

## **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS ADVOCACY PANEL**

### **Summary of funding decisions made at the Panel's meetings held in November 2006**

#### **Meeting of 14 November 2006**

As the appointment of a new Panel is imminent, the meeting agreed to consider only those applications that are urgent and defer any non-urgent applications to the incoming Panel.

1. Application 228: University of Ballarat, School of Science and Engineering - Empowering Rural Energy Consumers through Embedded Renewable Energy: Addressing the social and behavioural impediments and opportunities associated with embedded renewable energy generation

Resolved that as the project is not urgent, it be deferred so the application can be considered by the incoming Panel and the applicant can be advised that the project requires a focus on an issue within the NEM that needs addressing and a shorter timeframe.

2. Application 229: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - COAG Energy Reform Implementation Group review of the energy market - respond to November 2006 draft report

Resolved that the application be deferred. When the ERIG paper is issued later this month and the applicant is able to identify any matters about which it has a concern and to quantify the workload involved in responding to the paper, the applicant may if it wishes submit an abridged application that identifies the issues on which it wishes to advocate and the budget required. The Panel undertakes to consider any such application within two working days following its receipt. The Panel expects the ERIG report to be of significance and therefore anticipates funding appropriate responses to it.

3. Application 230: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - Respond to AER on development of regulations for the economic regulation of transmission services

Resolved that the application be deferred until the AER seeks comment on the transitional guidelines and the applicant is thus able to identify any matters about which it has a concern and to quantify the workload involved in responding to the AER.

4. Application 231: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - Respond to MCE Bulletin 71 re 2006 legislative package

Resolved that the project be approved for funding of \$20,400 excl GST.

#### **Meeting of 27 November 2006**

1. Application 232: Energy Users Association of Australia - COAG Energy Reform Implementation Group review of the energy market - respond to November 2006 draft report

Resolved that the project be approved for funding of \$39,900.00 excl GST.

2. Application 232: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - COAG Energy Reform Implementation Group review of the energy market - respond to November 2006 draft report

Resolved that the project be approved for funding of \$20,520.00 excl GST.

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