

# **Addendum 7.1.5: Energy Matters Forum report**

Regulatory proposal for the ACT electricity  
distribution network 2024–29

# Energy Matters forum summary report

Forum date: 3 August 2022

# Energy Matters forum

Evoenergy held an online Energy Matters forum to engage with major customers connected to the ACT high voltage (HV) network and those considering connecting to the network.

Major customers heard from Evoenergy specialists regarding future electricity network pricing for large ACT businesses and were given the opportunity to give feedback during the forum.

**Time & date:** 7:30am, 3 August 2022

## Evoenergy attendance

General Manager Evoenergy  
General Manager Economic Regulation  
Group Manager Customer Delivery  
Group Manager Regulatory Pricing  
Strategic Account Manager  
Planning and Future Networks Manager  
Manager Planning and Analysis  
Communications and Engagement Manager

## External stakeholder attendance

14 attendees from 9 large commercial organisations  
(19 large commercial customers were invited to the forum)  
Australian Energy Regulator representative  
Consumer Challenge Panel representative

## Agenda

	Item	Responsibility
5 minutes	Welcome	Strategy Support & Project Officer
10 minutes	Introduction	General Manager Evoenergy
50 minutes	Future electricity network pricing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current TSS</li><li>• Opportunities</li><li>• Export pricing</li></ul>	Group Manager Regulatory Pricing
25 minutes	Feedback and discussion	Group

## Key messages

Evoenergy are developing a network tariff plan for the next five years for the electricity network. This plan is called a Tariff Structure Statement (TSS).

A TSS provides customers with information about current network tariffs and how these may change in the future. Evoenergy's current TSS will expire on 30 June 2024. Evoenergy is seeking input from commercial customers to help shape the future of network tariffs in the ACT.

## Discussion

Evoenergy presented network tariff proposals for inclusion in the 2024-29 TSS and sought feedback on the current tariff structure.


### HV tariff structure

Evoenergy presented an overview of the current HV tariff structure (see Figure 1), then requested feedback on it. In particular, participants were asked whether they considered any changes were necessary, and whether they considered the current structure suitable for the upcoming 2024-29 regulatory period.

*Figure 1 HV tariff structure presentation slide*

## HV tariff structure

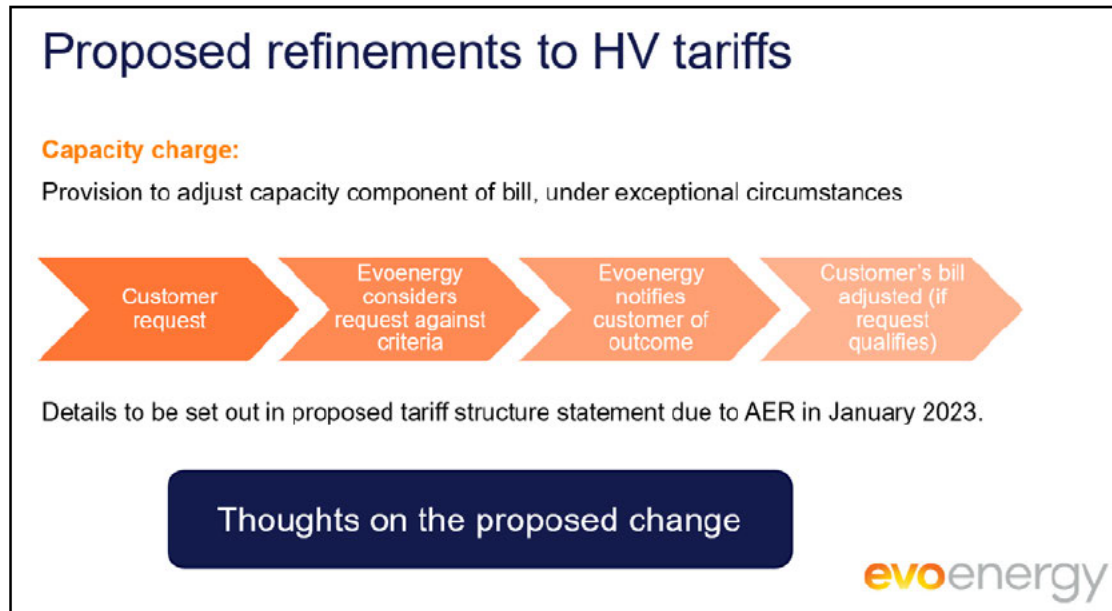
- Fixed charge**
  - Daily charge
- Capacity charge**
  - highest kVA demand recorded over a 30-minute clocked interval during the previous 13 months (inclusive of current billing month)
- Peak demand charge**
  - highest kVA demand recorded over a 30-minute clocked interval during the billing period, within peak/business hours
- Time-of-use consumption charges**
  - Peak/business (7am – 5pm weekdays)
  - Shoulder (5pm – 10pm weekdays)
  - Off-peak (all other times)



### Capacity charge review

Evoenergy also presented a proposal to review the capacity charge tariff component under exceptional circumstances (see Figure 2). Specifically, when a customer anticipates a spike in demand, they could apply to Evoenergy (before the spike occurs) for the capacity charge to be reviewed. Participants were asked whether they supported this.

