

Notice of Time Periods

QR Network Pty Ltd's electric traction services Draft Amending Access Undertaking

On 16 December 2011, QR Network submitted a draft amending access undertaking (DAAU) to the approved 2010 access undertaking, proposing changes to the pricing arrangements for electric traction services.

On 21 December 2011, the Authority notified stakeholders of its intention to commence an investigation to decide whether or not to approve QR Network's DAAU. Stakeholders were requested to lodge submissions by 16 April 2012.

On 27 July 2012, the Authority made a draft decision not to approve the DAAU. Stakeholders were requested to lodge submissions by 25 September 2012.

On 8 October 2012, the Authority published 26 submissions, and invited QR Network and other stakeholders to comment on those submissions by 23 November 2012.

Time periods

In accordance with s.147A of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act), the Authority must endeavour to decide whether to approve a DAAU within six months from the last day of the time for making submissions stated in the investigation notice.

The six-month period does not include any of the following periods:

- (a) a day in the period given by the Authority for making submissions in relation to a DAAU or a related document;
- (b) a day in the period where a person has been required to give information or produce a document in response to a notice given by the Authority under s185 of the QCA Act; and
- (c) day(s) agreed to, by the owner or operator of the service or the responsible person, as not being included in the six-month period.


Six-month period for QR Network's DAAU

In accordance with s.147A(4) of the QCA Act, the Authority states the following time periods for QR Network's DAAU:

- (a) the six-month period commenced on 16 April 2012; and
- (b) the six-month period ended on 28 January 2013.

From	To	Total Days	Reason
21 December 2011	16 April 2012	111	These days were given by the Authority to QR Network and interested parties to make submissions on the DAAU
31 July 2012	25 September 2012	56	These days were given by the Authority to QR Network and interested parties to make submissions on the draft decision.
8 October 2012	23 November 2012	46	These days were given by the Authority to QR Network and interested parties to comment on the submissions on the draft decision.

On 22 January 2013, Aurizon Network wrote to the Authority withdrawing its December 2011 electric traction services DAAU. The Authority's consideration of this DAAU therefore concluded on 22 January 2013.


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23 January 2013