11 kV feeders in this area which is approximately 3 km east of Telopea Zone Substation and 2 km west of East Lake Zone Substation. Telopea Zone Substation has a continuous summer rating of 100 MVA with maximum demand around 108 MVA, so has no spare capacity available for this development. East Lake Zone Substation has a single 55 MVA transformer only at present though a second 55 MVA is planned by June 2018 (refer section 7.5.2), with maximum demand around 16 MVA, so has spare capacity available for this development.

It is proposed to install two 11 kV cable feeders to this area from East Lake Zone Substation from existing spare feeder circuit breakers. The length of each feeder will be approximately 2.0 km. Spare conduits will be installed along the feeder routes to provide for future developments.

Estimated cost is \$2.07 million and proposed project completion is by June 2020.

7.5.11 Installation of OPGW on 132 kV transmission lines

The existing ActewAGL SCADA telecommunications network is a mix of UHF digital radios (DDRN) and pilot wires, with some small scale use of optical fibre and microwave links. The network is extremely limited in capacity and does not provide adequate and timely real time SCADA information for effective control room operations, with some analogue and digital changes taking several minutes to be reported.

The performance constraints of the network present a roadblock to realising the benefits of the SCADA system and this will only become more apparent with the implementation of the Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS), where real time data is critical to correctly calculating the network state, load flows and correctly reporting network outages.

In addition to SCADA communications, the other critical application for communications is with ActewAGL's network protection. Increasingly some aspects of the protection systems will require communications to overcome protection performance and grading issues. In particular, the performance of the existing 132 kV network protection falls short of technical compliance with the current National Electricity Rules. These performance shortcomings are considered acceptable due to 'grandfathering' provisions within the Rules, but as network upgrades and augmentations occur the network protection will need to be brought into compliance with current standards.

Augmentations such as connecting generators to the network, or when the 132 kV network is upgraded or modified, are triggers for protection upgrades. Required protection upgrades may include the

implementation of inter-tripping and line differential protection schemes and these are dependent on reliable and secure communications. In the future, the emergence of IEC 61850 as the industry standard substation automation and protection communications standard will require a very high level of reliability in the communications network.

The objective of this project is to replace existing communication networks with an optical fibre network which can deliver the speed, security, reliability and functionality required for the electricity network. It will be used to provide the communications bearer for the following systems:

- Zone substation protection signalling, including communications for inter-tripping and line differential protection.
- SCADA communications to zone substations, fault passage indicators, reclosers, switches and distribution substations.
- Security video and remote access management.
- Substation VoIP telephone.
- Corporate data services.
- Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) communications.
- Inter station protection and control schemes.
- Intra station protection schemes utilising IEC61850 and “goose” messaging. Generic Object Oriented Substation Events (GOOSE) is a controlled model mechanism in which any format of data (status, analogue value) is grouped into a data set and transmitted within a time period of 4 milliseconds.
- Substation engineering access, for example remote access to protection relay fault records.
- Mobility communication to vehicles & deployed mobile tablets/computers.
- Network video, for example infrared cameras for switchyard fault detection.
- Monitoring and management of the communication network.

The optical fibre cables will follow each of ActewAGL's 132 kV transmission lines, and will be strung on the same pole structures.

Estimated cost is \$5.25 million and the project will be implemented over a three year period from 2015 to 2017.

No non-network alternative to this project has been identified.

7.5.12 SCADA communications upgrade, optic fibre to distribution substations

The installation of fibre optic cables to individual distribution substations will be required in the following situations:

- Replacement of existing copper pilot cables with fibre due to failure of the metallic pilot.
- Additional business requirement such as chamber substation SCADA or advanced metering infrastructure (AMI).
- Additional network protection requirements such as protection inter-tripping.
- Network automation requirements such as flop-over schemes for critical customers such as hospitals.
- High voltage customer and generator network connections.

It is proposed to roll out an optic fibre network to distribution substations over the next ten years at an annual estimated cost of approximately \$407,000 pa.

No non-network alternative to this project has been identified.

7.6 Projects Subject to the Regulatory Investment Test

If the augmentation cost of a proposal exceeds \$5 million, we undertake a Regulatory Investment Test in line with the requirements of the NER (Section 5.16 for transmission RIT-T and Section 5.17 for distribution RIT-D). The purpose of the Regulatory Investment Test is to identify the credible option that maximises the present value of net economic benefit to all those who produce, consume and transport electricity in the market. A preferred option may have a negative net economic benefit (that is, a net economic cost) where the identified need is for reliability corrective action.

Table 7.2 lists the projects proposed to commence in the five-year planning period that have an augmentation component cost exceeding \$5 million and will be subject to the RIT-D. Interested parties are invited to participate in the planning process through the RIT-D consultation process.

Table 7.2: Augmentation Projects Subject to the Regulatory Investment Test for Distribution

Proposed project	Identified Need	Estimated Cost	Start RIT-D
Establishment of a new zone substation in the Molonglo District	The existing network will not be able to meet forecast demand from new residential developments in the Molonglo District due to supply capacity and load transfer capability constraints	\$21.94 m	July 2017
Belconnen Zone Substation third transformer	Belconnen Zone Substation is forecast to exceed its emergency rating limit by summer 2017	\$12.62 m	July 2017

Note the proposed project “Upgrade of existing 132 kV Theodore–Gilmore transmission line section” was part of a joint regulatory investment test completed in 2009 by ActewAGL and TransGrid for the programme of projects required to provide a second point of supply to the ACT.

7.7 Inter-Regional Impact of Projects & Relevant National Transmission Flow Path developments

National Transmission Flow Paths (NTFPs) are those portions of transmission networks used to transport large amounts of electricity between generation and load centres. These are generally transmission lines of nominal voltage 220 kV and above. The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) publishes an annual National Transmission Network Development Plan (NTNDP), the purpose of which is to facilitate the development of an efficient national electricity network that considers forecasts of constraints on the NTFPs.

ActewAGL has no network infrastructure above 132 kV operating voltage.

The only major infrastructure development proposed for the ACT during the five-year planning period referred to in the 2014 NTNDP is TransGrid’s proposed 330 kV switching station to be constructed at Stockdill Drive, approx 3 km south-west of Canberra Substation. This is required to meet the ACT Government’s requirement that the ACT network must be connected to two geographically independent 330 kV supplies. TransGrid plans to complete this project by 2018.

TransGrid has identified that post commissioning of Stockdill Switching Station, there remains the potential for an ActewAGL Theodore–Gilmore 132 kV circuit to overload under a concurrent outage of Stockdill–Canberra 330 kV line and either of the Williamsdale–Theodore or Williamsdale–Gilmore 132 kV lines at times of high Snowy Hydro power transfer. ActewAGL’s proposed Second Point of Supply Project Stage 2, which involves the upgrade of the Williamsdale–Theodore, Williamsdale–Gilmore and Theodore–Gilmore 132 kV circuits, will address this issue.

None of the other proposed projects described in this chapter will have a material inter-regional impact, ie they will not impose power transfer constraints or adversely influence the quality of supply to adjoining transmission or distribution networks.

7.8 Strategic Planning

ActewAGL is preparing a long-term strategy (ie 30-year plan) for development of the transmission and distribution network. This strategy document will examine the long term load forecasts for the ACT; long term known developments such as the Molonglo Valley and West Belconnen precincts; the potential impact of emerging technologies such as micro grids, embedded generation, smart networks, smart metering, electric vehicles, battery storage, hydronic and vacuum waste services; dynamic ratings for transmission lines and power transformers; and identify any opportunities for stakeholder input.

The impact of our changing environment, e.g. climate change and the Government's renewable energy targets and plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, are key drivers in determining future investment in both the generation and demand-side management sectors. This will consequently influence future transmission and distribution infrastructure development and operation.

The ACT's climate provides for future extensive solar power generation, though is no conducive to generation from other sources such as hydro and wind. The effectiveness of future battery energy storage systems coupled with solar PV generation, could have a major impact on ActewAGL's future network topology.

Many of ActewAGL's distribution assets are approaching the end of their economic life and strategies will be developed regarding their replacement. Such assets include urban backyard overhead low voltage lines. With increasing in-fill housing developments, these backyard lines are becoming increasingly difficult to access and maintain.

The long-term strategy plan will provide strategic direction for the efficient utilisation of existing assets and future development of ActewAGL's transmission and distribution networks, to ensure a long-term sustainable and reliable electricity supply to the ACT.



8. Demand Management

8.1. Overview of Demand Management

Traditionally customers have consumed energy as and when they require it and network service providers such as ActewAGL have constructed their infrastructure to meet the maximum demand on the network with adequate redundancy (eg N-1 security). There has been little incentive or ability by network service providers or customers to manage energy usage.

When the demand for electricity at peak times approaches the capacity of network infrastructure, network service providers must act to maintain secure electricity supply to customers by not overloading any network element that may cause a tripping of supply or damage to network infrastructure. Secure electricity supply to customers can be maintained by either increasing the network capacity (supply side management) or reducing the peak electricity demand on the network (demand management or injection of embedded generation).

Demand management seeks to influence the patterns of energy consumption including the amount and rate of energy use, the timing of energy use and the source and location of energy supply. Demand management is an important part of efficient and sustainable network operations and can involve the voluntary reduction of customer electricity demand at peak times, network service provider controlled reduction of electricity demand, or the supply of electricity from generators or storage connected at customer's premises or to the distribution network.

Effective use of demand management can remove or defer the need to augment load-constrained parts of the network to meet growth in demand.

Demand management can be initiated by the DNSP (eg controlling hot-water loads to switch off during peak demand periods), or by the customer (eg switching off non-essential loads such as air-conditioners or heat pumps at times of peak demand).

Use of embedded generators (eg peak shaving generators) or energy storage systems can be used to reduce maximum demands. Other initiatives such as power factor correction facilities can assist to reduce maximum demands.

ActewAGL actively engages with its customers and non-network solution providers to identify demand management options that can address network needs, and implement them if feasible and cost effective to do so.

8.3 Demand Side Engagement Strategy

ActewAGL's Demand Side Engagement Strategy (DSES) aims to create a cooperative and proactive relationship with customers and proponents of non-network solutions and involve them with ActewAGL's network planning and expansion. ActewAGL will then encourage customers and potential non-network service providers to participate in the ActewAGL demand management activities with the objective that future network problems can be met by a full range of solutions to achieve optimal economical and technical outcomes.

Customers and non-network proponents who are involved with effective Demand Side Management (DSM) will be able to access a revenue stream developed through the deferring of costly network solutions. This approach reduces the overall cost to maintain the network and results in lower electricity costs to all customers.

ActewAGL's Demand Side Engagement Strategy objectives are:

- to embrace DSM and provide opportunities for our customers and non-network service proponents to participate in resolving network and customer supply limitations;
- develop and apply a transparent DSM process for network planning and development;
- identify DSM options for individual and broad based demand management situations;
- provide proponents of non-network solutions with simple and effective mechanisms for obtaining information on network development proposals; and
- develop demand management tools and industry alliances to readily facilitate non-network options.

A non-network option may involve reducing demand overall or at critical times on a particular part of the network by DSM including demand response (DR) programs, peak shaving generation, embedded generation, energy storages connected at customers' premises or to the distribution network or other DSM solutions.

Customers and non-network proponents who are involved with effective DSM will be able to access a revenue stream developed through the deferring of costly network solutions. This approach reduces the overall cost to maintain the network and results in lower electricity costs to customers.

8.4 Demand Side Management Programs

Demand side management (DSM) programs are developed in a way that residential, commercial and industrial customers and third party businesses such as demand aggregators and curtailment service providers can easily participate.

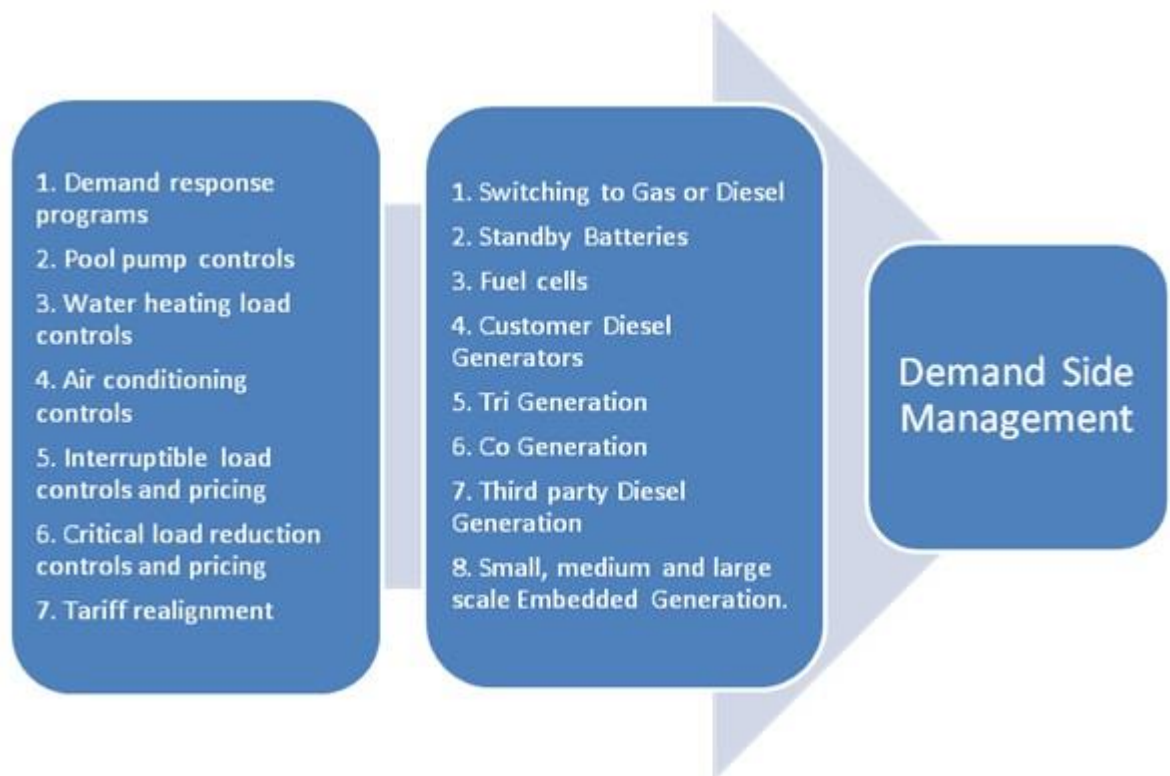
These programs encourage customers to reduce their demand or use alternative energy sources for their energy needs when the network capacity is constrained.

ActewAGL is participating in the AEMC's demand side incentive scheme (DMIS) which includes a demand management innovation allowance. The capped allowance is to encourage distributors to investigate and conduct broad based and/or peak demand projects. The AER has determined ActewAGL's current innovation allowance of \$0.1 million (\$2014-15) per annum will continue in the 2015-19 regulatory period.

ActewAGL is investigating the potential to supply customers in new micro-grid developments (see section 9.6 on micro-grids) with smart meters providing consumption data that they can use to reduce their electricity peak demand by making simple changes to how and when they operate a broad range of appliances and processes.

Potential DSM programs are illustrated in Figure 8.1.

Figure 8.1: Potential DSM programs



ActewAGL's demand management staff will consult with customers and customer groups to identify their expectations and drivers for DSM participation and what they can offer in terms of demand reduction or switching to alternative energy sources. Public consultations, awareness programs and trial programs will also form part of this investigation process. Details of potential DSM programs to be investigated will be published on the ActewAGL website.

ActewAGL continues to comply with the ACT Government's Energy Efficiency Improvement Scheme (EEIS), which sets territory-wide energy savings targets.

8.4.2 Demand Management Options

ActewAGL's demand side engagement strategy aims to identify DSM options and assess their potential to solve network limitations and constraints for broad based and more specific local situations. DSM options may be to reduce demand or supply the increasing demand from alternative sources. Some practical DSM options have been identified and categorised into the following groups.

8.4.2.1 Demand Reduction

The following DSM options are examples of schemes that aim to reduce demand and may be applicable to residential, commercial and industrial situations.

