

WORK COMPLETED – FUNDING OF ADVOCACY PANEL FOR DIRECTOR POLICY AND REGULATION (NEM SPECIALIST)

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Issue	Advocacy undertaken
EUAA Work and Advocacy Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in the developments of EUAA's 2004/05 work and advocacy programs with specific focus on NEM wide issues. • Have begun preparation of EUAA National Energy White Paper.
Easement Land Tax levy – Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared members up-date on implication of Victorian Government easement Land Tax on transmission • Investigated issue from standpoint of transmission charges set under Chapter 6 of the NEC. • Reviewed and provide feedback on the ESC draft determination for pass through of land tax from Victorian Distribution Businesses to end users to ensure users were no worse off than under previous smelter levy. • Prepared member update on the implications of the ESC's final Determination of the pass through. • Organised and participated in United Energy workshop on how UE passed through land tax to large users.
Tasmanian entry to NEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and prepared update for EUAA Members meeting on Tasmanian Government publications in preparation to the NEM
Directlink application to ACCC for conversion from MNSP to TNSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared submission on Directlink application, including user impacts and Code aspects (eg transmission pricing, conversion from MNSP to TNSP) • Lodged submission with ACCC (16/6/04) • Reviewed Directlink's re-application as requested by the ACCC due to Powerlink's and Energex's South East Queensland upgrade of transmission/distribution.
Victorian Essential Services 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed ESC Consultation Papers 1,2 & 3.

<p>Distribution Price Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided input into EUAA submission to Consultation Paper 2, Service Standards. • Prepared supplementary submission to AP for consultancy funding • Examined application of NEC to review. • Prepared background paper on the use of consultants for review. • Prepared and distributed RFT documentation for consultants. • Reviewed ESC Final Framework and Approach report and evaluated ESC's comments on EUAA's submissions on ESC's Discussion Papers No. 1 (Proposed Framework) and 2 (Service Standards). • Evaluated consultants' proposals and prepared detailed documentation of preferred tenderer for AP consideration. • Evaluated DBs price/service offerings, and ESC Summary and Issues Papers. Working with MJA and other end user groups to prepare a response to ESC Issues Paper. • Organised a meeting of Victorian end users to discuss ESC's Issues Paper • Worked with MJA to prepare end user response to the ESC's Issues Paper. • Prepared AP application for additional funding to assist end users group review ESC appointed consultants' reports on demand forecasts, service standards incentive regime, capex/opex forecasts, WACC. • Organised and participated in workshop with United Energy to discuss the Technology Fund they have proposed as part of their 2006-2010 price service offering.
<p>Victorian ESC Pricing Issues Consultation Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and provided feedback to the ESC on Pricing Issues Consultation Group Discussion Paper 2: Electricity Distribution Price Controls • Reviewed NSW IPART Final Decision on Pricing Principles and relationship to NEC to ensure ESC obtains consistent outcome for end users.

<p>Transgrid/EA Revenue Cap Determination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted with the evaluation of ACCC Draft Determination • Provided comments into joint Customer Submission to ACCC Draft Determination • Reviewed Transgrid's and EA's re-submitted CAPEX proposals as requested by the ACCC. Re-submissions based on ACCC Revised Draft Statement of Regulatory Principles • Prepared AP application to engage MMA to assist in preparing a response to Transgrid's and EA's re-submitted CAPEX proposals • Worked with MMA to prepare EUAA submissions to Transgrid's and EnergyAustralia's revised CAPEX proposals. Submissions lodged with the ACCC on 17 January 2005 (EnergyAustralia) and 17 February 2005 (Transgrid). • Reviewed ACCC Supplementary Draft Determination. • Worked with MMA to prepare a EUAA submission to ACCC Supplementary Draft Determination. • Prepared and presented large users views on Supplementary Draft Determination at ACCC Public Forum.
<p>Federal Government Energy White Paper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted EUAA Executive Director in preparation of EUAA response and public comments • Reviewed, evaluated and prepared end user communiqué on policy announcement, especially NEM aspects
<p>NEMMCO Communications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and prepared member communiqués on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of System Restart Ancillary services arrangements ○ Power System Incident Report – 8 March ○ Publication of the Annual Metering & Retail Market Development Report 2004 ○ Market Event Report – Vic SA Separation 8 March 2004 ○ Changes to Settlement Residue Auction Rules Draft Report ○ POWERLINK & ENERGEX - Application Notice – Proposed New Large Network Assets – South West Brisbane Area ○ Power System Report of 13 August NEM impact of fire at Bayswater Generation plant ○ 3 August 2004 Incident - Under Frequency Load Shedding Report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on Directions on 19 September 2004 ○ Wholesale Process Implementation Plan ○ Market Event Report - Queensland Floor Price - 24 June 2004
<p>NSW Contracting out of Energy Market Trading</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed NSW Treasury Discussion paper. • Preliminary assessment of relationship of proposal to NEC, development of NEM and user impacts. • Prepared AP submission for funding to undertake quantitative analysis of the impact of policy proposal on end users. • Worked with ACIL Tasman to scope modeling impact of policy proposal on the NEM. Analysis was included in AP funding application. • Evaluated and provided input to ACIL Tasman’s end user modeling of NSW policy proposal. • Prepared cover submission to ACIL Tasman report. EUAA cover submission and ACIL Tasman report lodged with NSW Treasury on 1 October 2004. • Prepared member information paper on ACIL Tasman Report. • Met with Peter Hoogland (Head of Energy Policy) from NSW Treasury to discuss findings and recommendations of EUAA/ACIL Tasman report. Met with John Hughes (Head of Energy) from NSW DEUS to discuss findings and recommendations of EUAA/ACIL Tasman report. • Organised for ACIL Tasman to provide EUAA members with a presentation of the NSW policy proposal on end users (presentation held in NSW on 23 November 2004). • Briefed Annabel Hepworth from AFR on ACIL Tasman Report finding. AFR ran story.
<p>Productivity Commission Review of National Competition Policy principles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with PC Commissioners and staff to discuss users experience with NEM and related energy reforms. • Prepared EUAA submission to Review, including user experience with NEM and related energy reforms. • Lodged submission in September.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed PC Draft Report and prepared an analysis of EUAA recommendations against PC recommendations on energy sector reform.
ACCC Service Standards Working Group for TNSPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed ACCC draft decision: transparency measures and provided feedback to ACCC • Attended and provided end user input at ACCC Working Group meetings on 18 May & 26 July • Reviewed and prepared submission to the ACCC Draft Decision: Statement of Principles for the Regulation of Transmission Revenue, Market Impact Transparency Measures as required under the Code (lodged 31 August 2004).
ACCC Regulation Test and Draft Regulatory Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and prepared member update on end user implications of the ACCC Revised Regulation Test. • Met with the ACCC and TNSPs to discuss ACCC Draft Regulatory Principles. • Prepared submission on the ACCC revised Regulation Test and Draft Regulatory Principles (lodged 4 November 2004). • Reviewing and analysing Final Statement of Regulatory Principles, released 15 Dec.
NEMMCO Participant Advisory Committee (PAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided EUAA Chairman background information for PAC June, July and November meetings. EUAA Chairman is Deputy Chair of PAC and end user rep.
Market Power in the NEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and prepared summary of OFGEM Guiding Principles in evaluating possible market power in the UK wholesale market. Sought ACCC and other expert views on Principles. • Worked with Rob Booth to prepare EUAA AP application for funding to undertake evaluation of market power in the NEM. • Prepared preliminary analysis, prepared member briefing and presented preliminary finding of recent NEM price spikes in SA (16 Nov) and NSW (30 Nov & 1 Dec) at IBS Network Asset Conference and EUAA Peak Power Forum. • Prepared Consultancy Service Agreement for work to be carried out by Bardak on behalf of end users on market

