

ActewAGL Distribution Energy Consumer Reference Council Communique

Meeting 20 – 11 October 2017

The ActewAGL Distribution Energy Consumer Reference Council (ECRC) met on 11 October 2017. Representatives from Council on the Aging ACT (COTA), Engineers Australia, ACT Council of Social Services (ACTCOSS) and the Tuggeranong Community Council participated in the meeting.

The following presentations and associated discussion occurred at the meeting:

- **Powerline Fire Safety Policy;** Presentation by the ACT Government on proposal to transfer responsibility for vegetation management of powerlines in ACT Government owned urban areas to ActewAGL Distribution. Members of the ECRC encouraged the ACT Government to speak with key community stakeholders on this proposal as there are likely to be members of the community concerned about tree-cutting in urban areas.
- **Power of Choice;** Presentations by both ActewAGL Distribution and ACT Government on the communications associated with the Power of Choice prior to the metering reforms coming into force on 1 December.
- **Brand change;** presentation by ActewAGL on the new brand for the ActewAGL Distribution - EvoEnergy.
- **ActewAGL SMS Demand Trial;** ECRC members were briefed on a recent residential trial undertaken in Belconnen. The trial encouraged customers to reduce energy consumption in response to SMS requests, as a way of modelling the impact this might have on the network.
- **2019-24 Electricity Networks Regulatory Proposal;** ActewAGL Distribution provided a presentation as part of the development of the 2019-24 Electricity Networks Regulatory Proposal to the Australian Energy Regulator. The presentation incorporated information and discussion in the areas of:
 - Tariff Structure Statement - Structure of residential, low voltage commercial and high voltage commercial network tariffs, continual shift toward cost-reflective tariff structure.
 - Framework and Approach (F&A) – AER final F&A was published in July.
 - Customer number and energy consumption forecasts
 - Consumer feedback to-date on the 2019-24 Electricity Network five-year plan.

Copies of presentations and papers presented to the meeting are available at www.actewagl.com.au/consumerengagement . The next meeting of the ECRC is scheduled for December 2017. For further information contact Jo Fisher, ActewAGL on 02 6248 3314.