1. Demand response programs,
2. Power factor correction,
3. Pool pump controls,
4. Water heating load controls,
5. Air conditioning controls,
6. Automated feeder load sharing,
7. Interruptible load controls and pricing,
8. Critical load reduction controls and pricing,
9. Tariff realignment.
10. Increased use of energy efficient appliances, LED lighting, reverse cycle heat pumps, induction cooktops, and ground-source heat pumps.

8.4.2.2 Alternative Supply

The following DSM options are examples of where demand may be shifted by using alternative sources of supply.

1. Fuel switching to gas and diesel for energy,
2. Energy and thermal storage using battery banks and fuel cells,
3. Standby electricity supply,
4. Embedded generation such as rooftop PV,
5. Alternative fuel sources such as rooftop solar hot water heating,
6. On site / scheduled generation using co-generation and tri-generation,
7. Leasing generators by ActewAGL or non-network proponents, and
8. Small, medium and large scale embedded generation.

It is anticipated that customers and non-network proponents will be able to respond to DSM options and programs, or propose new innovative DSM options, by participating in the demand side management process.



9. Emerging Technologies

9.1 Overview of Emerging Technologies

The generation, transmission and distribution of electrical energy is changing rapidly with new advances in technology. These emerging technologies are impacting on all parts of the supply chain, for example:

Generation – traditional hydro and thermal generation is being supplemented by wind and solar generation, and emerging technologies such as fuel-cells, biomass, geothermal, hot rocks and wave power. This is being driven by an international desire to reduce carbon emissions and

expand the use of renewable energy sources. Large generating plants which are typically distant from load centres are being replaced by local embedded generation facilities located close to load centres.

Transmission – large capacity transmission lines are required to transport bulk energy from power stations to load centres. With the generation landscape changing to more local embedded generation, the need for such large transmission lines will decrease. Conductor types and shapes are changing, e.g. circular stranded copper and steel-cored aluminium conductors are being replaced by lighter aluminium alloy and composite-cored conductors with trapezoid-shaped strands to produce a smooth-bodied conductor that can operate at higher temperature and have lower wind drag than conventional conductors. Such conductor types are changing the size and shape of support structures from traditional lattice steel towers with suspension insulators to steel or concrete poles with cantilever insulators.

Distribution – new areas such as greenfield estates are all reticulated with underground cables, and underground pits are replacing surface-mounted pillars. Areas with high rooftop PV penetration are experiencing reverse power flow and voltage fluctuations which need to be managed. Energy storage systems such as batteries are becoming more efficient and affordable, and electrical appliances are becoming more energy efficient. These advances have the potential to reduce maximum demands on distribution systems which will reduce the required capacity and extent of such systems. The proliferation of electric vehicles may have the opposite effect on supply demand. Remote-controlled and automated devices are leading to smart networks (eg automatic load transfer), self-healing networks (eg automatic isolation of faults), and smart meters that allow customers to monitor and control their energy usage.

ActewAGL is keeping abreast of these emerging technologies and future network planning will embrace these technologies to shape our network and benefit our customers.

9.2 Embedded Generation

Generators connected to ActewAGL's distribution network are called Embedded Generators (EGs). These generators are embedded within our distribution network and are not directly connected to our transmission network. The entity that owns, operates or controls an embedded generating unit is called the Embedded Generator.

The different types of embedded generators connected to our network as follows:

- Solar Photovoltaic
- Bio-gas (from land fill sites)
- Micro hydro
- Cogeneration
- Fuel Cell

The capacity varies from a 1 kW domestic solar photovoltaic generator to a 20 MW solar farm photovoltaic system. The total installed capacity of embedded generation is approximately 77.35 MW. Of this 46.8 MW is rooftop solar PV (refer Appendix E) and the remainder is a mixture of solar, hydro, gas and co-generation (refer Section 7.2).

The process for connecting an Embedded Generator to our network depends mainly on its capacity. Capacity is divided into three categories: micro, medium and large. Table 9.1 below lists the categories, capacities and network connection points that apply to each.

Table 9.1: Embedded Generator Network Connection Points

Category	Capacity	Network Connection Point	Type of Generator
Micro	Less than 30 kW	230 V ~ 400 V – Low Voltage Network	Solar PV Micro Wind (Future) Micro Gas (Future)
Medium	30 kW – 200 kW	400 V – Low Voltage Network	Any
Large	200 kW – 1500 kW		
	1500 kW – 5000 kW	11 kV to 132 kV High Voltage Network	
	> 5000 kW		

Large scale embedded generators connected to ActewAGL's network are required to be scheduled in accordance with AEMO's operating rules as intermittent generators whereas smaller PV units are not required to be registered as they have either automatic or small generation exemption.

ActewAGL has developed technical guidelines and business processes to facilitate the connection of embedded generators. The published charges improve the clarity and transparency of requirements for embedded generators. Details are available on ActewAGL's external website.

9.2.1 Solar Photovoltaic Generation

There are 15,717 rooftop solar PV installations in the ACT (as at 30 November 2015) with a total installed capacity of around 46.8 MW. Most of the generation produced by these installations is used by the customers at their premises, although some is exported into ActewAGL's low voltage distribution network. As these installations are widely distributed on the network (refer Appendix E) they have not as yet caused technical issues experienced by other utilities such as excessive voltage rise, thermal overload of low voltage feeders, harmonic saturation, or load balancing issues on 11 kV distribution feeders. However ActewAGL continues to monitor the effect on power quality of these installations.

This low voltage inverter based generation can contribute to higher voltages being seen on some parts of the low voltage network. ActewAGL is reviewing its connection standards regarding the maximum export voltages allowable from such inverters.

There is one large solar farm at Royalla which has a peak output of 20 MW. There are two proposed large solar farms – one at Williamsdale with an expected capacity of 10 MW and one at Hume with an expected capacity of 12.85 MW.

9.3 Battery Energy Storage

Small battery energy storage systems (BESS) are becoming more popular for domestic use (associated with rooftop PV generation) as technology improves and costs reduce. Larger battery energy storage systems are used by some utilities for peak shaving and load balancing, day to night shifting of renewable PV energy, and reducing the fluctuations in PV generation output caused by rolling clouds or wind power output caused by changing wind conditions. Typical 11 kV BESS installations used for these purposes have nominal power of 1 MW and nominal capacity of 1 MWh.

The battery industry is changing rapidly with several different battery technologies available, such as lithium-ion, lead-acid, nickel-cadmium, and sodium-sulphur. Lithium-ion batteries are recommended for high power applications and lead-acid batteries for high capacity applications.

Lead-acid batteries cannot be charged at the same rate as lithium-ion batteries, but their discharging behaviour is equivalent. Lead-acid batteries are a proven technology; their main advantages continue to be their low price, high availability and simplicity. Lithium-ion batteries offer high energy density and are low maintenance.

In the future there will be high-capacity flow battery technology into BESS. Flow batteries are rechargeable fuel cells where the electrolyte is stored in an external tank and then pumped or gravity-fed through the cells of a reactor. The advantages offered by flow batteries include rapid recharging and nearly unlimited capacity.

ActewAGL is currently trialling small scale battery storage systems which could be applicable for residential or small commercial customers, and also assist demand management during peak demand periods.

9.4 Thermal Energy Storage

Thermal energy storage uses off-peak electricity (ie at periods of low demand) to produce and store either warm or cool thermal energy. Warm energy is stored in night-store heaters which store thermal energy during the night when demand is low and release heat during the day as required. These have become less popular with the advent of heat pumps and alternative energy efficient space heating systems. Cool energy is stored during the night in 'ice banks' which is then used during the day for air-conditioning or process cooling.

9.5 Electric Vehicles & Light Rail

The ACT Government is proposing to construct a light rail system (known as Capital Metro) which will feature electric passenger trams running on purpose-laid tracks from Central Canberra City northwards to Gungahlin town centre and eastwards to the Russell suburb. This rail network will include the installation of nine traction power stations that will require an 11 kV 1.7 MW supply to each from ActewAGL's distribution network. Construction is expected to be carried out over the next five years. Further expansion of this network is planned for the future.

There are few electric cars on the streets of the ACT at present but it is anticipated that their prevalence will increase significantly in coming years. At this stage there are no known commercial vehicle charging stations proposed. To avoid electric vehicles creating new peak demands on distribution feeders or substations, intelligent controls would be required to distribute charging throughout the day and maintain system voltage within regulation levels.



9.6 Micro-grids

A micro-grid is a closed power system with generation and consumption occurring locally. Micro-grids can function autonomously as well as being connected to the distribution network. Energy

sources can include PV, wind, diesel generators, and micro-hydro amongst many others. Around the world micro-grids can be found in scales varying from a single residential house or industrial/production site to a complete island power system. Battery energy storage systems providing short-term energy storage are a key component of any micro-grid.

ActewAGL is currently investigating the viability of micro-grids within its network with proponents of such schemes.

9.7 Dynamic Rating of Transmission Lines and Power Transformers

Dynamic rating of transmission lines is done by assigning conductor current ratings in real time taking into account the heating effects of the electrical current, ambient air temperature, solar radiation and reflected radiation, and the cooling effects of wind and emitted radiation, so that the conductors do not heat to such an extent that they sag below allowable ground clearances.

Weather stations are installed at various points along a transmission line to measure such data in real time and transmit it to the control room's computer where it is analysed and a dynamic current rating assigned to the transmission line. This allows the network operator to apply load to a line based on its dynamic rating which enables increased power flows above its static rating when weather conditions are favourable. This permits such assets to be fully utilised without the risk of overloading.

The same principle can be applied to zone substation power transformers to enable them to be operated above their normal continuous name-plate rating when conditions are favourable.

ActewAGL currently does not have dynamic rating capability on its network, but is investigating it as a possible future development as system load increases.

9.8 Smart Networks and Smart Meters

9.8.1 Smart Networks

ActewAGL's Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) will be developed to provide real time information allowing for network switching decisions and the realisation of self-healing network principles. A self-healing system will detect and isolate a fault on the network and automatically restore power to as much of the network as possible until repairs have been carried out.

ActewAGL is investigating the installation of additional smart devices such as voltage regulators, dynamic volt-amp reactive compensators (D-VARs), auto-reclosers and sectionalisers on its distribution network to improve quality, security and reliability of supply.

9.8.2 Smart Meters

Smart meters enable energy consumption data to be available to both customers and utilities on a real time basis via two-way communications networks. This will assist the customer and the service provider with demand management initiatives, to respond to price signals and automatically control or shift demand during high demand periods, and facilitate future retail contestability.

In response to the increasing opportunity presented by smart meter technology to deliver value for customers and the significant metering reforms currently unfolding as part of the AEMC's Power of Choice recommendations, ActewAGL has instigated a Smart Meter Strategy Project. The objective of this project is to gain a deeper understanding of these market reforms and to assess the optimal approach to a smart meter roll out for ActewAGL.

Some of the potential uses of smart meters are as follows (refer section 4.11.1 for further details):

- Outage management

- Support and enhance network modelling functionality of ADMS
- Improved network forecasting and planning
- Reduced network investment
- Power quality monitoring
- Reduced manual meter reads
- Remote connection and disconnection of customers
- Demand management
- Support smart network initiatives, e.g. battery storage and embedded generation



Appendix A: Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ACTPLA	ACT Planning and Land Authority
ActewAGL	ActewAGL Distribution
AEMC	Australian Energy Market Commission
AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator
AER	Australian Energy Regulator
APR	Annual Planning Report
BESS	Battery Energy Storage System
BSP	Bulk Supply Point
CAIDI	Customer Average Interruption Duration Index
CESS	Capital Expenditure Sharing Scheme
DMIS	Demand Management Incentive Scheme
DMP	Demand Management Process
DNISP	Distribution Network Service Provider
DR	Demand Response
DSES	Demand Side Engagement Strategy
DSM	Demand Side Management
DSMP	Demand Side Management Planning
DUOS	Distribution Use of System
EOI	Expression of Interest
HV	High voltage
ICRC	Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission
MVA	Mega Volt Amperes
MW	Mega Watts
NEL	National Electricity Law
NEM	National Electricity Market
NER	National Electricity Rules
NPV	Net Present Value
NTFP	National Transmission Flow Path
NTNDP	National Transmission Network Development Plan
N-1	Security Standard where supply is maintained following a single credible contingency event
OPGW	Optical Ground Wire
PFC	Power Factor Correction
PoE	Probability of Exceedance
PV	Photovoltaic
QOS	Quality of Supply
RDSE	Register of Demand Side Engagement
RIT-D	Regulatory Investment Test for Distribution
RIT-T	Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission
SAIDI	System Average Interruption Duration Index
SAIFI	System Average Interruption Frequency Index
SCADA	Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition
STPIS	Service Target Performance Incentive Scheme
TNSP	Transmission Network Service Provider
TOU	Time of Use
TUOS	Transmission Use of System
Utilities Act	ACT Utilities Act 2000
UTR	Utilities Technical Regulations

Appendix B: Bulk Supply Point Load Forecasts

Figures B.1 – B.6 illustrate the summer and winter maximum demand forecasts for the three TransGrid owned bulk supply point substations Canberra, Williamsdale and Queanbeyan.

Figure B.1: Canberra Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecast

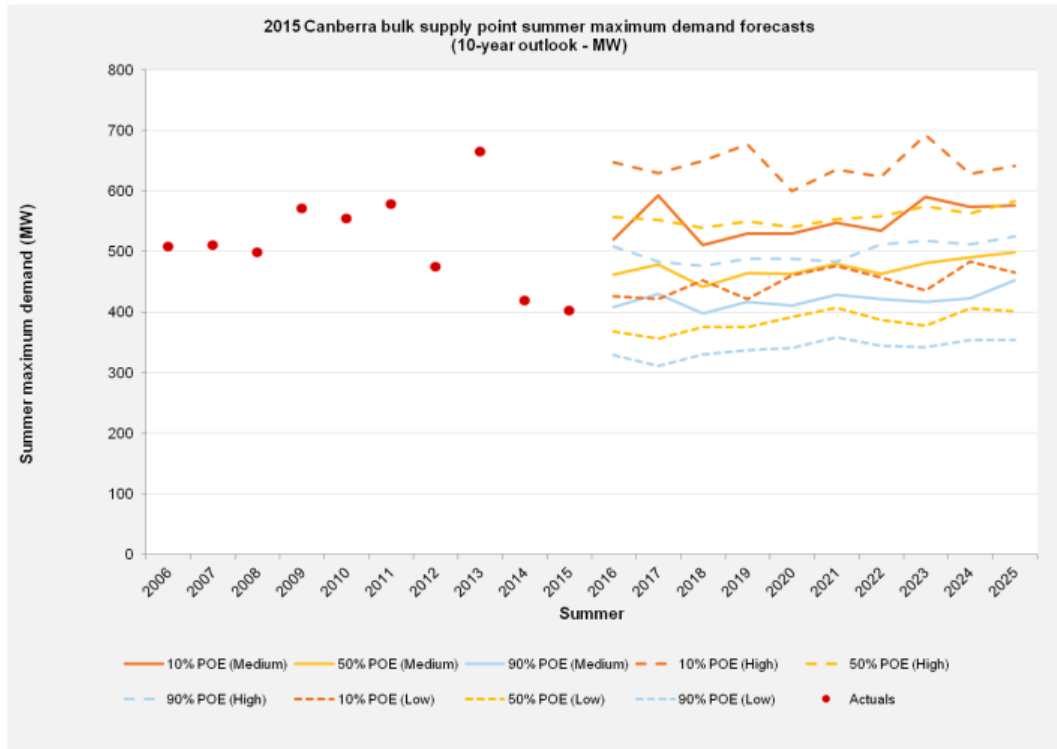


Figure B.2: Canberra Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecast

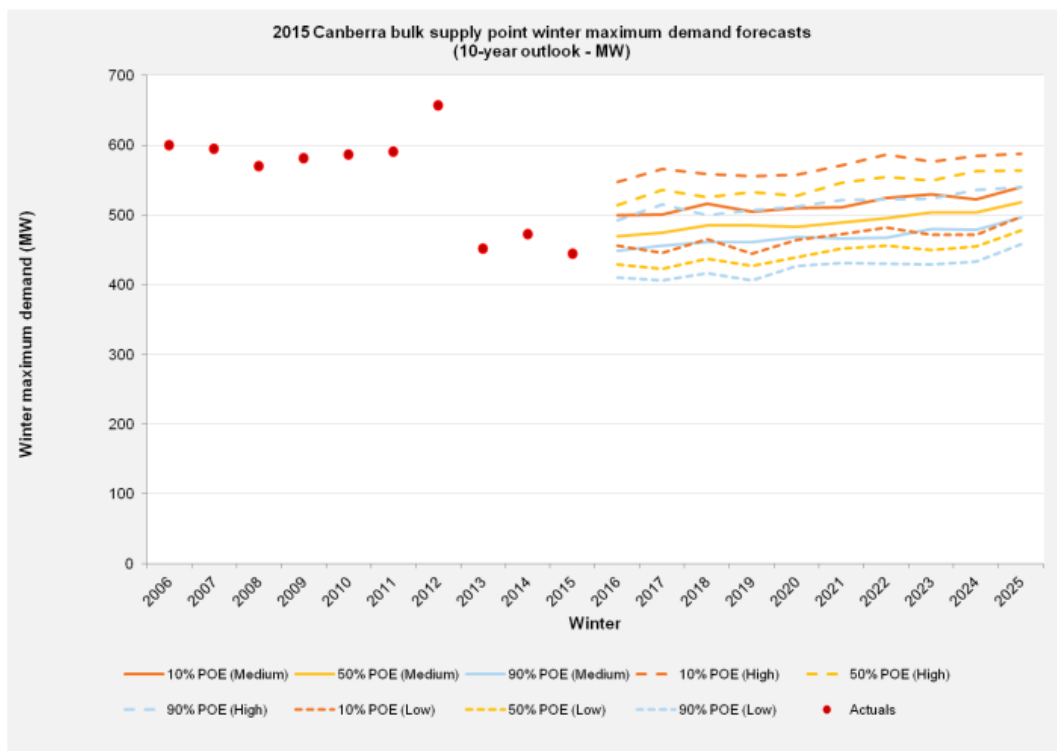


Figure B.3: Williamsdale Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecast

