

Public Notice

2007 Gas Standing Contract Price Path Review and Inquiry

Purpose of Inquiry

The Essential Services Commission of SA (the Commission) has received a submission from Origin Energy Retail Ltd. (ABN 22 078 868 425) (Origin Energy) setting out the prices it proposes the Commission fix as the gas standing contract prices for the period 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2011 together with a justification for those prices.

In accordance with the requirements of section 34A(4a)(d)(iii) of the *Gas Act 1997*, the Commission is now conducting an Inquiry under Part 7 of the *Essential Services Commission Act 2002* into the appropriate prices to be fixed as the gas standing contract prices.

Period of Inquiry

The Inquiry commenced with the receipt of the Origin Energy gas standing contract price path proposal and will conclude with the determination by the Commission of the gas standing contract prices to take effect as of 1 July 2008.

Timetable for Inquiry

The proposed timetable for and form of public consultation to be undertaken by the Commission during the period of the Inquiry is as follows:

- 22 November 2007 Release Issues Paper
- 21 December 2007 closing date for submissions on Issues Paper
- March 2008 release Commission Draft Report and draft Price Determination
- April 2008 closing date for submissions on Draft
- May 2008 Release Commission Final Report and final Price Determination

Further information and call for submissions

For further information in relation to the Inquiry, please contact the Commission on 08 8463 4444 or email escosa@escosa.sa.gov.au.

An Issues Paper and the public version of the Origin Energy submission are available from the Commission's website at www.escosa.sa.gov.au.

Anyone may make a submission. Written submissions on the Issues Paper are due Friday, 21 December 2007. Please send written submissions to the Commission via mail or electronically to:

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All submissions received may be made publicly available via the Commission website except where a particular submission or part of a submission contains information provided on a confidential basis and about which notification has been given.