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National Energy Customer Framework Update

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide stakeholders with an update on the National Energy Customer Framework (NECF), in particular the introduction of the NECF package of Bills to the South Australian Parliament.

In line with the scheduled NECF Parliamentary introduction timeframe outlined in the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE) Communiqué of June 2010, the South Australian Minister for Energy, the Hon Patrick Conlon MP, introduced two Bills (the National Energy Retail Law (South Australia) Bill 2010 (NERL) and the Statutes Amendment (National Energy Retail Law) Bill 2010 to the Parliament of South Australia on 27 October 2010.

Those Bills can be viewed at: <http://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/listBills.aspx?key=N>

To assist stakeholders in preparation for implementation of the NECF, the Regulations and Rules that will be made are being released. These Regulations and Rules are not subject to any further consultation and their publication is aimed at informing stakeholders to allow the commencement of implementation planning.

The following Regulations to be made have been released:

- the National Energy Retail Regulations
- the National Electricity (National Energy Retail Law) Variation Regulations 2010
- the National Gas (National Energy Retail Law) Variation Regulations 2010

The following Rules (to be made by the South Australian Minister) have also been released:

- the initial National Energy Retail Rules
- the National Electricity (Retail Support) Amendment Rules 2010
- the National Gas (Retail Support) Amendment Rules 2010
- the National Electricity (Miscellaneous and Consequential) Amendment Rules 2010
- the National Gas (Miscellaneous and Consequential) Amendment Rules 2010
- the National Gas Retail Market Amendment Procedures 2010
- the National Electricity (Retail Connection) Amendment Rules 2010
- the National Gas (Retail Connection) Amendment Rules 2010

These Regulations and Rules to be made are available at www.mce.gov.au.

The MCE Standing Committee of Officials (SCO) is continuing to work toward the transition from existing relevant jurisdictional energy retail and distribution regimes to the NECF. The MCE SCO has established a national working group – the Joint

Implementation Group ('JIG') – to deal with national transition projects and to coordinate jurisdictional transition work. Engagement with stakeholders will be a key responsibility of the JIG during this transition phase.

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