	structure and impact on market power in the NEM.
Re-aggregation and Victorian cross ownership Issues Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed recent merger decisions, AGL/Loy Yang and SPI/TXU and likely impacts on the NEM and end users. • Held discussions with ACCC and Victorian Department of Industry (Richard Bolt) on possible policy options to provide for a more robust evaluation of mergers in the NEM. • Reviewed UK Office of Fair Trading and OFGEM Discussion Paper on assessing ownership and market power in the UK electricity wholesale market. Will use UK laws to advocate for similar laws for the NEM. • Reviewed Victorian Government's Issues Paper on cross ownership laws for the NEM. • Sourced consultant and prepared consultancy service agreement to assist the EUAA prepare a response to the Issues Paper.
MCE Streamlining of Code Change process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed SCO Issues Paper to streamline the Code change process and to change the Code into statutory Rules. • Prepared submission on the Issues Paper, lodged with SCO on 31 August.
MCE's August 2004 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed MCE's 2004 meeting communiqué and prepared member update on key NEM issues, including user participation policy, National Framework for Electricity and Gas Distribution and Retail regulation, energy efficiency policy statement and restrictions in the Code to further embedded generation.
MCE User Participation Policy Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed MCE's User Participation policy. Prepared member update covering following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocacy Panel arrangements review ○ Demand Management proposals • Participated in KPMG review of Advocacy Panel arrangements meeting. • Prepared internal EUAA paper on principles for End User Advocacy. Paper used as input into KPMG review. • Prepared application to AP to obtain funding to undertake review of end user advocacy in preparation for SCO's Issues Paper on End User in early 2005.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared application to AP to obtain funding to undertake review of DSR in preparation for SCO's Issues Paper on Demand Management in early to mid 2005. • Reviewed SCO Options Paper on End User Advocacy Funding Arrangements. • Sourced consultant to assist in preparing EUAA response to SCO Options Paper on End User Advocacy Funding Arrangements.
MCE Issues Paper on Electricity and Gas Distribution and Retail regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed MCE Issues Paper and identified key issues for end users from the proposal to set up a National Framework for E&G D&R regulation as they relate to Code. • Prepared three separate applications for funding to the AP to obtain funding to engage a consultant to assist the EUAA prepare a response to the Issues Paper. • Assisted in the preparation of EUAA submission on the Issues Paper. • Prepared application to the AP for funding to assist in reviewing SCO's Options Paper on a National Framework for Distribution and Retail Regulation due for public release in the first quarter of 2005.
MCE new National Electricity Laws and National Electricity Regulations Exposure Bill Information Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed SCO's Information Papers on the NEL and NERs. Assisted in the preparation of EUAA paper on key end user issues as a consequence of the Information Paper. • Worked with Phillips Fox to prepare EUAA's submissions on the NEL and NERs. Presented EUAA's views on the NERs at the SCO public forum on 1 February 2005. • Prepared application to the AP for funding to assist in reviewing SCO's Options Paper on a National Framework for Distribution and Retail Regulation due for public release in the first quarter of 2005
MCE Regional Boundaries Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and prepared member update on Charles River Associates (CRA) Report to the SCO on proposed regional boundary policy reform under the Code. • Prepared application to the AP for funding to engage a consultant to assist the EUAA prepare a response to CRA report.

NECA Reliability Panel review of Reliability standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed NECA’s Reliability Standard Terms of Reference as part of their reliability standard review. • Prepared application to the AP for funding to engage a technical consultant to assist the EUAA prepare a response to NECA’s review.
NEMMCO under-frequency load shedding procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and prepared member update on NEMMCO’s Report on their under-frequency load shedding procedure. • Wrote to NEMMCO and State jurisdiction coordinators seeking public release of the name of end user on NEMMCO’s under-frequency load shedding blocks. • Prepared letter to Federal Minister for Energy, Ian McFarlane, seeking public release of the name of end user on NEMMCO’s under-frequency load shedding blocks.
Productivity Commission Energy Efficiency Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversaw the preparation of EUAA’s submission to the PC on Energy Efficiency. Main thrust of the submission being how large users can more actively source energy efficiency measures for the more efficient operation of the NEM. • Prepared EUAA application to the AP for funding to assist the EUAA review PC Draft Report on EE from a large end users’ NEM perspective.
SCO Review of Distributed and Intermittent Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared EUAA submission on limitations within the NE Code that inhibits the effective up-take of distributed generation and demand management in the NEM
QCA Distribution Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and provided feedback on Bardak’s draft submission prepared for the EUAA as a response to the QCA 2006 Electricity Distribution Businesses Draft Determination.
NSW Green Energy Policy Proposal Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed for the NEM implications of the NSW Government Green Energy Paper. • Attended DEUS workshop on the Green Paper. • Preparing EUAA submission on the Green Paper, with a particular focus on how NSW government can introduce energy policy that facilitates greater competition and greater DSR uptake in the NEM.

Meetings	Issues	Date
ACCC Service Standards Working Group (WG)	WG meeting to discuss possible service standards models for TNSPs	18 May 2004
	WG discussed draft benchmark measures developed by ACCC	26 July 2004
ACCC	Discuss implication of TXU / SPI merger for end users	27 May 2004
	ACCC Annual Conference – Evaluating the Effectiveness of Regulation	29/30 July 2004
	End user briefing and discussion of ACCC Draft Statement of Regulatory Principles	1 October 2004
	Meeting with Joe Dimasi (ACCC Assistant Comm Electricity) & Sebastian Roberts (ACCC GM Electricity) to discuss EUAA's proposed study into NEM market structure.	25 January 2005
Energy Users Association of Australia	June 2004 Energy Price and Market Update	2 June 2004
	Annual Conference	15-16 September 2004
	Townsville NEM Forum (chair afternoon session and provide presentation on DM opportunities)	18 November 2004
	November 2004 Energy Price and Market Update	24 November 2004
	Peak Power Forum (provide presentation on NSW NEM pool price spike – 30 Nov & 1 Dec)	8 December 2004
Victorian ESC Pricing Issues Consultation Group	Discussed framework for upcoming pricing review	4 June 2004
	Discussed Pricing Issues Consultation Group Discussion Paper 2: Electricity Distribution Price Controls	22 July 2004

