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Exposure Draft – Electricity Industry (Alternative Electricity Services) Regulations 2025

Alinta Energy supports the draft AES Prescribing Regulations, which extend protections to electricity customers:

1. In a single property network (**SPN**) – previously referred to as “embedded network”; or
2. Receiving an on-site power supply (**OPS**) service, where that service is ancillary to another source of electricity supply e.g. from a retail licence holder.

The proposed regulations provide a registration and compliance framework designed to deliver protections to these customers while minimising regulatory burden on service providers.

Importantly, small use customers receiving an SPN or OPS alternative electricity service (**AES**) will be protected under the AES Code of Practice and will be able to access the Energy Ombudsman, addressing what is arguably the most significant issue with the current on-selling exemption regime, which will be wound back.

We agree with proposed regulation 5(3)(b), which provides that supply within an SPN to no more than five consumers in addition to the supplier is not an SPN AES. This is a practical approach to ensuring residential homes with backyard granny flats are excluded from the new framework.

We also note that virtual power plant (**VPP**) services are not captured in the definition of an OPS AES but may be considered for inclusion in the future.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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