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An Act to amend the *Electricity Act 1994*

[Assented to 28 June 2001]

The Parliament of Queensland enacts—**1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Electricity Amendment Act 2001*.

2 Act amended

This Act amends the *Electricity Act 1994*.

3 Insertion of new ss 89A and 89B

Chapter 4, part 2—

insert—

‘89A Minister may decide distribution service pricing for Mount Isa–Cloncurry supply network

‘(1) This section applies to customer connection services provided by the owner of the Mount Isa–Cloncurry supply network and relating to the supply network.

‘(2) The Minister may decide, in the way the Minister considers appropriate, the prices, or a methodology to fix the prices that the owner may charge to provide the services.

‘(3) Without limiting subsection (2), a methodology to fix prices may include a methodology for fixing a maximum revenue that the owner may earn from operating the supply network.

‘(4) The Minister must, in making a decision, consider the objects of the Act and relevant service quality standards.

‘(5) The Minister must notify the prices, or methodology to fix the prices, by gazette notice.

‘(6) The prices or methodology to fix the prices notified take effect—

(a) on a day stated in the notice; or

(b) if no day is stated in the notice—on the day the notice is gazetted.

‘(7) The owner must charge the prices, or prices fixed under the methodology, notified under this section for the services.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

‘(8) A decision by the Minister under this section has effect despite the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*.

‘89B Minister may direct the QCA to decide distribution service pricing for Mount Isa–Cloncurry supply network

‘(1) This section applies to a service provided by the owner of the Mount Isa–Cloncurry supply network and relating to the supply network that, if the supply network were part of the national grid, would be a distribution service for the Market Code.¹

‘(2) Instead of making a decision under section 89A(2), the Minister may, in writing, direct the QCA to regulate the pricing for the service under the Market Code as if the supply network were part of the national grid.

‘(3) The QCA must—

- (a) within 14 days after receiving the direction, give a copy of it to the owner; and
- (b) comply with the direction.

‘(4) The owner must comply with the pricing regulation made by the QCA under the direction.

Maximum penalty for subsection (4)—500 penalty units.’.

4 Amendment of sch 5 (Dictionary)

Schedule 5—

insert—

‘ **“Ergon Energy”** means Ergon Energy Corporation Limited ACN 087 646 062.

¹ Market Code, chapter 10 (Glossary)—

‘distribution service

The services provided by a *distribution system* which are associated with the conveyance of electricity through the *distribution system*. *Distribution services* include *entry services*, *distribution network use of system services* and *exit services*.’

“Mount Isa-Cloncurry supply network”—

1. The “Mount Isa-Cloncurry supply network” means the supply network, other than the 220 kV supply network—

- (a) located in the Mount Isa-Cloncurry region; and
- (b) owned by Ergon Energy at the commencement of this section; and
- (c) not connected to the national grid.

2. The “Mount Isa-Cloncurry supply network” includes any increase in the supply network after the commencement.

“national grid” has the meaning given by the Market Code.’.