Figure 2 HV capacity charge presentation slide



Participants did not raise any issues or concerns about the proposed change. The responses received indicated there is general support for the proposal. An extract from the chat function is set out below.

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Sounds OK. No reaction button  
Any chance of retrospective due to unexpected unusual events.

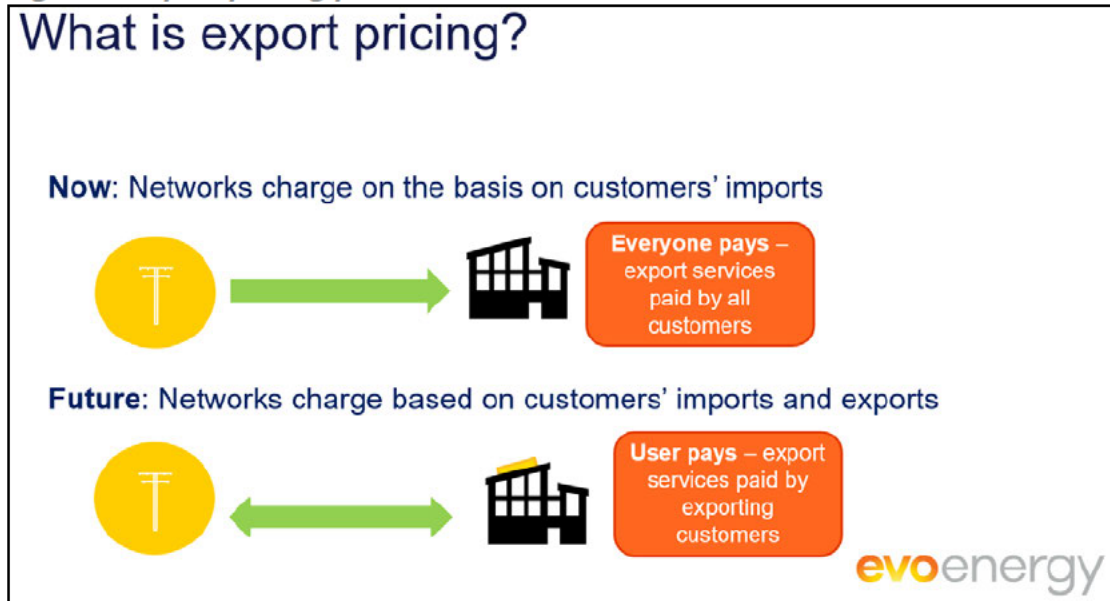
AT  
Hello, is it possible to have the comparison in terms of \$ with current and proposed changes ? Thanks

KW  
Basic structure OK. What about other factors like ACT Govt 100% green impact?

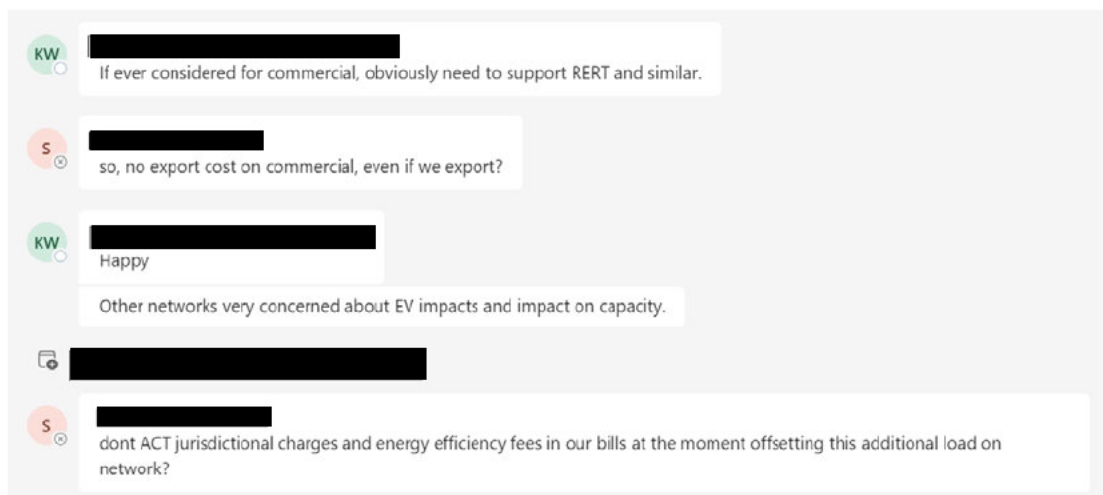
## Export tariffs

Evoenergy provided an overview of the concept of export pricing (see Figure 3). Network load profiles of a typical residential and commercial customer were presented in the context of export pricing. Evoenergy explained that, at this stage, there was no network requirement to include two-way tariffs for commercial customers in the 2024-29 regulatory period. Participants were then asked whether they supported this approach (i.e. to not introduce export tariffs for commercial customers in the 2024-29 regulatory period).

Figure 3 Export pricing presentation slide



Participants did not raise any issues or concerns about the proposed change. The responses received indicated there is general support for the proposal. An extract from the chat function is set out below.



Participants were encouraged to contact Evoenergy if they sought further information or clarification about any of the content covered at the Energy Matters forum.

## **Conclusion**

Customers attending the session supported Evoenergy's proposed changes to future electricity network tariffs for customers. Participants were sent a copy of the presentation for their reference.