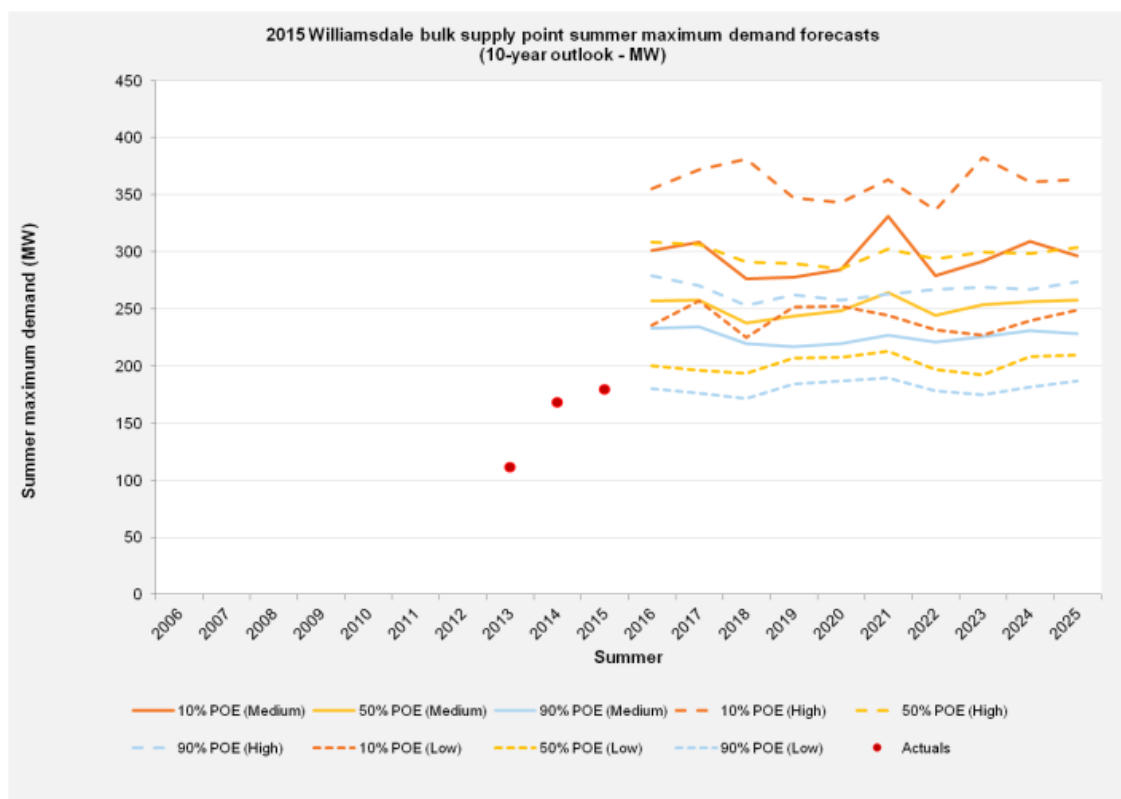


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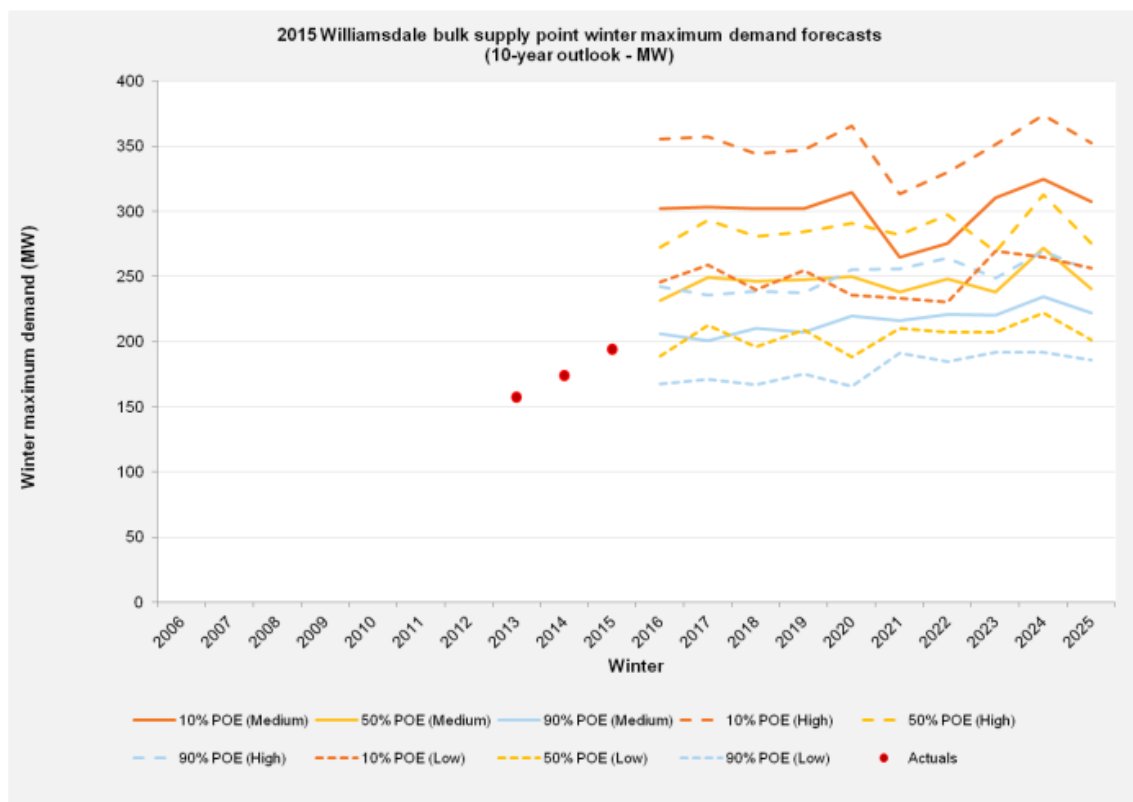


Figure B.5: Queanbeyan Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecast

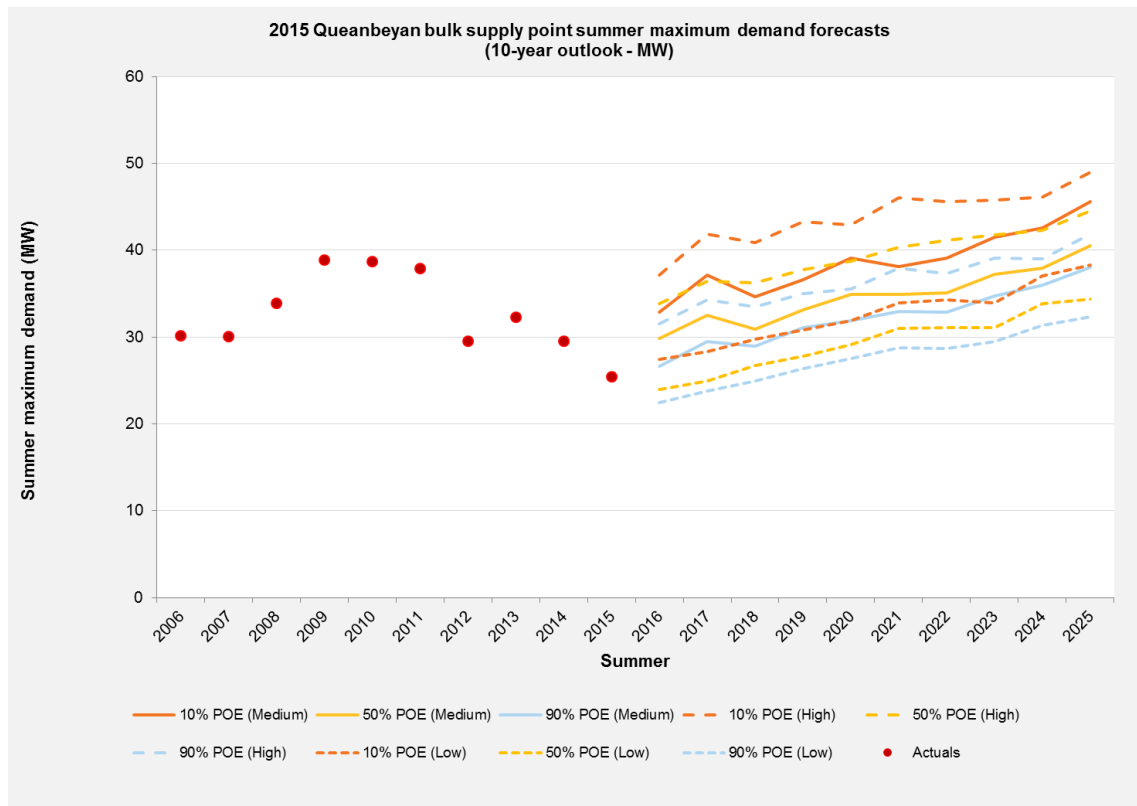
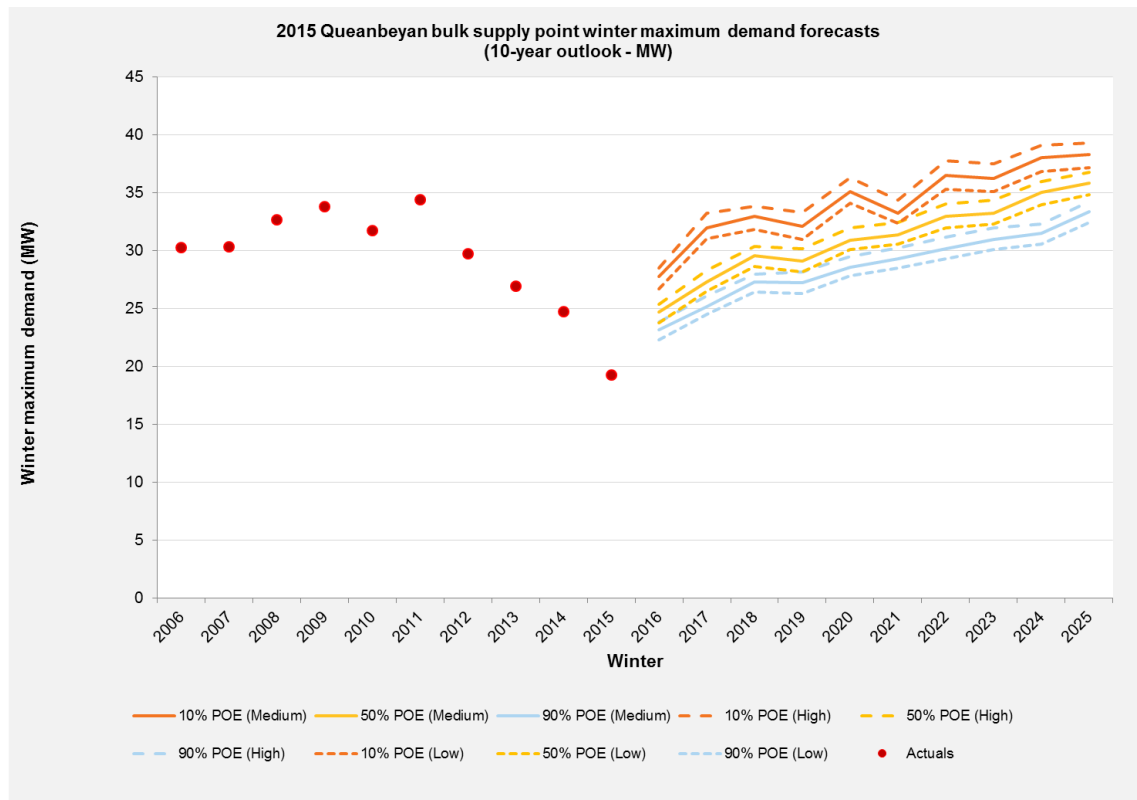


Figure B.6: Queanbeyan Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecast



Appendix C: Zone Substations Load Forecasts

Figures C.1 – C.13 illustrate the summer and winter maximum demand forecasts for the twelve zone substations: Belconnen, City East, Civic, East Lake, Fyshwick, Gilmore, Gold Creek, Latham, Telopea Park, Theodore, Wanniasa and Woden, and one mobile substation Angle Crossing.

