

## Attachment 4

# AMENDMENTS TO THE ENERGY RETAIL CODE: CERTAIN TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR STRENGTHENING PROTECTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS REQUIRING LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

# **AUGUST 2019**

# Amendments made by the Essential Services Commission on DD/MM/YYYY

### 1 Nature and commencement of this instrument

- (1) This instrument amends the *Energy Retail Code*.
- (2) This instrument comes into operation on 1 December 2019.
- 2 Table of amendments
- (20) In Schedule 3, after part 3 insert new part 4:
- 1. Life Support Equipment
- 1 Definitions

In this clause:

**Amending Rule** means the Electricity Distribution Code Review 2019 (Strengthening protections for customers requiring life support equipment).

commencement date means 1 January 2020.

existing life support customer means a customer whose premises is registered under clause 5.6.1(b) of version 9A of the Electricity Distribution Code as having life support equipment as at the commencement date.

*existing medical confirmation* means confirmation provided under clause 5.6.1(a) of version 9A of the *Electricity Distribution Code* as at the *commencement date*.

Notice Date means 31 March 2020.

# 2 Retailer obligations for existing life support customers

- (1) When notified by a *distributor*, by the *commencement date*, pursuant to clause 21.2(1) of the *Electricity Distribution Code*:
  - (a) that a premises is registered as an existing life support customer; and
  - (b) whether existing medical confirmation has been provided for the existing life support customer;

the *retailer* must:

(c) within one business day after the commencement date, register that the existing life support customer requires life support equipment and the date from which the life support equipment is required.

# 3 Exempt person obligations for existing life support customers

- (1) When notified by an *exempt distributor*, by the *commencement date*, pursuant to clause 21.3(1) of the *Electricity Distribution Code*:
  - (a) that a *premises* is registered as an *existing life support customer*; and
  - (b) whether existing medical confirmation has been provided for the existing life support customer;

the *exempt person* must:

(c) within one business day after the *commencement date*, register that the *existing life support customer* requires *life support equipment* and the date from which the *life support equipment* is required.