

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a RIT-D?

A regulatory investment test for distribution (RIT-D) is the process which Evoenergy must adopt wherever we identify a need to invest in our network in excess of \$6M. The RIT-D process requires us to identify and evaluate both network and non-network options for meeting the network need.

More information on the RIT-D process can be found in [Australian Energy Regulator \(AER\) Final RIT-D Application Guidelines 2018](#).

What is a Non-Network Options Report (NNOR)

As a part of the RIT-D process, Evoenergy is required to prepare a non-network options report (NNOR). The NNOR sets out the identified need as well as our initial screening of non-network options to indicate what type of options might be credible.

The NNOR seeks to provide relevant information that allows non-network providers to develop credible non-network solutions which may enable Evoenergy to defer and/or avoid capital expenditure in network solutions.

Who should respond to this NNOR?

Any non-network provider that is able to provide services which meet the identified network need are strongly encouraged to respond to this NNOR.

How do I submit a response to the NNOR?

Submissions can be made via email to RIT@evoenergy.com.au

Submissions must be lodged by 28 November 2022 at 5pm.

What should be included in the response to the NNOR?

Evoenergy is seeking proposals that provide sufficient detail about the type, scale and cost of non-network solutions offered by providers. Submissions should include as much of the following information as possible.

1. Non-network provider name and contact details,
2. Overview of the proposal and the extent to which it addresses the identified need,
3. A technical description, including but not limited to:
 - a) Location(s), site plan, and specifically if the non-network solution is contained within the target area,
 - b) Size of the peak load reduction (including any standards/methodologies relied upon to determine the load reductions) or additional supply capacity (temporary or permanently connected generators) offered
 - c) Electrical layout schematics/single line diagram (if applicable),
 - d) Network connection requirements (if applicable),
 - e) Contribution to power system security or reliability,
 - f) Contribution to power system fault levels and load flow and stability studies (if applicable),
 - g) Operating profile, and
 - h) How each of these matters is consistent with applicable technical standards.
4. Implementation timeline, estimated lifespan and key milestones,
5. Measurement and verification procedures,
6. Planning application information (where required),
7. List of services and prices to be provided which may include:
 - a) Availability payment (payment which guarantees availability of the non-network option regardless of whether it is required or not);

- b) Demand reduction in terms of maximum power (\$/kVA) and/or energy delivered (\$/kWh); or
 - c) Total cost to provide services to meet identified need
 - d) Other more detailed/complex service offerings and price schedules
8. Required notice time for availability (and any impact on prices for services where this notice time is not provided),
 9. Proposed operational and contractual commitments, including financier commitments and any commitments to operate within other markets (e.g. wholesale and FCAS) which may impact the availability of services,
 10. Potential risks and any actions that can be taken to mitigate these risks including the risk of not meeting the demand requirement and the compensation arrangements that would apply in such circumstances, and
 11. Testimonials.

How do I contact Evoenergy for more information?

Questions and requests for further information can be submitted to RIT@evoenergy.com.au
The period for requests for additional information closes on 28 November 2022 at 5pm.

It is recommended that non-network providers contact Evoenergy as early as possible to allow adequate time for response.

Questions and requests for further information will be anonymised and published with Evoenergy's response on the Evoenergy website. Initial responses will be provided within 10 days. Non-network providers are encouraged to regularly check the website as it will be updated throughout the submission period.