

United Energy Ring-fencing Regulated Stand- Alone Power Systems Registers

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1 Introduction

In February 2025, the Australian Energy Regulator (**AER**) released its Ring-Fencing Guideline Version 4 (**guideline**). The guideline seeks to prevent distributors from providing their affiliates operating in unregulated markets from having an unfair advantage¹. The guideline includes provisions in the following three broad areas:

- cross-subsidisation - preventing distributors from using regulated revenues to subsidise activities in unregulated markets
- discrimination - ensuring distributors treat affiliates and third parties equally
- information sharing - providing electricity information to all parties on an equal basis.

To ensure United Energy (**us** and **we**) provides transparency and information to prospective third-party providers that may assist market development for Stand-Alone Power Systems (**SAPS**), we are required to publish a regulated SAPS register on a quarterly basis.

The AER's final position was to allow Distribution Network Service Providers (**DNSPs**) to act as the SAPS resource provider (i.e., provide generation services) for regulated SAPS under an exemption framework. This will promote the National Electricity Objective (**NEO**) by allowing for regulated SAPS to be deployed in a timely manner.

To achieve this, the AER has:

- provided an exemption allowing DNSPs to provide generation services to regulated SAPS up to a cap on the revenue they may earn from these services (i.e., a generation revenue cap); and
- implemented reporting obligations on DNSPs providing generation services.

The regulated SAPS register must be updated on a quarterly basis by no later than 15 January, 15 April, 15 July, and 15 October each year. The DNSP must ensure that the information published in each updated version is current to the end of the calendar month that is immediately prior to the required publication date for that updated version.

¹ 'Affiliates' as used in this register refers to related electricity service providers as defined in the guideline

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As required by the guideline, **Error! No bookmark name given.** contains a list of regulated SAPS currently used by United Energy to provide other services (where other services is defined by the guideline as services other than transmission services; or distribution services).

Table 1 Regulated Stand-Alone Power Systems

Requirement	United Energy
i. the local government area in which the regulated stand-alone power system is deployed;	Nil to report
ii. the number of premises served by the regulated stand-alone power system;	Nil to report
iii. the maximum demand, in kW, served by the regulated stand-alone power system;	Nil to report
iv. the aggregated annual average energy consumption, in kWh, of the premises served by the regulated stand-alone power system;	Nil to report
v. the revenue earned by the DNSP for providing other services by means of the regulated stand-alone power systems in the current calendar year;	Nil to report
vi. whether the DNSP has made a request, in writing, for the supply of the other services by another legal entity (other than an affiliated entity of the DNSP).	Nil to report