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Dear Ann,

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd – Variation to monthly Blackwater System Gtk forecasts

Aurizon Network's Annual review of Reference Tariffs for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2025 (**FY25**) was approved by the Queensland Competition Authority (**QCA**) on 23 May 2024.

This submission seeks QCA approval to amend the monthly Blackwater System Gtk forecasts for FY25, as specified in clause 12 of Schedule F to the 2017 Access Undertaking (**UT5**).

Importantly, the proposed amendment:

1. has been made at the request of the relevant End User; noting that this change does not impact the aggregate Gtk Forecast for FY25, only the profiling of that annual forecast by month; and
2. has no impact on the approved Allowable Revenues and Reference Tariffs for FY25.

In making this submission, Aurizon Network confirms that it has engaged with both the Access Holder and End User. Aurizon Network understands that both parties support the proposed amendment.

Amended Monthly System Forecasts for 2001 Undertaking Access Agreements

In its decision on Aurizon Network's FY25 Annual review of Reference Tariffs, the QCA approved System Gtk forecasts for each Coal System.

In clause 12 of Schedule F to UT5, the annual Gtk Forecast for the Blackwater System is profiled by month for Access Agreements that were executed or renewed during the term of the 2001 Undertaking.

Following approval of the FY25 Annual review of Reference Tariffs, Aurizon Network engaged with a Customer who was seeking to better understand the basis upon which the monthly Gtk forecasts for Blackwater were set. As a result of this engagement, the Customer has requested that Aurizon Network vary the monthly forecasts to better account for seasonal factors and pathing availability over the course of the year.

Aurizon Network notes that the End User requesting this change is the only party impacted by this proposed amendment. Furthermore, the proposed change will not affect the aggregate Blackwater Gtk Forecast for FY25 (i.e. 34,086,442) that was approved by the QCA on 23 May 2024. It is only the distribution of this annual forecast between months that Aurizon Network is seeking to amend as part of this submission.

The proposed amendments to the FY25 monthly Gtk Forecasts for the Blackwater System are outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Update to Blackwater System monthly Gtk Forecasts (UT5, Schedule F, Clause 12)

Month	Current	Proposed	Variance
Jul-24	2,852,941	2,668,601	(184,340)
Aug-24	2,778,516	3,063,950	285,434
Sep-24	2,976,981	2,656,247	(320,735)
Oct-24	2,852,941	3,063,950	211,009
Nov-24	2,679,283	2,718,020	38,737
Dec-24	2,877,749	2,866,276	(11,474)
Jan-25	2,927,366	2,915,694	(11,672)
Feb-25	2,580,051	2,767,439	187,387
Mar-25	3,076,214	2,816,857	(259,357)
Apr-25	2,580,051	2,965,113	385,062
May-25	2,927,366	2,619,183	(308,183)
Jun-25	2,976,981	2,965,113	(11,869)
Total	34,086,442	34,086,442	--

Aurizon Network confirms that the proposed change does not require any variation to the approved Allowable Revenues and Reference Tariffs for FY25. Aurizon Network has provided amended copies of UT5 in clean and mark-up form.

Should you have any queries in relation to this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Bray on michael.bray@aurizon.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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