	Discuss ESC's tariff reporting requirements and principles as contained in their Issues Paper	3 March 2005
Advocacy Panel	Discuss AP's expectations of Director role and joint end user application for funding to Vic ESC Distribution Pricing Review	8 June 2004
	Jim McCleod to discuss EUAA past applications, proposed applications and MCE end user advocacy review	5 November 2004
	Dennis Nelthorpe to discuss EUAA past applications, proposed applications and MCE end user advocacy review	17 November 2004
	Meeting with Adam Bisits and David Bremner to discuss Advocacy Panel's new global funding criteria	23 February 2005
Productivity Commission	Discussed End Users issues with respect to the application of National Competition Principles to energy sector reform	9 June 2004
	Discussed End User issues with respect to PC inquiry into Energy Efficiency	25 October 2004
Charles River Associates	Discussed the MCE Regional boundaries review	10 June 2004
Victorian ESC	Quarterly CCC meeting	10 June 2004
	Public Forum on DB's Price/Service offerings as part of the 2006 DB Pricing Review	15 November 2004
	Public Forum on Issues arising from DBs' Price/Service offerings as part of the 2006 DB Pricing Review	14 December 2004
	Meeting with John Tamblyn and Paul Feron on the main issues arising from DB's price/service proposals a part of the 2006 Pricing Review	17 December 2004
Rob Booth	Discussed NEM issues for end users	16-17 June 2004

	Discuss potential NEM market structure project and preparing application to the AP for funding of project	1 September 2004
Brisbane City Council	Sought member feedback as to priorities for EUAA advocacy for NEM	18 June 2004
Comalco	Sought member feedback as to priorities for EUAA advocacy for NEM	18 June 2004
EIIA monthly meeting	Discussed recent developments with MCE work program	23 June 2004, 23 September 2004
Singapore Energy Regulator delegation	Discussed end user issues with Australian NEM	24 June 2004
ACIL Tasman	Discuss scope of work for ACIL Tasman to undertake to assist EUAA in preparing a response to NSW Government policy proposal to contract out trading rights.	21 & 23 July 2004
Theo Theophonos, Victorian Minister for Energy	Participated in an end user delegation to the Minister covering a range of issues on the MCE work program	22 July 2004
MCE Update for End Users	Attended and provided input the Federal Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources' End Users Update meeting MCE briefing on NE Code streamlining process	23 July & 13 August 2004 10 September 2004
Drew Clarke	One-on-one meeting (Drew and EUAA) to discuss specifically large end users views on the progress of the MCE agenda, EUAA progress with DSR and role of business end user advocacy	23 July 2004
Amcor	Discussed with Amcor impact of recent Tasmanian Transmission revenue cap (Transend) on Amcor's tariffs.	27 July 2004
MMA	Discuss MMA working with the EUAA on the Victorian Distribution Pricing Review	10 August 2004

	To provide MMA with feedback on draft response to the ACCC on EnergyAustralia's revised CAPEX	13 January 2005
	To provide MMA with feedback on draft response to the ACCC on Transgrid's revised CAPEX	7 February 2005
	To provide MMA with feedback on draft EUAA submission to the ACCC's Supplementary Draft Decision on EA and Transgrid	15 March 2005
Energy Retailers Association of Australia (ERAA)	Discuss areas of commonality and co-work between the two bodies	11 August 2004
Origin Energy (Julian Turecek)	Discuss MCE reform agenda and the ACCC Draft Regulatory Principles and Regulatory Test	24 August 2004
NEMMCO	Attend NEMMCO's National Electricity Market Forum	26 August 2004
Auspower	One day tour of the Yallourn Power Plant and coal mine	7 September 2004
Ergon	Meeting with Darren Barlow to discuss MCE work program and areas of commonality between users and retailers (particular focus on Qld end users and Ergon)	8 September 2004
	Discuss Ergon's response to the MCE Regional Boundary Issues Paper	11 November 2004
Federal Department of Treasury	Discussed MCE work program with particular focus on end user participation policy and MCE program	10 September 2004
Energex and John Anderson (ELCON)	Discussed Australian energy policy direction and areas of commonality and differences with US	14 September 2004
Transmission companies	Discussed ACCC Draft Statement of Regulatory Principles and Regulation Test	15 September 2004
Exigency	Discuss working together on MCE Issues Paper on National Framework for	20 September 2004

