

PACCC MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday 12 June, 2005

CitiPower and Powercor Boardroom, Melbourne

ATTENDEES: Peter Bryant – Gen. Manager Customer Services – Acting Chair
Christine May – Customer Representative
John Pye – Victorian Farmers Federation
John McLean – City of Greater Bendigo
Peter Brown – City of Moreland
Gavin Dufty – St Vincent De Paul
Garry Audley – Gen. Manager CitiPower Network
Robert Learey – Reg. Asset Mgr Powercor Network (for Bryan Quinn)

Hugo Armstrong – Corporate Affairs Manager (Committee Secretary)
Lisa Dostis – Administrative Assistant (Minute Secretary)

PRESENTERS: Andrew Dillon – Manager Network Pricing

APOLOGIES: Brian Sullivan – Gen. Manager Corporate Services
Bryan Quinn – Gen. Manager Powercor Network
Shane Breheny – CEO CitiPower and Powercor (Chair)
Robert Lorenzon – Australian Industry Group

The committee was advised that the Road Management Bill had been revised with some more reasonable outcomes. The regulations applying on an interim basis since 1 January will become permanent on 1 July, incorporating some changes. There was comment that councils generally saw the Bill as satisfactory and were moving on from the issue.

As per the Committee's request, Tariff Reports now contain descriptions of the main customers on each tariff, and this will be added to tariff schedules. The Committee also heard a presentation on the update of the Price Review and Draft Tariff Strategy Report.

The Business Performance Report was tabled.

The Committee discussed voltage variation losses, and the potential need for a "new for old" policy. It was noted that Powercor had proposed "new for old" in its enhanced case submission to the Price Review.

The Committee was informed about CitiPower and Powercor's win in the Maintenance Engineering Society of Australia (MESA) Awards. The entry was on underground cable management strategies, i.e. procurement, policies, practices.