Figure C.1.1: Angle Crossing Mobile Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecasts

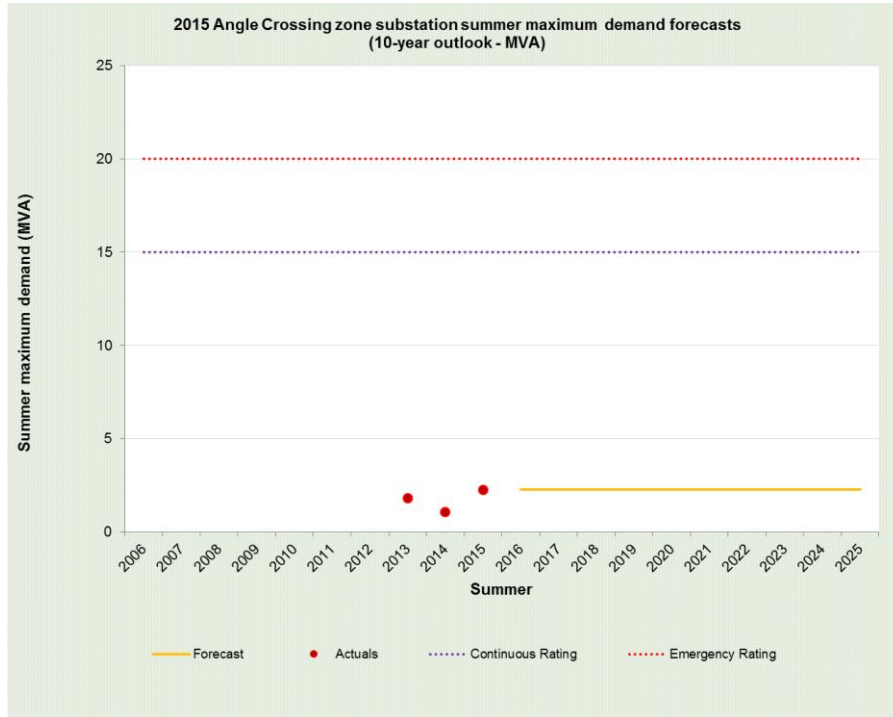


Figure C.1.2: Angle Crossing Mobile Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecasts

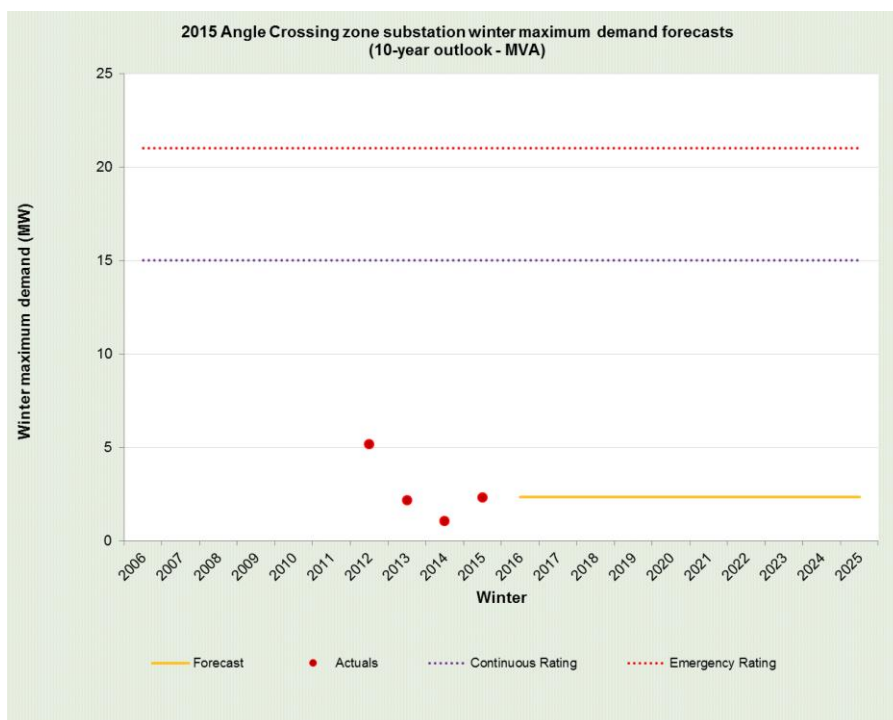


Figure C.2.1: Belconnen Zone Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecasts

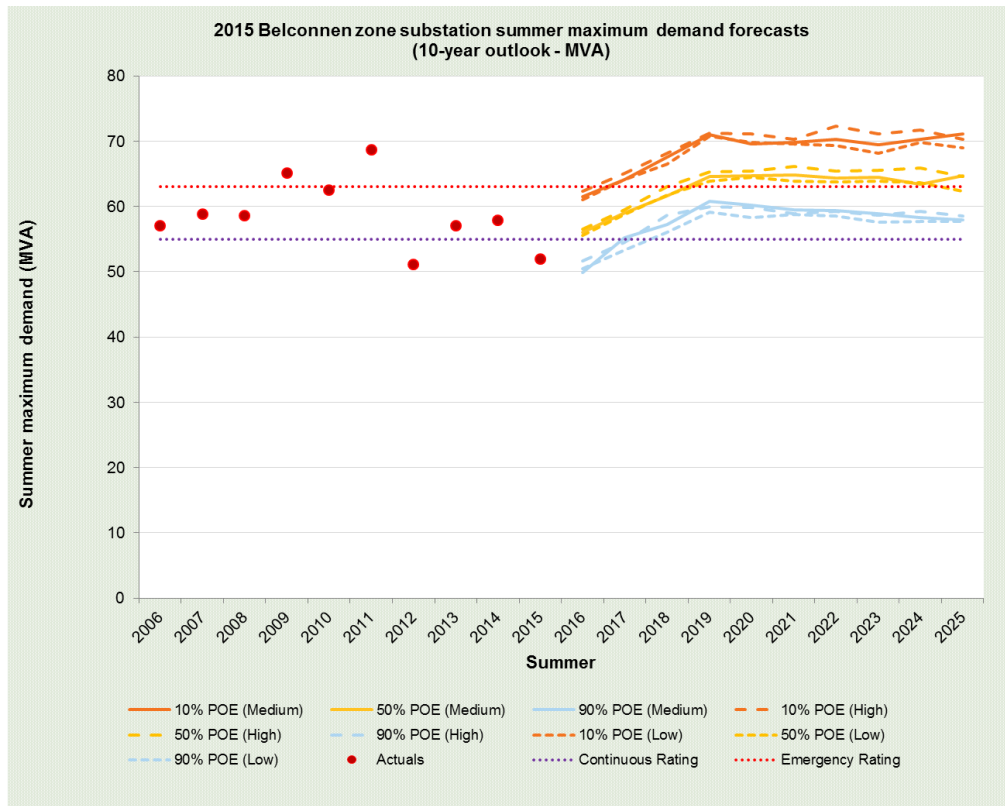


Figure C.2.2: Belconnen Zone Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecasts

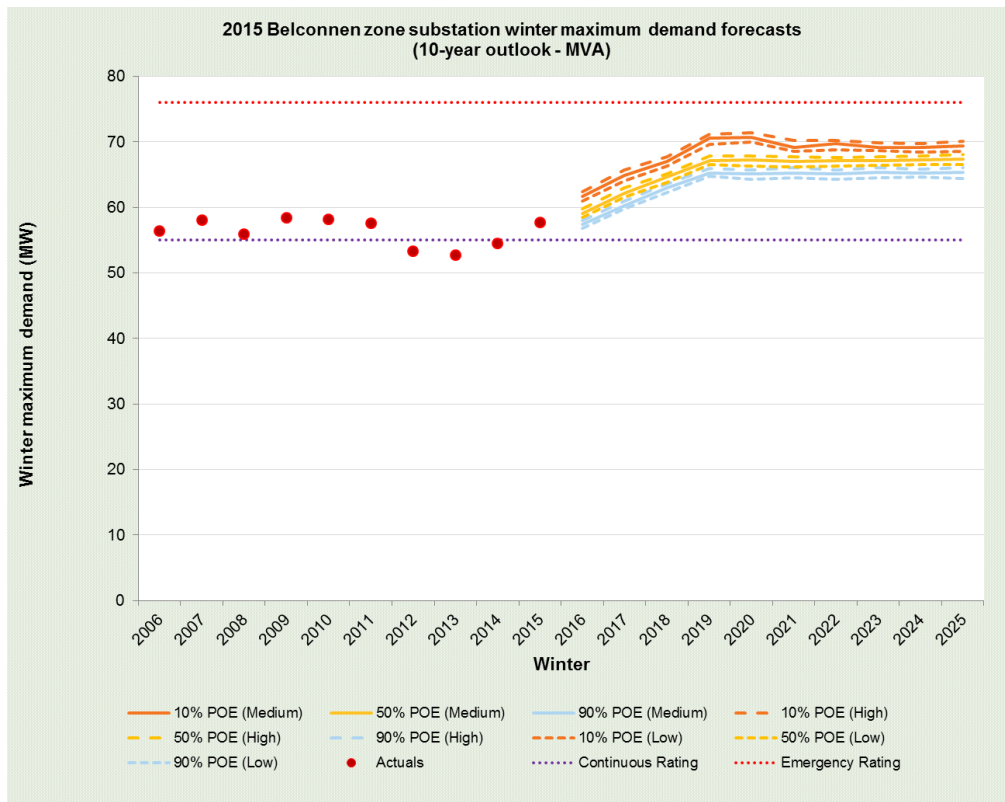


Figure C.3.1: City East Zone Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecasts

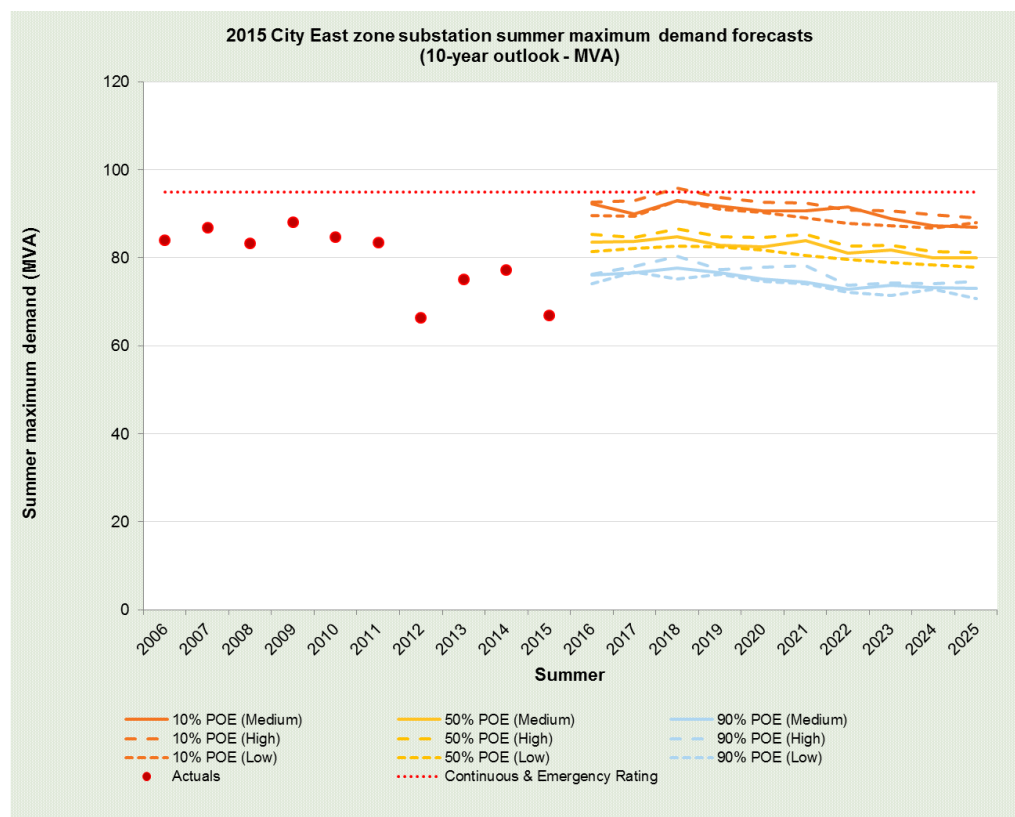


Figure C.3.2: City East Sone Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecasts

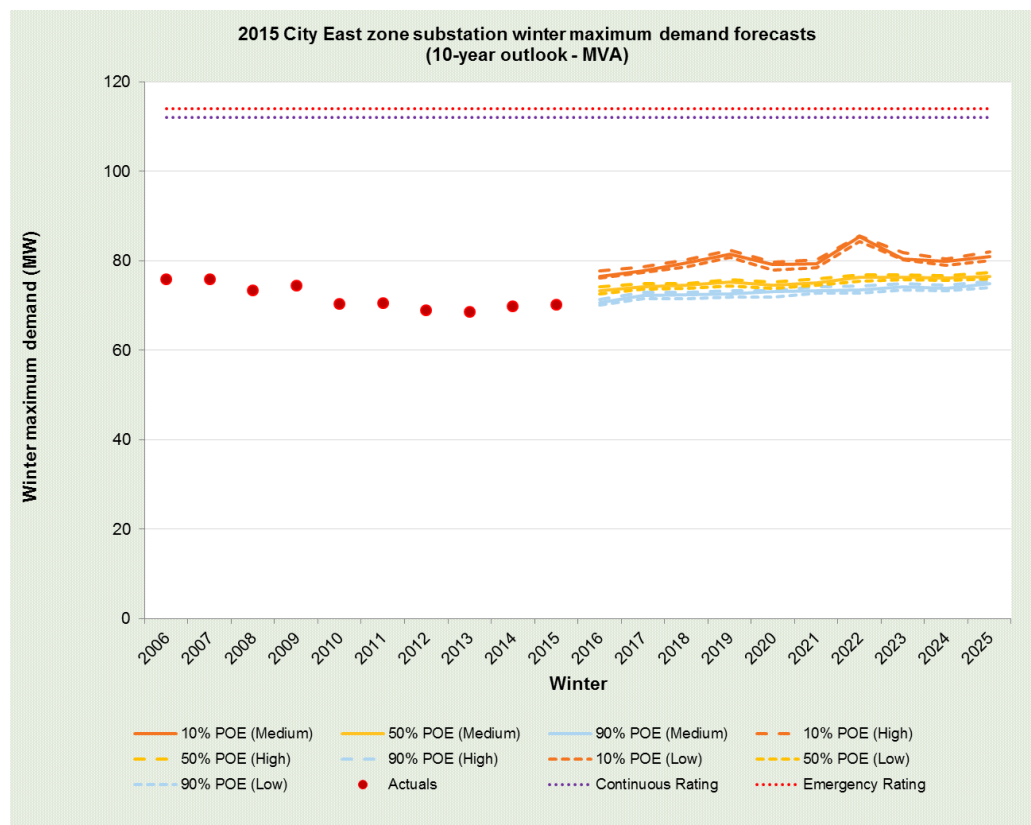


Figure C.4.1: Civic Zone Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecasts

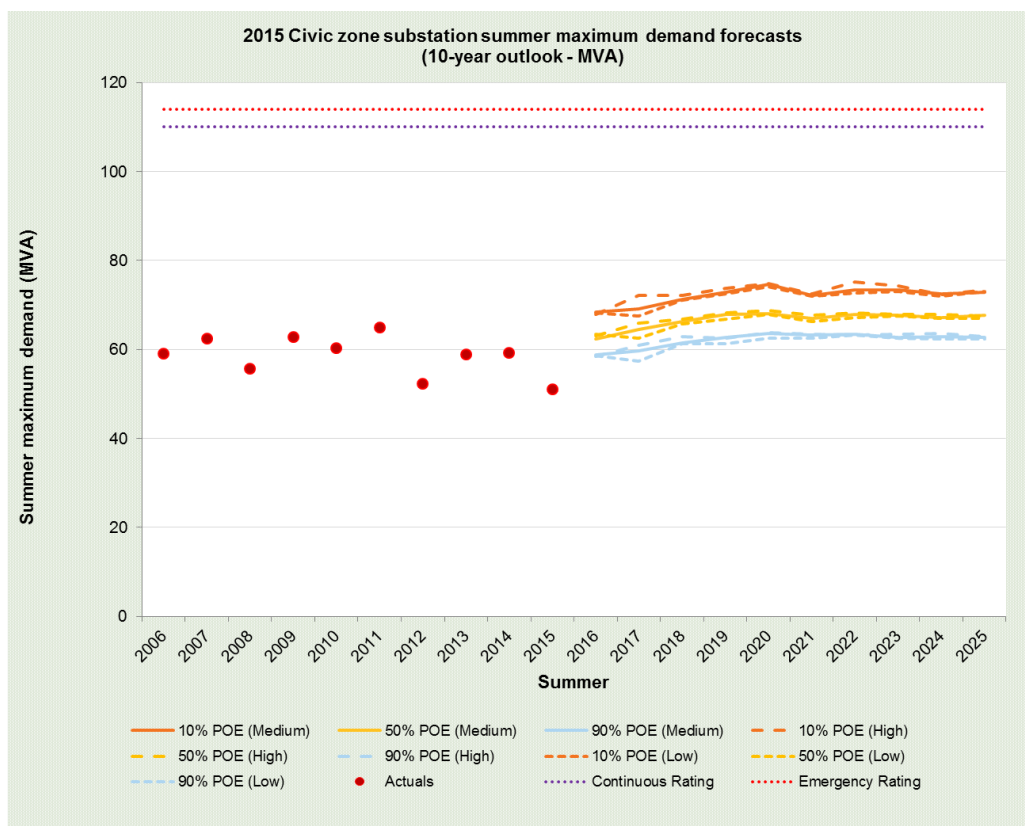


Figure C.4.2: Civic Zone Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecasts

