

# ELECTRICITY REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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## STATUS REPORT

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**Date: 21 March 2013**

The Electricity Reform Oversight Committee met on 20 March 2013.

The following matters were discussed:

- status of the project work streams;
- project risks and issues; and
- reports from the various working groups.

The Electricity Reform Oversight Committee noted that the Shareholding Ministers have agreed that the Tamar Valley Power Station be transferred from Aurora Energy to Hydro Tasmania on 1 June 2013.

The Electricity Reform Oversight Committee:

- noted the initial feedback on the Market and Regulatory Position Paper, with the formal consultation period to conclude on 22 March 2013;
- considered the business case, including estimated costs, for the Transition Services Arrangements to be put in place for the purchasing retailers of Aurora Energy's customer base;
- noted that the future of feed-in tariff arrangements are a key concern for some electricity consumers and that the Government is considering a range of options to ensure that customers with small-scale distributed generation systems continue to receive a fair and reasonable rate for the electricity they export to the grid;
- considered the arrangements for staff discounts currently being provided by the State-owned electricity businesses noting that the issue is complex and requires careful consideration;
- considered advice provided by Aurora Energy in regard to distribution costs to ensure systems are ready for full retail competition;
- noted that the Government's electricity reform package will have a range of financial impacts across the electricity supply industry in Tasmania, including positive price benefits to consumers and a net whole-of-Government impact across the State's electricity business portfolio;
- noted progress with the Network Integration stream; and
- considered issues in regard to the transition of the PAYG product from Aurora Energy.

Martin Wallace  
Chair