



## Exclusion for Guaranteed Service Level payments, Ausnet Electricity Services – Loss of supply, 13 March 2022

### **Guaranteed service level payment exclusion for an outage at the Ringwood Terminal Station on 13 March 2022**

AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd (AusNet Distribution) applied to the commission on 20 April 2022 seeking exclusion from making supply restoration payments and low reliability payments (guaranteed service level payments), related to an event on 13 March 2022 at the Ringwood Terminal Station (the Ringwood Terminal Station power outage event).

On 20 July 2022, the Essential Services Commission granted an exclusion to AusNet Distribution from making guaranteed service level payments relating to the Ringwood Terminal Station power outage event.

Under clause 6.3.4(c) of the Electricity Distribution Code of Practice (version 14), distributors can be excluded from making guaranteed service level payments for a power outage if it was caused by a failure of transmission connection assets, provided that certain criteria are met.

After reviewing the information AusNet Distribution provided, the commission is satisfied that AusNet Distribution qualifies to be granted an exclusion from the obligation to make guaranteed service level payments in relation to the Ringwood Terminal Station power outage event.

The commission is satisfied that the outage on 13 March 2022 was caused by the failure of another distributor's connection asset which consequentially activated the back-up protection system at the Ringwood Terminal Station.

Essential Services Commission

20 July 2022