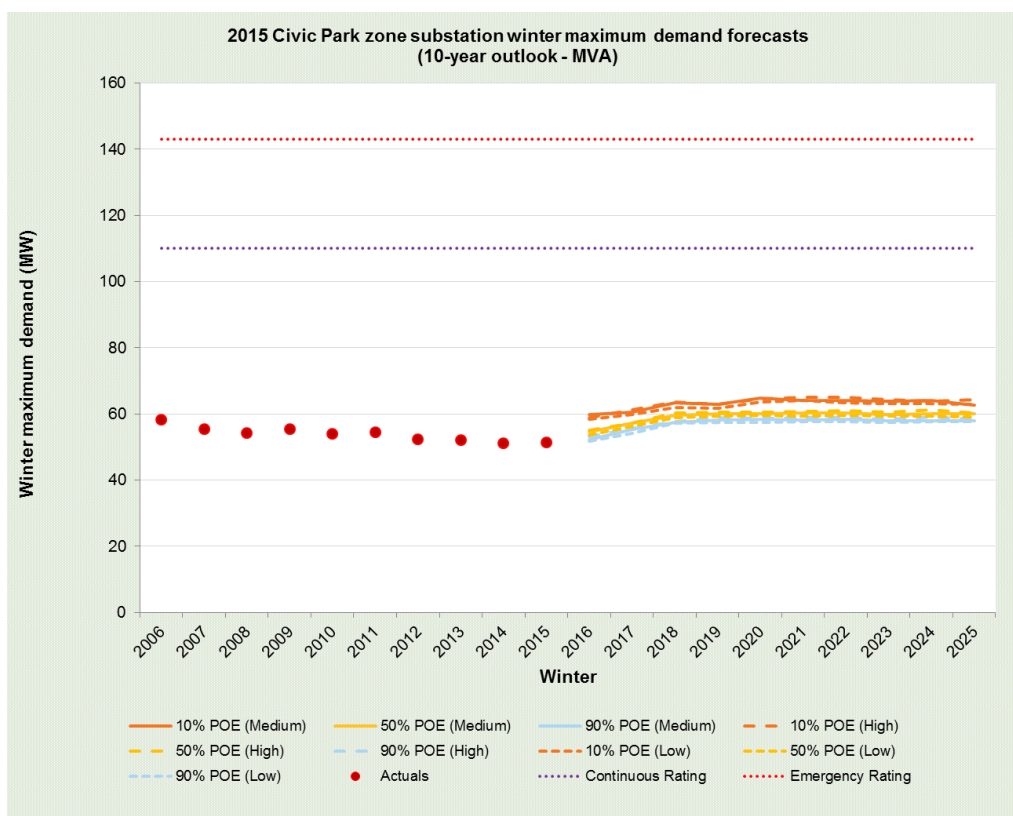


Figure C.5.1: East Lake Zone Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecasts

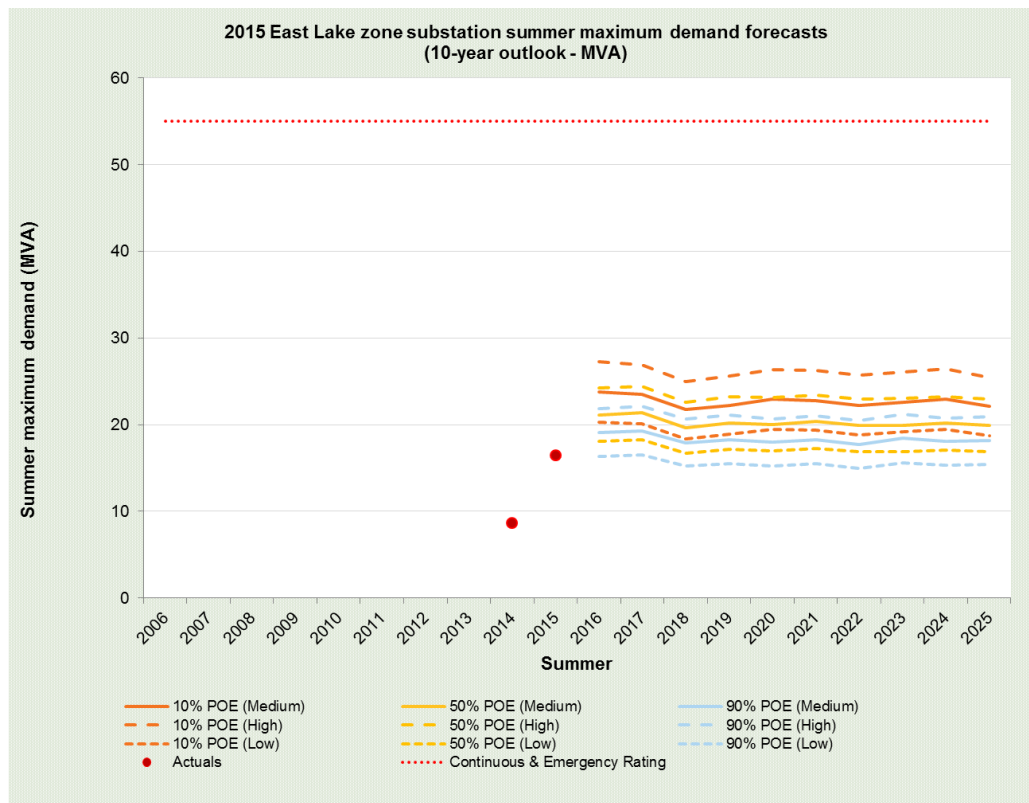


Figure C.5.2: East Lake Zone Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecasts

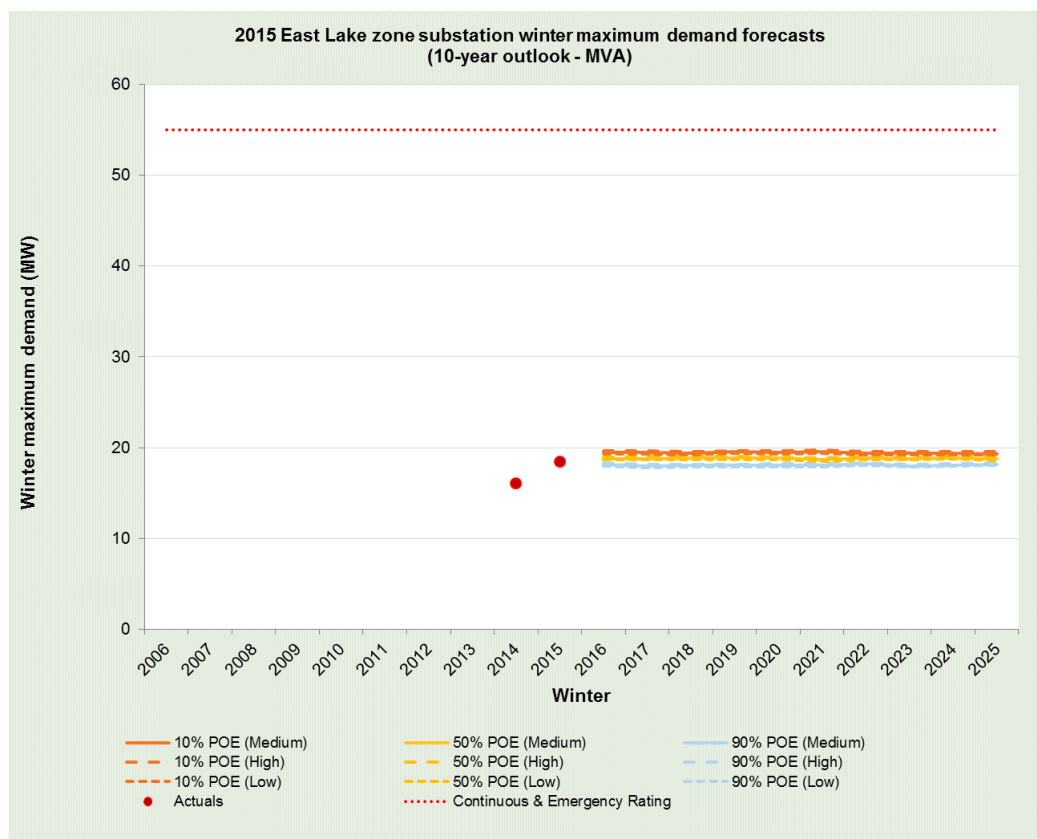


Figure C.6.1: Fyshwick Zone Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecasts

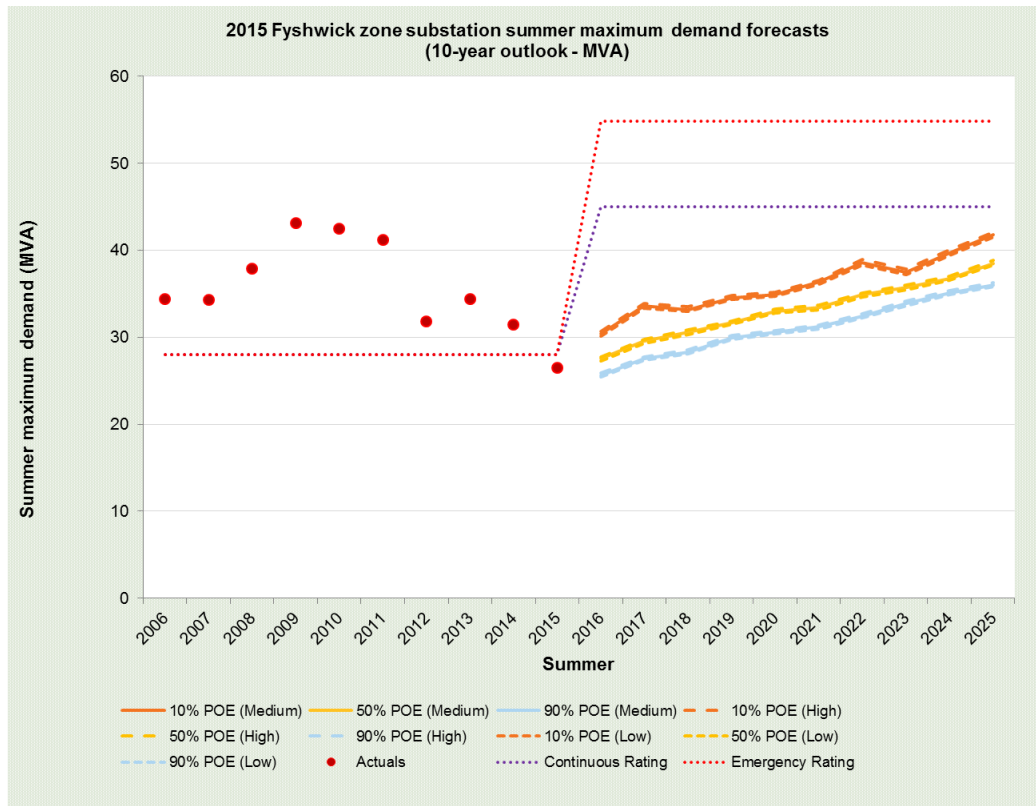


Figure C.6.2: Fyshwick Zone Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecasts

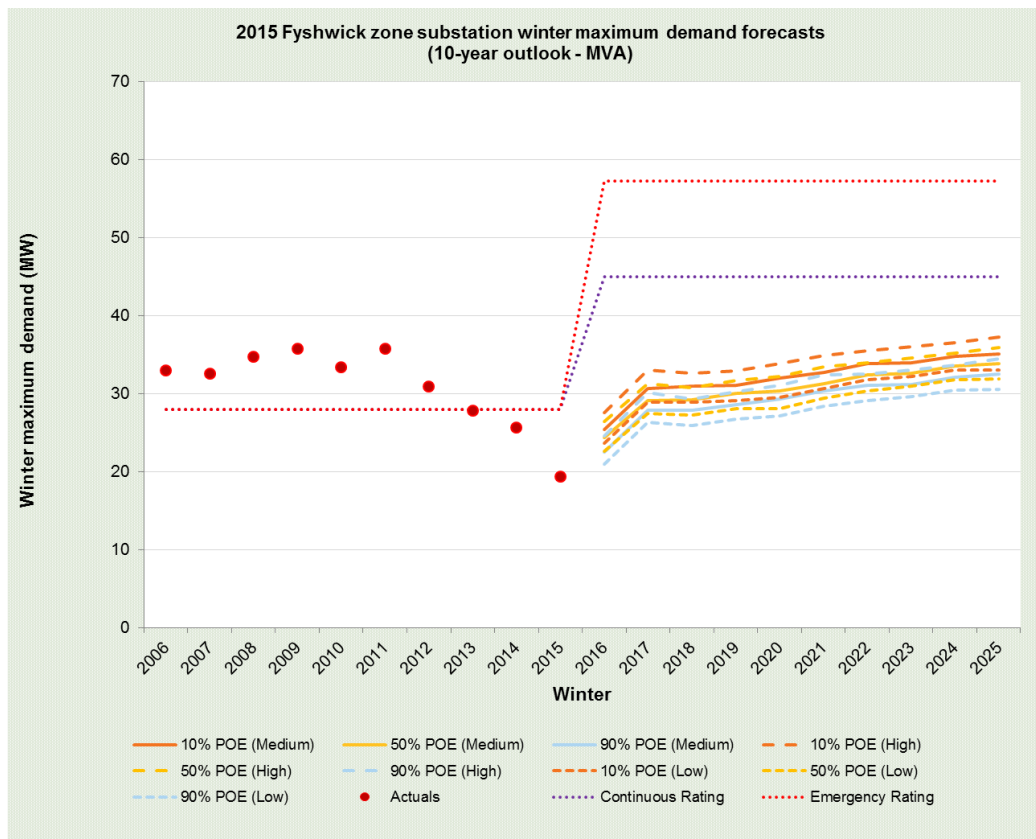


Figure C.7.1: Gilmore Zone Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecasts

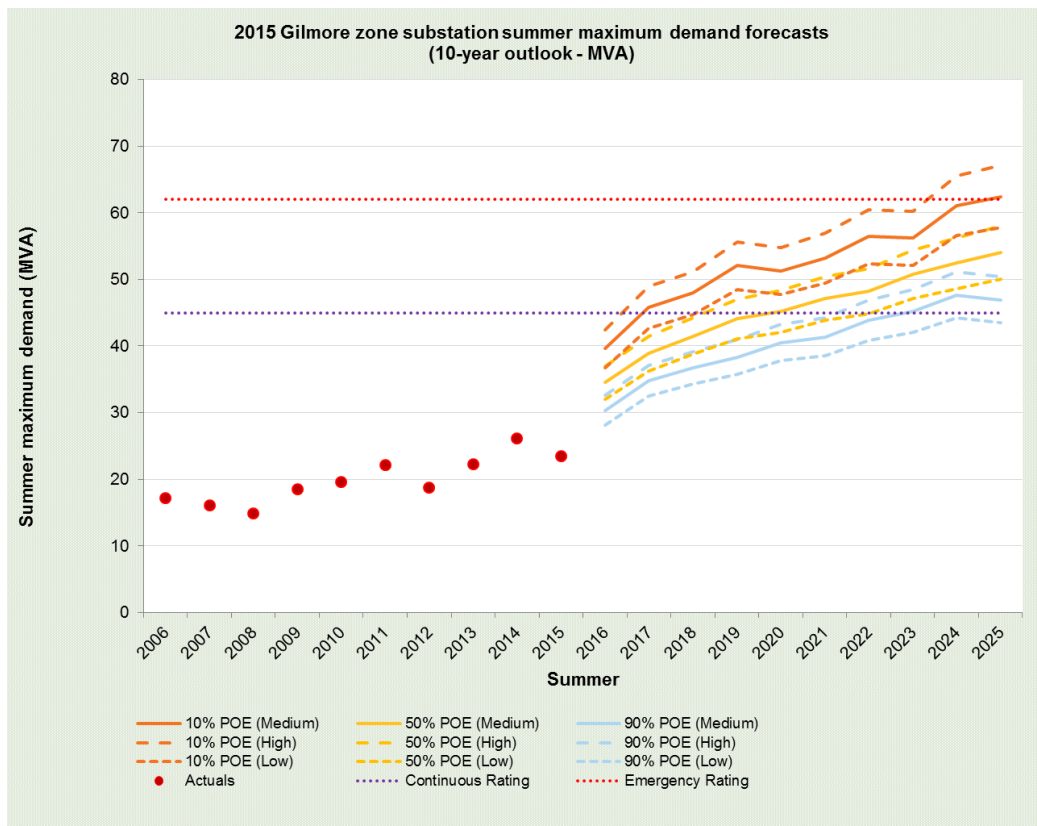


Figure C.7.2: Gilmore Zone Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecasts

