



ELECTRICITY CODE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (ECCC)

Opportunity for Interested Parties to Comment

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 9.6(b) OF THE *CODE OF CONDUCT (FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO SMALL USE CUSTOMERS)*

The Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) proposes to exercise its power under section 79 of the Electricity Industry Act (Act) and make the following amendment to the Code (underlined text indicates change):

9.6 (b) a ***pre-payment meter customer***:

- (i) other than a customer within an ARCPSP community can access a ***recharge facility*** between the hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday;
- (ii) within an ARCPSP community can access a recharge facility at least 3 hours per day, 5 days per week, within the hours determined by the Aboriginal Corporation or relevant entity responsible for the community store facility.

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the Code prescribes opening hours appropriate to the communities participating in the Aboriginal Remote Communities Power Supply Program (ARCPSP). The Minister for Energy has requested that the Authority make the amendment urgently to address the potential delay created by issues with the current clause.

In exercising this power to amend the Code, the Authority is required, under s87 of the Act, to refer the proposed amendment to the ECCC for its advice and have regard to any advice provided by the committee.

The Act requires that the committee, in accordance with s89, give any interested person an opportunity to offer comments on the amendment.

The ECCC seeks written comment regarding this amendment to:

Mr Paul Kelly
ECCC Chairman
c/o Level 6, 197 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000

By no later than 5pm on Friday 16th February 2007.

For further information about the *Code of Conduct (For the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers)* please visit

<http://www.era.wa.gov.au/electricity/electricityLicencingSmallUseInfo.cfm> or contact the ECCC Executive Officer, Ms Lanie Chopping on 9213 1900.