

NATIONAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS ADVOCACY PANEL

Summary of funding decisions made by the Panel during September 2007

1. Application 277: Energy Users Association of Australia - National distribution network connection and planning review

Resolved that funding of \$23,000 excl GST be approved and paid as follows:

- For the consultant, \$22,000 upon provision to the Panel of a copy of the consultant's invoice and the final submission to SCO; and
- The lesser of \$1,000 or the actual cost of travel upon provision to the Panel of copies of the travel cost invoices.

2. Application 279: Total Environment Centre - capacity and cost-effectiveness of demand management in the NEM

The application was deferred as the Panel was concerned about the methodology to be employed in the project, the project timetable and the scope of the report. The Panel therefore requested the applicant to issue a tender and to seek feedback from the tender parties on these matters. The Panel will reconsider the project after it has received a response from the applicant on the tender.

3. Application 280: Total Environment Centre - Price or Revenue Caps - which better encourages more efficient use of electricity in the long term interests of electricity consumers

Resolved that the application was deferred while information was sought from the AEMC and AER as to whether the issues the applicant is seeking to address in relation to the two regulatory mechanisms have already been considered.

4. Application 281: Energy Action Group - Residential energy consumers capacity building program

Resolved that the application be rejected on the grounds that the Panel does not wish to approve any further capacity building projects until the project evaluation process is in place and the Panel has considered the future structure for capacity building projects, including hearing from applicants on the merit of alternative forms for capacity building projects.

5. Application 282: Major Energy Users Inc (EMRF, ECCSA, EUCV & MEG Tasmania) - SCO Issues Paper on the proposed structure of the Australian Energy Market Operator

Resolved that the applicant be offered funding of \$8,400 excl GST for the project subject to the condition that at least one day of the consultant's time be spent on holding a meeting with community groups and seeking their comments on the SCO paper and the MEU's intended response.

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