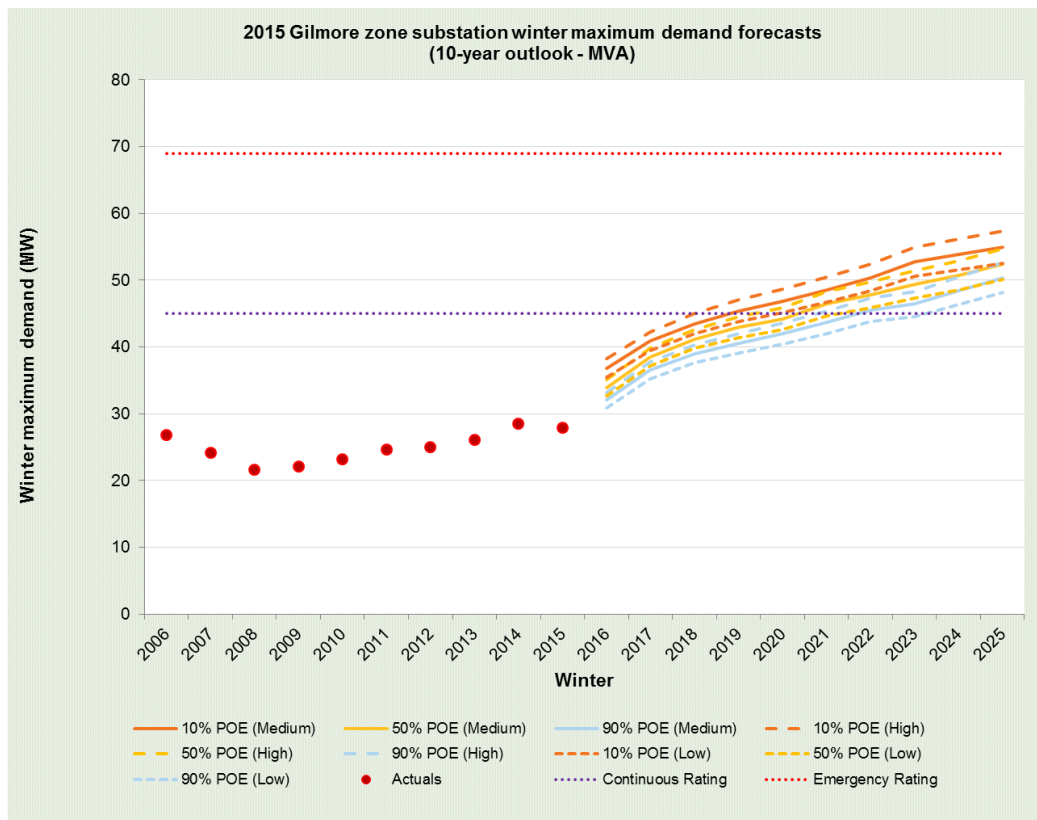


Figure C.8.2: Gold Creek Zone Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecasts

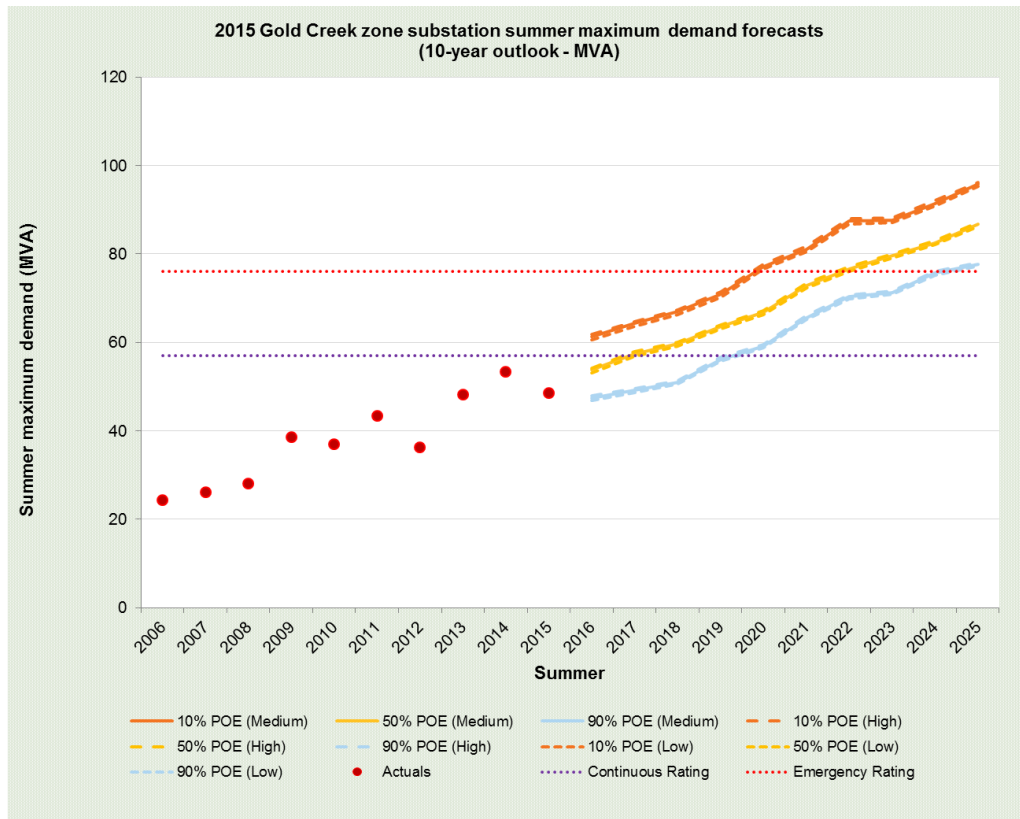


Figure C.8.1: Gold Creek Zone Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecasts

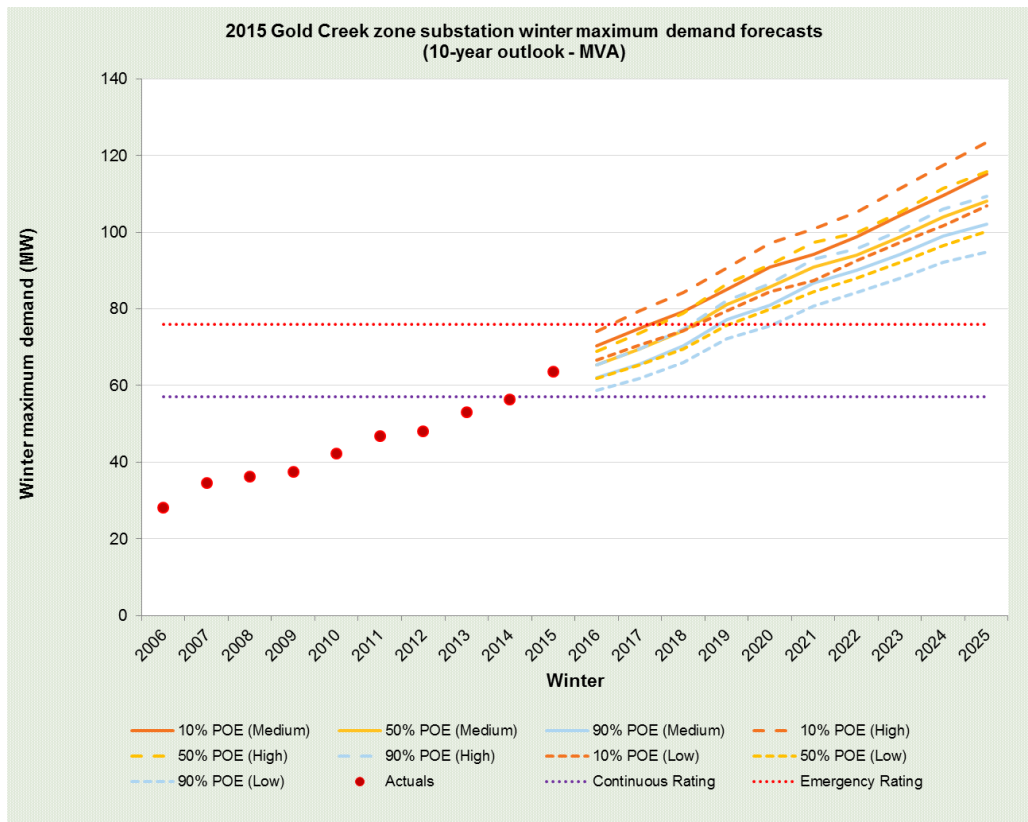


Figure C.9.1: Latham Zone Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecasts

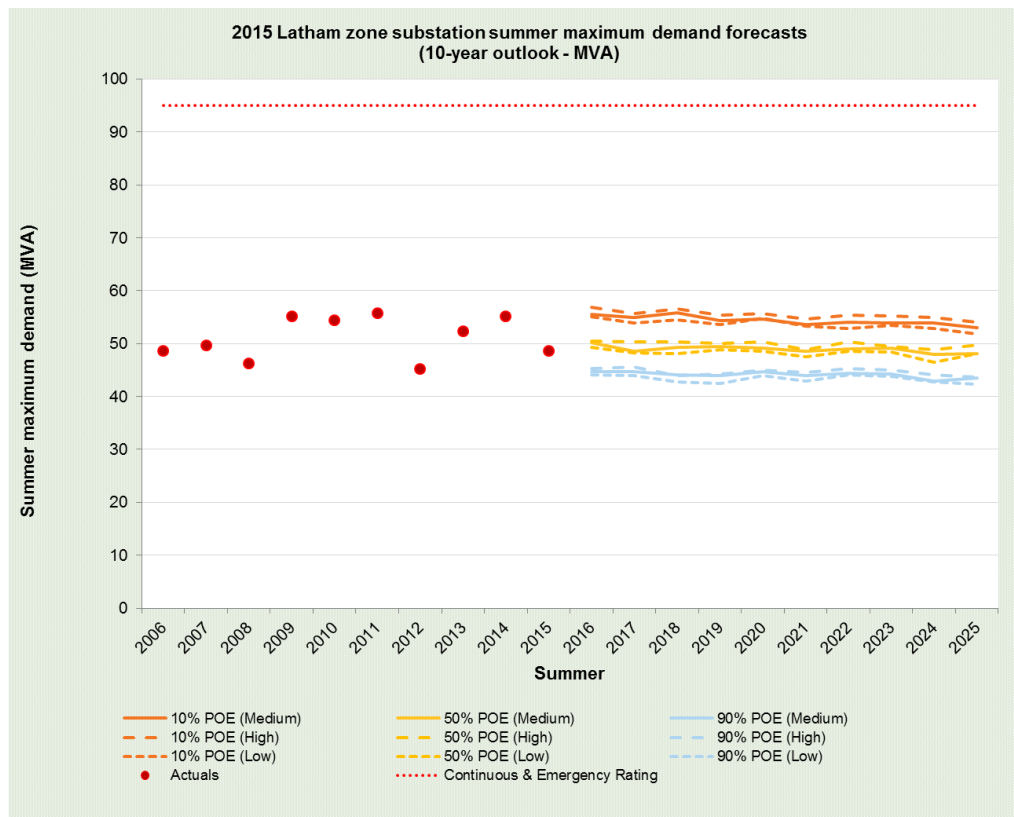


Figure C.9.2: Latham Zone Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecasts

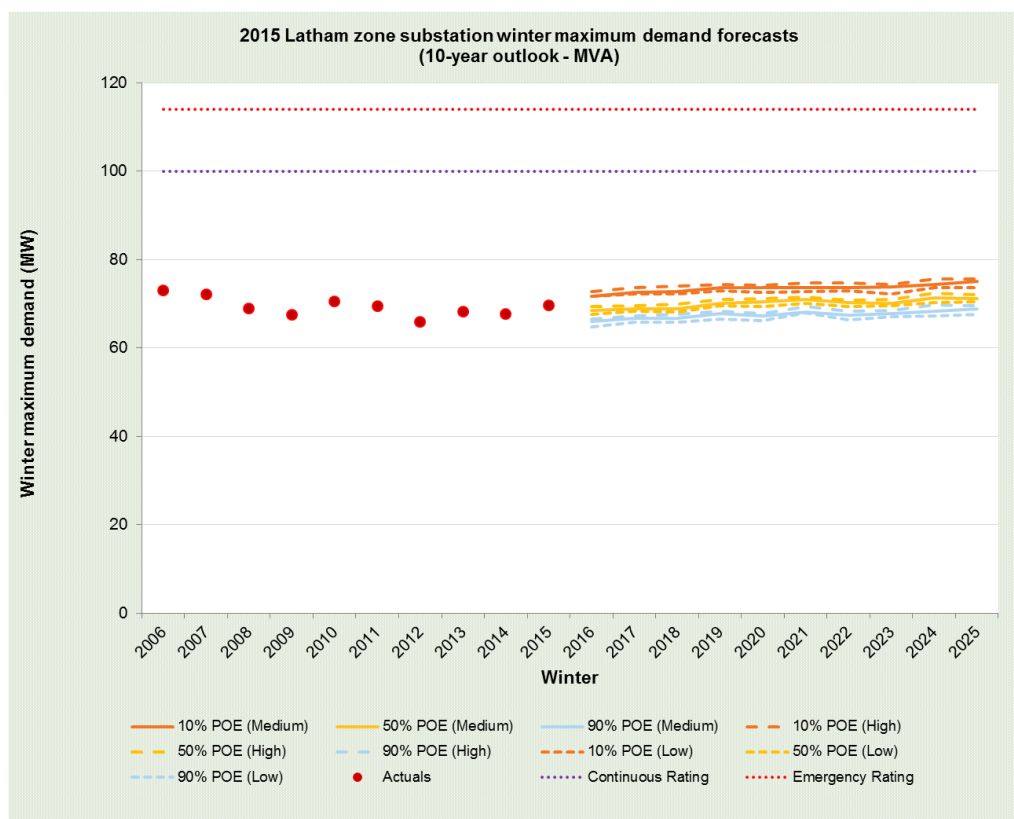


Figure C.10.1: Telopea Park Zone Substation 2015 summer maximum demand forecasts

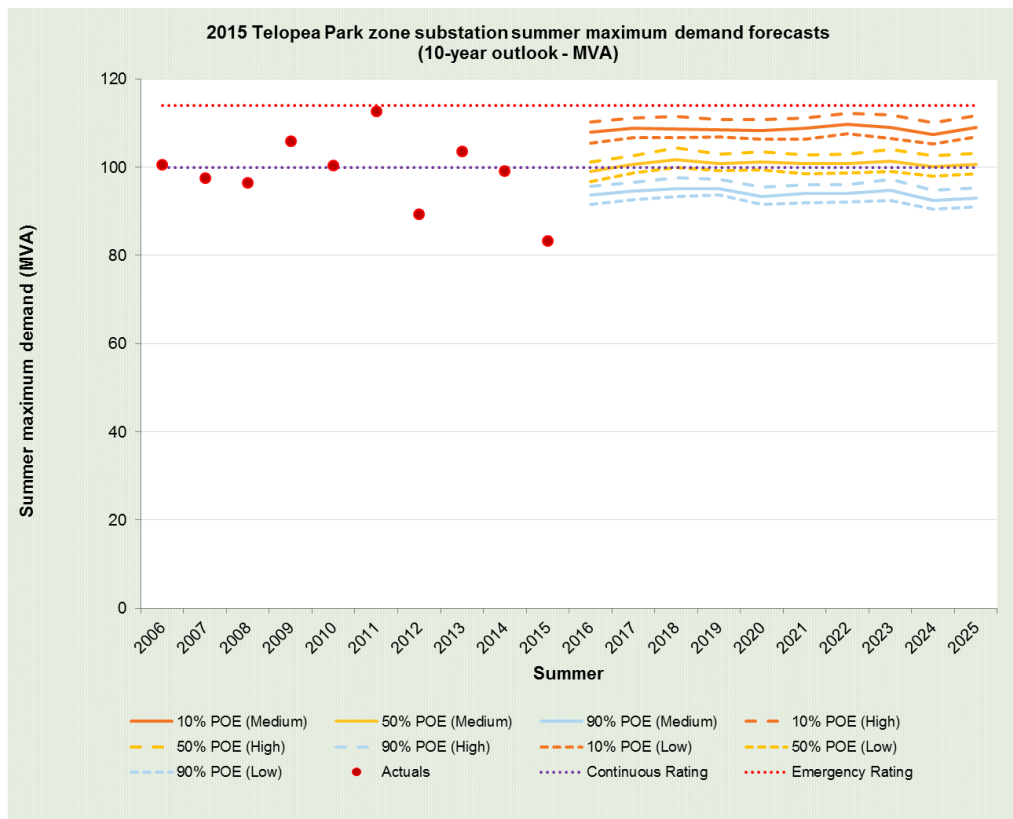


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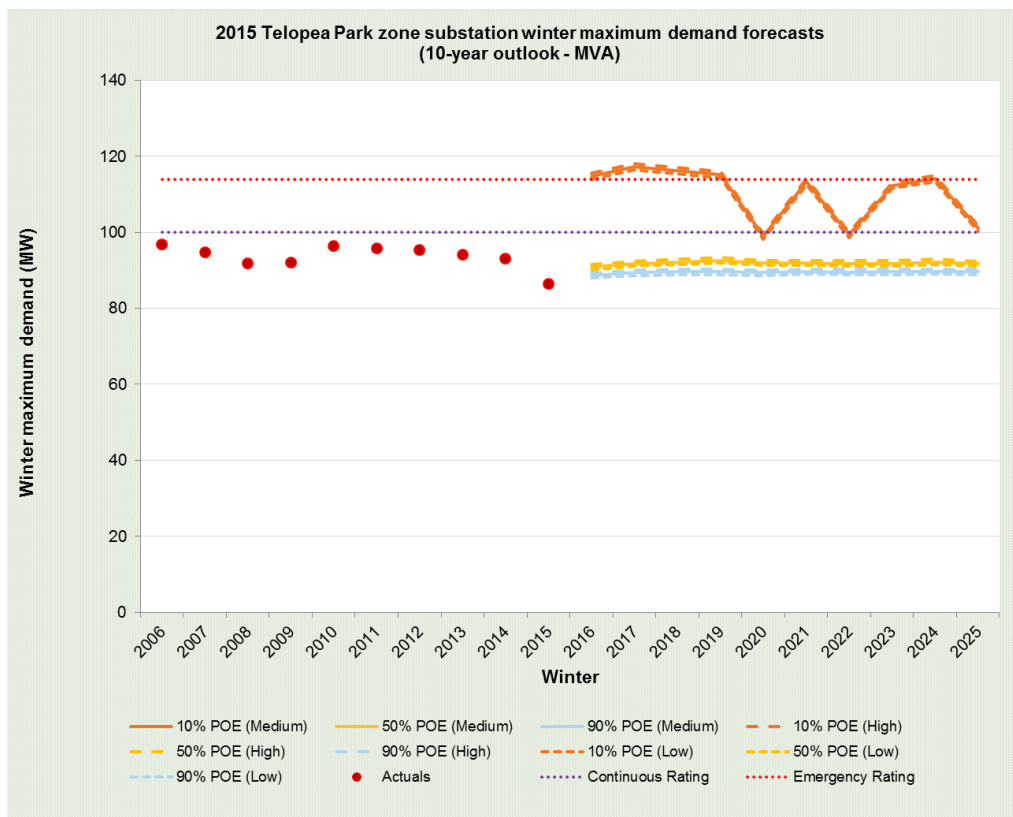


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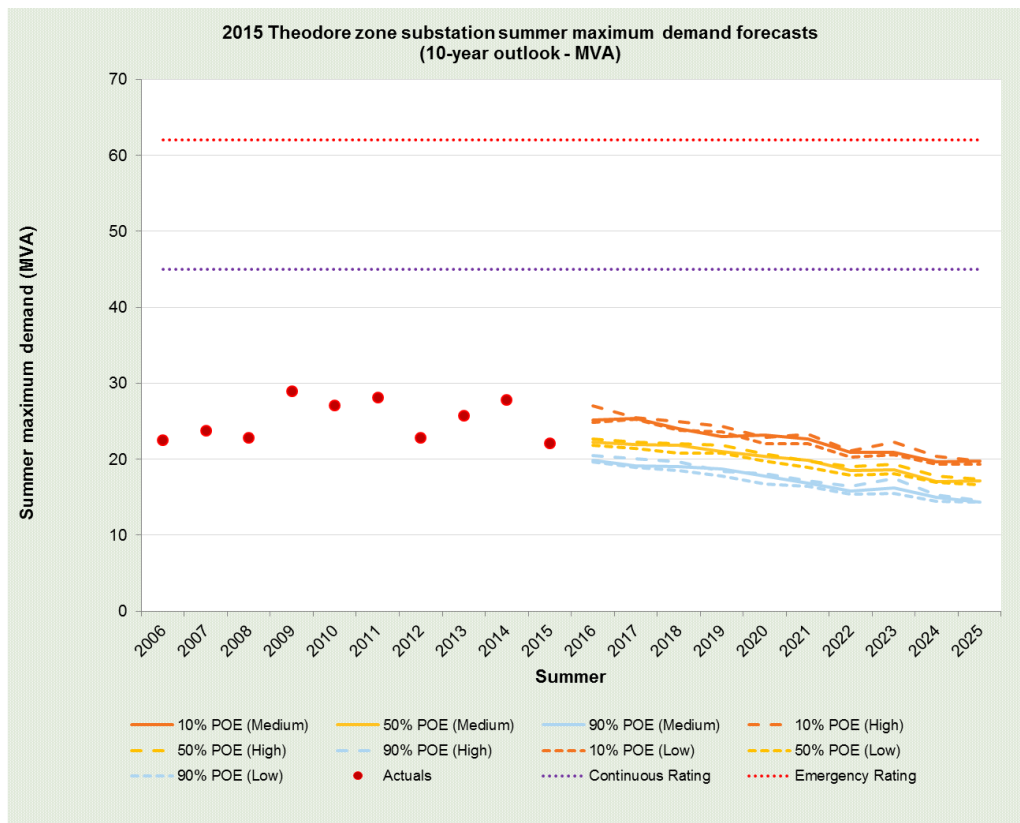


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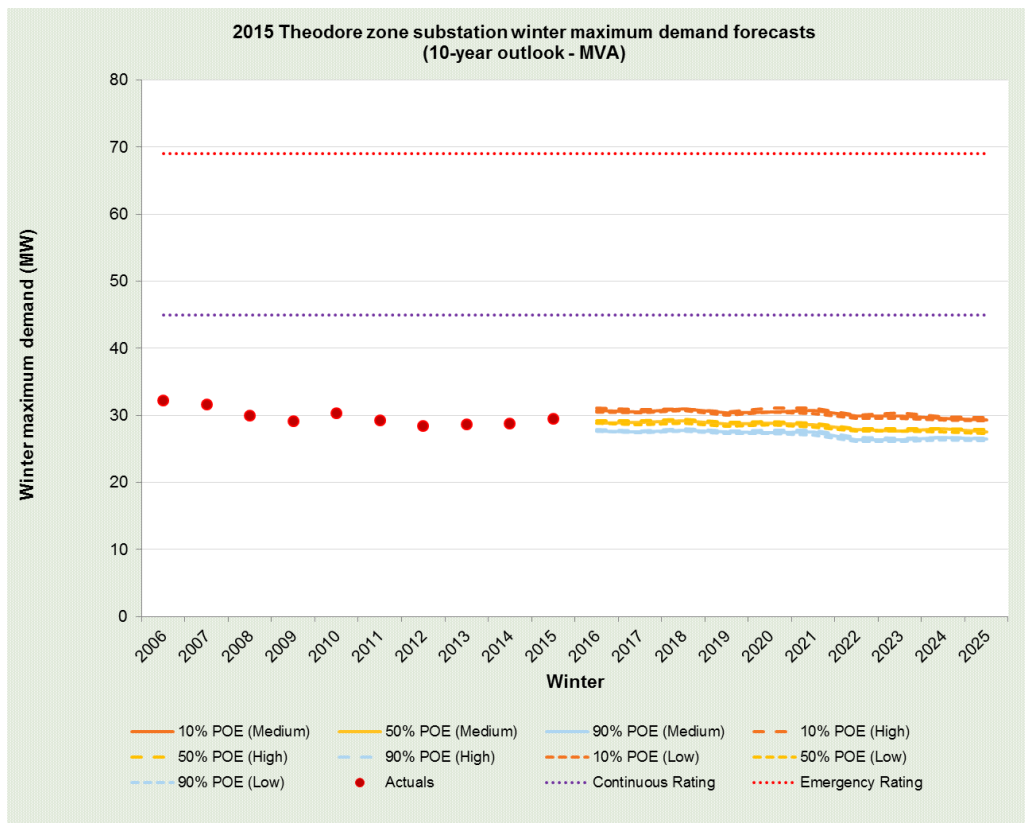


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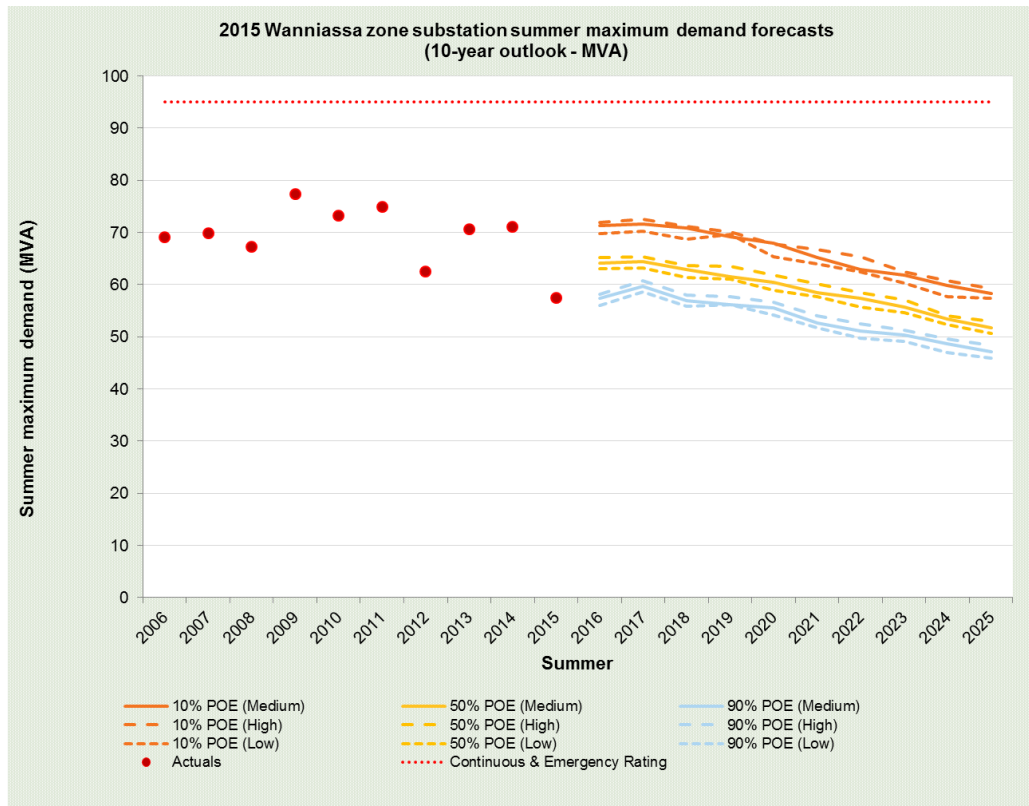


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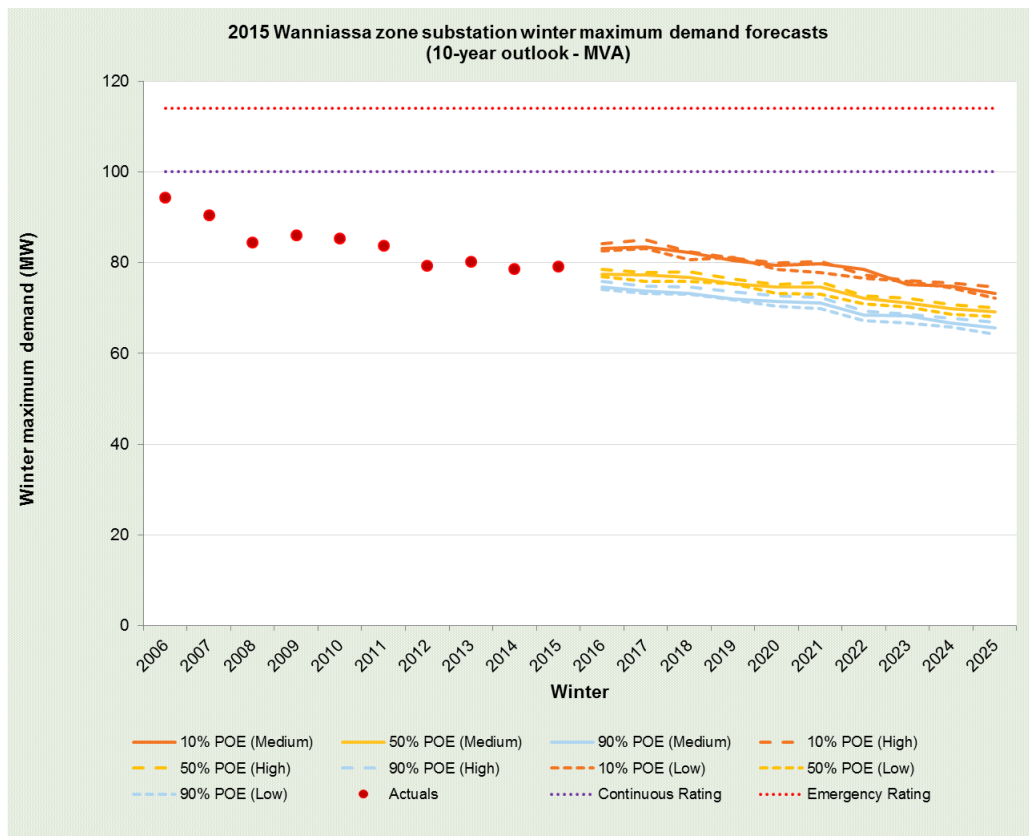


