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Queensland Competition Authority
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RE Draft Determination, Regulated Retail Electricity Prices, 2012-13

Local Buy Pty Ltd welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Queensland Competition Authority's Draft Determination on Regulated Retail Electricity Prices for 2012-13. My comment is constrained to the practical implementation of specific outcomes of the proposed gazetted prices for 2012-13 namely :-

1. That large business customer NMIs consuming greater than 100 MWh per annum in the Energex distribution area cannot access the gazetted tariffs and consequently will be required to be on a large market contract.
2. That large business customer NMIs consuming greater than 100 MWh per annum in the Ergon distribution area will be required to be either on a large market contract or on a gazetted tariff which includes kWh consumption and kW demand components.

In either of the above cases the metering associated with these large business customer NMIs must be capable of measuring and recording both kWh consumption and kW maximum monthly demand. Currently there are a significant number of large business customer NMIs in Queensland with the following:-

A. metering which is not capable of measuring maximum monthly kW demand.

or

B. metering which requires reprogramming to record maximum monthly kW demand.

In addition to the above I do not believe that there is sufficient time from the gazettal of the new retail tariff structures on or about the 31st May 2012 for the required metering to be installed across the state for those existing large business customer NMIs which currently are not appropriately metered to record kW maximum demand .

Yours sincerely



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