Competition and Consumer Act 2010

Notice of extension of decision making period for making an access determination under subsection 152BCK(3)

- 1. Pursuant to subsection 152BCK(3) of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (Commission) further extends the period for making a final access determination in relation to the Domestic Transmission Capacity Service (DTCS) to 30 June 2012.
- 2. The Commission has been unable to make a final access determination within the previous extended period. The reason for the extension is due to delays in unsuccessfully seeking approval from DTCS providers to make confidential pricing information available and the subsequent time taken to present the dataset in an appropriate summary form for public disclosure and stakeholder comment.
- 3. The Commission considers that the extension of the decision making period will be sufficient to:
 - a. allow appropriate time for industry consultation on the draft DTCS final access determination, including the econometric model and underlying dataset, and
 - b. allow sufficient time for the Commission to make a final access determination.

Note: the Commission commenced a public inquiry into making an access determination in relation to the DTCS service on 15 June 2011 and on 10 November 2011 extended the period of time for making an access determination to 29 February 2012.

Dated

2012

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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission