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Subject: ESS Rule Change Consultation

To whom it may concern:

Origin Energy Limited (Origin) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) Rule change.

Background to this submission

Origin is a major Australasian integrated energy company focused on gas exploration, production and export, power generation and energy retailing. As a major electricity and gas retailer, we are one of the largest participants in all of Australia's state-based energy efficiency schemes. Origin Energy has advocated consistently for a national approach to improving energy efficiency. Ideally, we would like to see a national trading scheme implemented to support low-cost energy efficiency measures across all sectors as a key complementary measure to the federal Carbon Price Mechanism.

Commercial Lighting and Network Loss Reduction activities

Origin supports the introduction of as many real abatement activities as possible into the ESS and therefore generally support the proposed rule change that expands commercial lighting and network loss reduction activities under the scheme. These changes should facilitate a more liquid Energy Savings Certificate market.

Removal of Showerhead Activities from ESS

Origin supports the removal of low flow showerhead activities from the ESS because we share the concerns of IPART on the actual abatement levels achieved from these activities.

Further ESS Rule Change Proposals

Origin believes that ESS should stay focussed on activities that provide low-cost abatement to the widest range of sectors. To this end, Origin would support the NSW government including in this Rule change process other activities that have already been adopted into the Victorian Energy Efficiency scheme e.g. standby power controllers and pool pumps.

There is strong statistical evidence that behavioural change programs using technologies such as in-home displays (IHDs) result in measurable and sustained reduction in household energy consumption. Origin believes that "behaviour change" activities ought to be considered for eligibility under the ESS. The Victorian Government is currently establishing IHD methodologies for inclusion in the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target scheme. Origin would encourage the NSW Government to work closely with the Victorian Government to identify common elements of their respective schemes to increase opportunities for harmonisation, with a view to include IHDs and other behavioural change activities into the ESS as soon as practicable.

Origin is always happy to provide clarification or further detail at your request. I hope that our feedback has been useful. Please direct any enquires to Emily Brodie (or) in the first instance.

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