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## **Energy Consumers Australia fee collection methodology**

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EnergyAustralia welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed Energy Consumers Australia (ECA) fee collection methodology.

EnergyAustralia is one of the country's leading retailers, providing gas and electricity to more than 2.6 million customers. We own and operate a range of generation and storage facilities, including coal, gas and wind assets, in NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

We support the proposed methodology to recover fees for the ECA by connection point rather than per MWh. This aligns with the market objective and we agree that it is a more cost reflective approach.

The definition of connection point should be reviewed if rule changes to establish multiple trading relationships (MTR) at each connection point progress. We note the proposed demand response mechanism would also introduce multiple relationships at a connection point with the creation of a demand response aggregator role.

ECA will represent consumers' interests in relation to the activities of all participants at a connection point and the cost recovery methodology should reflect this.

If you wish to discuss this further please contact me on (03) 8628 4518 or Ben.Hayward@energyaustralia.com.au.

Regards

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