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REVIEW OF UNACCOUNTED FOR GAS BENCHMARKS

DRAFT DECISION – METHODOLOGY

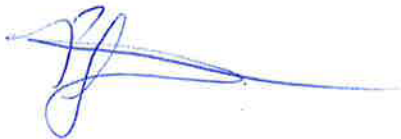
AEMO welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Essential Services Commission's (ESC) proposed methodology to calculate UAFG benchmarks.

AEMO has no submission on the methodology, but notes that the ESC is intending to publish a Final Decision in December 2017, and subsequently amend the Gas Distribution System Code (GDSC) to give effect to the new UAFG benchmark rates.

Market systems for the Declared Transmission System (DTS) and the Non-DTS networks must be updated before the effective date of 1 January 2018 for the new benchmarks. Accordingly, AEMO requests that the new GDSC be gazetted by 27 December 2017 to take the December public holidays into account and allow at least two business days lead time before the effective date of the new benchmarks.

AEMO looks forward to engaging further with you to ensure the timely update of the new benchmarks. If you would like to discuss the contents of this submission further please do not hesitate to contact Chin Chan on

Yours sincerely



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