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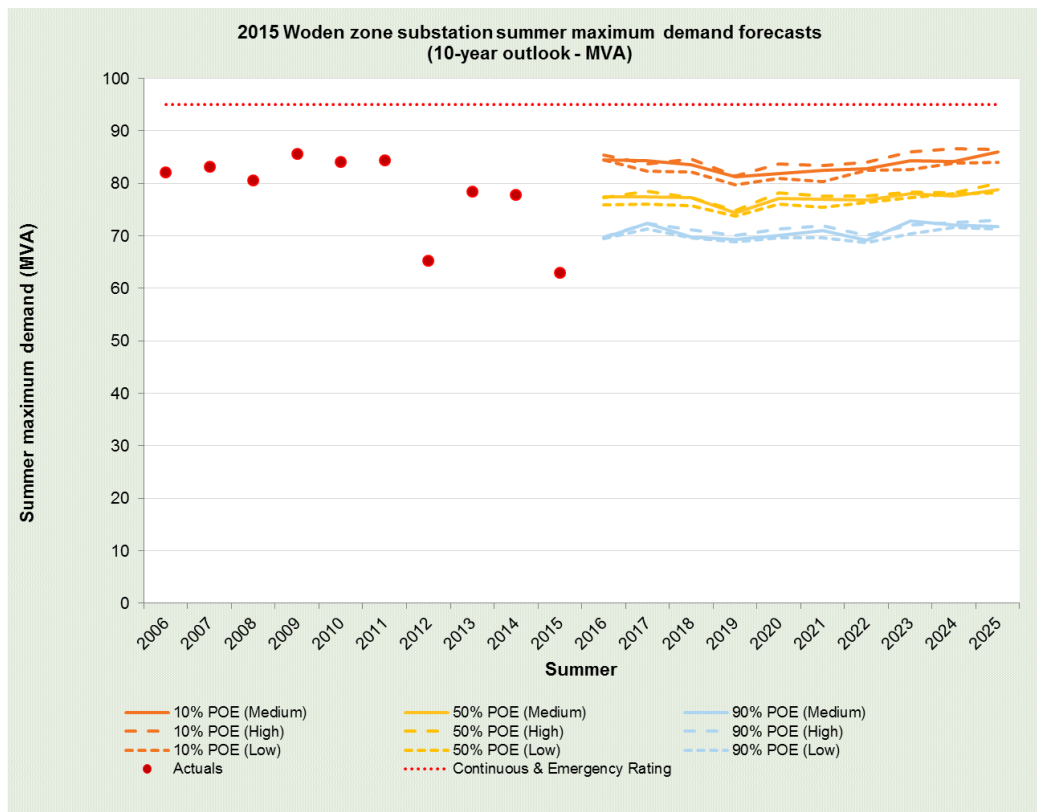
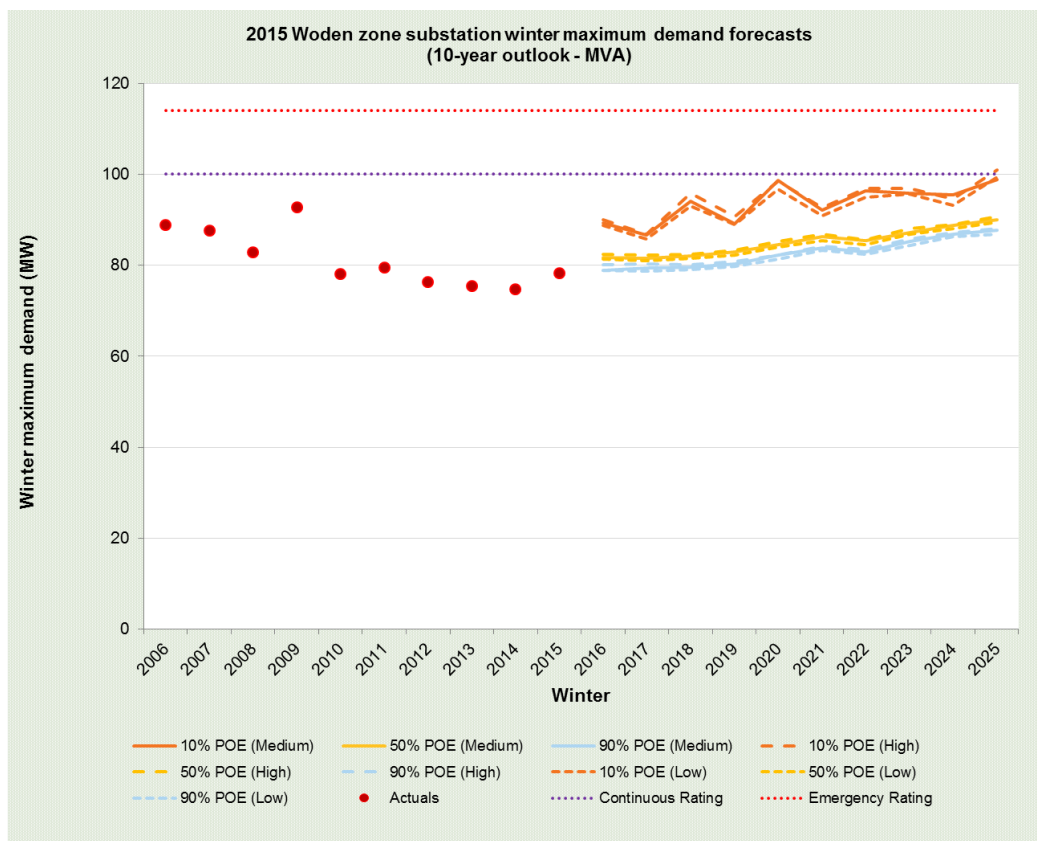


Figure C.13.2: Woden Zone Substation 2015 winter maximum demand forecasts



Appendix D: Transmission Line Ratings

LINE		VOLTAGE	CURRENT RATING (AMPS)			
			SUMMER DAY (35°C ambient temp)		WINTER DAY (15°C ambient temp)	
FROM	TO		CONTINUOUS	EMERGENCY	CONTINUOUS	EMERGENCY
Canberra	Woden	132 kV	1950	2960	2540	3320
Canberra	Latham	132 kV	1950	2958	2540	3320
Canberra	Gold Creek	132 kV	1930	2920	2520	3280
Latham	Belconnen	132 kV	1950	2960	2540	3320
Bruce	Belconnen	132 kV	1930	2920	2520	3280
Bruce	Gold Creek	132 kV	1930	2920	2520	3280
Bruce	Civic	132 kV	1930	2930	2520	3290
Bruce	City East	132 kV	970	1460	1260	1640
East Lake	Bruce	132 kV	1080	1270	1220	1440
East Lake	Causeway	132 kV	1080	1270	1220	1440
Woden	Wanniassa	132 kV	1990	3000	2590	3370
Civic	Woden	132 kV	1950	2960	2540	3330
Causeway	City East	132 kV	970	1460	1260	1640
Gilmore	Causeway	132 kV	1930	2920	2510	3280
Wanniassa	Gilmore	132 kV	1930	2960	2510	3280
Gilmore	Williamsdale	132 kV	970	1460	1260	1640
Gilmore	Theodore	132 kV	970	1460	1260	1640
Theodore	Williamsdale	132 kV	970	1460	1220	1640
Causeway	Telopea Park	132 kV	1170	1170	1170	1170
Fyshwick	Queanbeyan	66 kV	500	840	820	1040

Appendix E: Small Scale (≤ 200 kW) PV Generation by Feeder

Zone Substation	Feeder	Number Sites	Installed capacity (W)	Zone Substation	Feeder	Number Sites	Installed capacity (W)
Belconnen	Aikman	0	0	City East	Chisholm	77	208,030
Belconnen	Baldwin	154	446,035	City East	CNBP		
Belconnen	Battye	2	12,210	City East	Constitution	1	36,000
Belconnen	Bean	92	288,908	City East	Cooyong		
Belconnen	Benjamin	3	31,275	City East	Cowper	65	201,959
Belconnen	CAE No 1	0	0	City East	Duffy	98	412,251
Belconnen	CAE No 2	0	0	City East	Ebden	186	489,363
Belconnen	Cameron North	3	5,530	City East	Electricity House	0	0
Belconnen	Cameron South	7	21,890	City East	Fairbairn	5	22,760
Belconnen	Chan	0	0	City East	Ferdinand	102	333,059
Belconnen	Chandler	0	0	City East	Haig	16	85,890
Belconnen	Chuculba	113	302,250	City East	Ijong	5	10,249
Belconnen	Eardley	37	95,487	City East	Lonsdale	0	0
Belconnen	Emu Bank	0	0	City East	Mackenzie	159	428,731
Belconnen	Haydon	90	260,753	City East	Masson	1	29,400
Belconnen	Joy Cummins	66	155,555	City East	Northbourne	1	2,520
Belconnen	Lampard	29	84,860	City East	Petrie	3	75,200
Belconnen	Laurie	125	353,743	City East	Quick	8	25,640
Belconnen	Maribyrnong	40	274,215	City East	Stott	143	354,884
Belconnen	McGuinnes	99	322,926	City East	Wakefield	77	226,316
Belconnen	Meacham	235	652,582	City East	Wolseley	63	161,123
Belconnen	Shannon	137	359,150				
Belconnen	Swinden	13	40,005	Civic	ANU No1	0	0
Belconnen	William Slim	126	336,605	Civic	ANU No2	0	0
				Civic	ANU No3	0	0
City East	Aero Park	0	0	Civic	ANU No4	0	0
City East	Ainslie	0	0	Civic	ANU No5	0	0
City East	Akuna	0	0	Civic	Belconnen Way North	101	270,977
City East	Allara	0	0	Civic	Belconnen Way South	154	378,979
City East	Binara	0	0	Civic	Black Mountain	93	299,279
City East	Braddon	1	30,528	Civic	Christian	0	0
City East	Bunda	0	0	Civic	CSIRO	0	0

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Civic	Dryandra	147	394,447	Gilmore	Tralee	5	118,515
Civic	Girrahween	0	0	Gilmore	Willoughby	63	193,858
Civic	Hobart Long	3	24,995				
Civic	Hobart Short	0	0	Gold Creek	Anthony Rolfe	119	371,386
Civic	Jolimont	0	0	Gold Creek	Barrington	221	588,438
Civic	McCaughey	12	28,965	Gold Creek	Birrigai	45	102,303
Civic	Miller	159	441,547	Gold Creek	Boulevard North	13	44,925
Civic	Nicholson	26	107,137	Gold Creek	Bunburung	24	58,112
Civic	Telecom Tower	0	0	Gold Creek	Ferguson	274	721,691
Civic	Wattle	9	45,162	Gold Creek	Gribble	10	52,760
				Gold Creek	Gungahlin	8	90,180
East Lake	Dairy North	10	150,578	Gold Creek	Gurrang	88	274,173
				Gold Creek	Hughes	112	296,699
Fyshwick	Abattoirs	11	34,612	Gold Creek	Lander	309	925,741
Fyshwick	Airport	0	0	Gold Creek	Lexcen	167	510,569
Fyshwick	Barrier	4	358,430	Gold Creek	Ling	34	112,906
Fyshwick	Collie	4	258,400	Gold Creek	Magenta	49	144,602
Fyshwick	Domayne	1	149,820	Gold Creek	Nona	238	635,316
Fyshwick	Gladstone	3	21,550	Gold Creek	Riley	79	228,218
Fyshwick	Newcastle	0	0	Gold Creek	Saunders	138	369,462
Fyshwick	Pialligo	0	0	Gold Creek	Wanganen	26	57,191
Fyshwick	Tennant	6	174,093	Gold Creek	Wellington	0	0
Fyshwick	Whyalla	4	39,420	Gold Creek	West Street	195	478,454
Gilmore	Alderson	2	21,010	Latham	Bowley	203	556,597
Gilmore	Beggs	85	260,256	Latham	Conley	91	241,803
Gilmore	Edmond	111	319,607	Latham	Copland	113	308,835
Gilmore	Falkiner	72	215,888	Latham	Elkington	135	340,257
Gilmore	Findlayson	109	323,297	Latham	Fielder	23	119,075
Gilmore	Harman	0	0	Latham	Florey	138	403,978
Gilmore	Jackie Howe	123	367,413	Latham	Homann	119	568,412
Gilmore	May Maxwell	111	288,988	Latham	Latham	129	353,828
Gilmore	Monaro	2	326,748	Latham	Lhotsky	309	731,103
Gilmore	Penton	35	91,051	Latham	LM East	23	44,447
Gilmore	Rossman	100	281,440	Latham	LM West	26	67,728

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Latham	Macrossan	228	540,660	Telopea Park	NSW	8	75,250
Latham	Markell	135	393,312	Telopea Park	Ovens	6	16,050
Latham	Melba	110	300,166	Telopea Park	Parliament House No 1	0	0
Latham	O'Loughlen	157	461,871	Telopea Park	Parliament House No 4	0	0
Latham	Paterick	75	209,422	Telopea Park	Power House	34	78,190
Latham	Powers	85	233,438	Telopea Park	Queen Victoria	0	0
Latham	Seal	141	385,858	Telopea Park	Riverside	2	5,775
Latham	Tillyard	131	382,175	Telopea Park	Russell No 1	0	0
Latham	Verbrugghen	82	240,288	Telopea Park	Russell No 2	0	0
Latham	Weir	172	501,336	Telopea Park	Russell No 3	0	0
				Telopea Park	Sandalwood	6	27,210
Telopea Park	ANU Backup	0	0	Telopea Park	Strzelecki	48	157,950
Telopea Park	Belmore	25	112,602	Telopea Park	Sturt	70	204,643
Telopea Park	Blackall	0	0	Telopea Park	Telopea Park East	4	14,241
Telopea Park	Bowen	0	0	Telopea Park	Throsby	90	331,700
Telopea Park	Brisbane	0	0	Telopea Park	York Park 1	0	0
Telopea Park	Broughton	0	0	Telopea Park	York Park 2	0	0
Telopea Park	CNBP1	0	0	Telopea Park	Young	0	0
Telopea Park	Cunningham	129	388,215				
Telopea Park	Edmond Barton	0	0	Theodore	Banyule	134	326,949
Telopea Park	Empire	115	344,337	Theodore	Callister	227	627,098
Telopea Park	Forster	41	151,536	Theodore	Chippindall	147	442,386
Telopea Park	Gallery			Theodore	Eaglemont	181	512,059
Telopea Park	Giles	34	100,020	Theodore	Fairley	131	402,711
Telopea Park	Jardine	0	0	Theodore	Lawrence Wackett	163	412,235
Telopea Park	Kelliher	0	0	Theodore	Lethbridge	108	350,193
Telopea Park	Kingston Foreshore 1	1	9,880	Theodore	Morison	140	2,650
Telopea Park	Kingston Foreshore 2	10	46,082	Theodore	Templestowe	72	202,354
Telopea Park	Kurrajong	1	3,150				
Telopea Park	Mildura	0	0	Wanniassa	Ashley	97	281,335
Telopea Park	Monash	4	11,500	Wanniassa	Athllon	138	339,941
Telopea Park	Mundaring	0	0	Wanniassa	Bissenberger	156	435,558

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Wanniassa	Brookman	104	334,397	Woden	Deakin No 2	10	62,865
Wanniassa	Conolly	113	308,047	Woden	Devonport	23	47,164
Wanniassa	Erindale	0	0	Woden	Easty	0	0
Wanniassa	Fincham	1	1,500	Woden	Folingsby	157	467,759
Wanniassa	Gaunson	85	250,965	Woden	Garran	0	0
Wanniassa	Gouger	71	200,415	Woden	Hilder	119	298,027
Wanniassa	Grimshaw	459	903,057	Woden	Hindmarsh	0	0
Wanniassa	Hawker	90	263,810	Woden	Kent	0	0
Wanniassa	Hawkesbury	147	391,385	Woden	King	11	48,771
Wanniassa	Hemmings	79	203,827	Woden	Launceston	0	0
Wanniassa	Lambrigg	80	283,816	Woden	Lyons West	232	606,198
Wanniassa	Langdon	139	396,608	Woden	McInnes	129	425,192
Wanniassa	Longmore	151	454,208	Woden	Phillip North	3	27,865
Wanniassa	Mannheim	88	241,465	Woden	Phillip South	0	0
Wanniassa	Marconi	135	384,378	Woden	Streeton	130	350,004
Wanniassa	Matthews	130	729,387	Woden	Theodore	105	326,398
Wanniassa	Mugga	1	199,386	Woden	Tidbinbilla 22 kV	3	20,085
Wanniassa	Muresk	183	580,305	Woden	Weston East	138	373,986
Wanniassa	Pitman	2	201,520	Woden	Wilson	148	447,364
Wanniassa	Pridham	69	158,040	Woden	Yamba	0	0
Wanniassa	Reid	151	447,797	Woden	Yarralumla	47	153,685
Wanniassa	Rowland	0	0				
Wanniassa	Sainsbury	52	144,489		TOTAL	15,717	46,842,462
Wanniassa	Sternberg	2	5,900				
Wanniassa	Symers	70	214,369				
Woden	Bunbury	187	579,297				
Woden	Carruthers	114	336,477				
Woden	Cooleman	82	216,570				
Woden	Corrina	2	31,710				
Woden	Cotter 11 kV	141	452,416				
Woden	Cotter 22 kV	0	0				
Woden	Curtin North	123	334,971				
Woden	Daplyn	114	276,220				
Woden	Deakin No 1	80	201,853				