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Dear Ms Bains

Maintenance and cross-system voting DAAU—notice of decision

The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) has approved Aurizon Network's draft amending access undertaking to amend the maintenance costs approval criteria and provide cross-system train services with voting rights (the Maintenance and cross-system voting DAAU).

The QCA approved the Maintenance and cross-system voting DAAU in accordance with ss. 142 and 143 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, having regard to the relevant statutory criteria and following consideration of submissions in support made by the Queensland Resources Council and Jellinbah Resources.

The amendments to the maintenance costs approval criteria link the QCA's assessment of Aurizon Network's maintenance costs for 2019–20 to the most recent maintenance cost allowances (as provided in the approved consolidation DAAU) (cl. 7A.11.5(b)(ii)) and, in turn, align any future application for revenue adjustment amounts with these allowances (under cl. 4.3 of Schedule F).

The amendments to the definitions of end user voting rights provide cross-system traffics with a right to vote through their access rights in their destination system (previously they had no rights).

The QCA notes that Aurizon Network has also proposed to amend the Blackwater system reference tariffs and volumes, implementing expansion pricing for Meteor Downs South (the MDS pricing DAAU). The QCA will continue its assessment of the MDS pricing DAAU under the statutory criteria, on the basis of the amendments approved under the Maintenance and cross-system voting DAAU.

This letter will be published on the QCA website for stakeholders' information.

Yours sincerely



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