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RE: QCA RECOMMENDATION FOR ELECTRICITY PRICE RISE OF
BETWEEN 9.3% AND 13.6% FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN
REGIONAL AREAS 2016-17

SUBMISSION CLOSE DATE: 20 APRIL 2016

Such a recommended price rise for regional small businesses is discriminatory.

This will affect survival of these businesses.

The economic climate is such that such an increase cannot be passed on to customers who are already at a financial disadvantage.

As well as a number of price increases during the last year the off-peak tariff has been unfairly increased.

It used to be approximately 50% of the peak tariff.

This was a fair charge for essential running of air-conditioners 24 hours per day.

Now the off-peak tariff is 23.9c per kw against 30.13c per kw peak.

If there are grounds for any more price increases, which there are not, it should be applied evenly to all customers.

I submit that power charges not be increased so unfairly impact on regional small businesses.

Yours

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