	<p>Gas and Electricity Distribution and Retail regulation</p> <p>Half day workshop to develop framework of Issues to be addressed for end users as part of MCE Issues Paper on National Framework for Gas and Electricity Distribution and Retail regulation</p>	30 September & 22 October 2004
Sustainability Environment Agency of Victoria (EAV)	Attended and participated on one day workshop on developing Energy Audit program	21 September 2004
Australian Greenhouse office	Discuss MCE Environmental policies and Federal Government's Energy White Paper	23 September 2004
NSW Treasury	Discuss findings and recommendations of EUAA/Acil Tasman's report on NSW Treasury policy proposal to contract out NSW owned retail and generation trading rights	14 October 2004
MJA	<p>Discuss with Jeff Washusen scope of work to be undertaken with the AP \$50,000 funding for work on the ESC's Distribution Business Pricing Review</p> <p>Discuss EUAA representation and input into ESC's Public Forum on DB's price/service offerings</p>	<p>19 October 2004</p> <p>12 November 2004</p>
CUAC	Discuss EUAA application for funding for ESC's Distribution Business Pricing Review	22 October 2004
NSW Dept of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability (DUES)	<p>Meeting with Libby Stephens to discuss MCE User Participation policy, with specific focus on end user advocacy funding arrangements and DM policy statement</p> <p>Meeting with John Hughes to discuss findings and recommendations of EUAA/Acil Tasman's report on NSW Treasury policy proposal to contract out NSW owned retail and generation trading rights</p> <p>Attended and participated in DEUS's Green Paper workshop</p>	<p>27 October 2004</p> <p>25 November 2004</p> <p>10 February 2005</p>

NSW IPART	IPART DM Working Group	27 October 2004
KPMG	Public Forum on the MCE End User Advocacy arrangements review	5 November 2004
	One-on-one meeting to discuss EUAA experience with the AP and possible reforms	29 November 2004
IBS Network Asset Management Conference	Provide presentation on the cost to end users from NSP investment, including ACCC Draft Statement of Regulatory Principles and Regulation Test based on the recent NEM pool price spikes in SA (16 Nov) and NSW (30 Nov & 1 Dec)	6 December 2004
E3 International	Meet with Sriani Abeysuriya to discuss implications of European Carbon Trading Scheme to Australian electricity industry and end users	12 January 2005
Phillips Fox	Meetings to discuss end user implications from the MCE's National Electricity Law and new National Electricity Rules	21 December 2004
		12 January 2005
		28 January 2005
Consumer Law Centre of Victoria (CLCV)	Meeting with Natasha Leigh to discuss areas of commonality in advocacy activity for large and household end users in the NEM	21 January 2005
SCO NEL/NER Working Group	Presented end user issues as a consequence of the proposed new National Electricity Rules Public forum	1 February 2005
Nestle	Meeting with Ben Cheung to discuss NEM issues of relevance to Nestle	10 February 2005
NEL Bill	Meeting to discuss end user issues as contained in the NEL Bill introduced in SA Parliament with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Frayter, Energy Advisor to Minister Patrick Conlon • Shadow Minister, Wayne Matthews • Energy Spokesperson for SA Democrats, Sandra Kanck 	15 February 2005

Low Owens, Chairman, ESCoSA	Meeting to discuss ESCoSA's Distribution Business Draft Pricing Determination and other electricity regulatory matters	15 February 2005
Phillip Chapman, SA Energy Agency	Discussed restructuring of SA energy bureaucracy	15 February 2005
TXU	Tour of Torrens Island Generation plant	15 February 2005
Meeting with Larry Murphy consultant to AMPCO (Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario)	Meeting to discuss electricity reform and advocacy in Australia and Ontario.	16 February 2005
International Energy Agency (IEA)	Attended meeting and provided input on end user experience/views on energy market reform in Australia and EUAA's DSR trial and work	25 February 2005
VENCorp	Attended and participated at VENCORP Open Day	4 March 2005
Business Council of Sustainable Energy	Meeting to discuss areas of commonality in MCE's electricity reform program	4 March 2005
Frontier Economics	Meeting to discuss EUUA's submission to the Victorian Government's Issues Paper on Cross Ownership Laws in the Victorian Electricity sector	22 March 2005
United Energy	Discuss implications of United Energy's Technology Fund proposal for end users as contained in United Energy's price/service proposal to the 2006 ESC Distribution Pricing Review	23 March 2005