

GOANNA ENERGY CONSULTING – SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

TASMANIAN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COSTS LOOK SET TO RISE BY 10%

Local “Poles and Wires” Electricity Distribution company Aurora Energy Network has flagged average cost increases of 10% to its Distribution rates from 1 July 2012, in its presentation to the Australian Energy Regulator in Hobart on 19 July 2011.¹

Aurora Energy has suggested revenues of some \$270M per annum are required to operate and maintain its asset base, currently valued at some \$1.48Bn. Aurora also noted current demand forecasts were below the long term trend due to a slowing in the Tasmanian economy.

Highlighting the national issue of growing peak system demands, Aurora has advised that 10% of its winter peak demand occurs for only 6 hours of the winter quarter, representing just 0.8% of the year. Which suggests opportunities, such as Demand Side Management (DSM) and distributed generation, may be more cost effective strategies for meeting these system peaks. More information on the Aurora submission is available at the Australian Energy Regulators website www.aer.gov.au or click on the footnote below for the presentation.

GOANNA LAUNCHES TASMANIAN ENERGY BROKERS TO SERVE TRANCHE 5A

In June 2011 Goanna launched wholly owned subsidiary Tasmanian Energy Brokers Pty Ltd, self-service website www.tasenergybrokers.com.au

Goanna & TEB Managing Director, Tracy White commented, “Tas Energy Brokers provides local businesses with a fast and simple way to assess and secure energy cost savings. The 3,500 Tasmanian businesses, known as Standing Offer Contestable Customers, now have access to our 24/7 service, where they can download their contestable notification letter and a bill copy online and have one of our experts compare their current tariff to available market contracts for savings”.

In a short space of time Tasmanian Energy Brokers have already assisted many local small-medium enterprises to compare their regulated electricity tariffs against available energy market contracts and the vast majority of these clients have chosen to secure these saving opportunities by moving onto market based contracts. For more information visit www.tasenergybrokers.com.au or email bestprice@tasenergybrokers.com.au

¹ Aurora Energy (2011) “Regulatory Proposal to AER 2012-2017” AER Public Forum 19 July.
<http://www.aer.gov.au/content/item.phtml?itemId=748112&nodeId=3c14e66e0363cb1246a148c79c0452f9&fn=Aurora%20Energy%20Presentation.pdf>

INCREASED PROFITABILITY THROUGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The Refrigerated Warehouse and Transport Association of Australia Ltd (RWTA) held its annual National Conference and Exhibition in Launceston during August. The conference, appropriately named, “**Increased Profitability through Energy Efficiency**”, included national and international speakers alongside Goanna’s own Principal Consultant, Marc White.

The 2011 RWTA Conference attracted key players in the Australian Cold Chain, representing manufacturers and processors of temperature controlled foodstuffs, cold store operators, refrigerated transport operators, product and service providers and the major food retailing chains. Click here to see a 9 minute snapshot of Goanna’s presentation on YouTube via

<http://www.goannaenergy.com.au/newslettersAndUpdates.htm> or for a copy of the presentation visit <http://www.rwta.com.au/2011-launceston-country-club-tasmania.php>

GOANNA TEAMS UP WITH DEDTA, ENTERPRISE CONNECT & CLEAN BIZ ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOPS FOR TASMANIAN SMALL BUSINESSES

Goanna was delighted to team up with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the Arts, Enterprise Connect and Clean Biz to deliver a suite of 17 Energy Efficiency Workshops across rural and regional Tasmania, during June, July and August 2011. The workshops, which focused on the process of energy efficiency, were very well received with excellent participation and sharing of cost saving ideas.

PREPARING FARMERS IN THE COAL RIVER VALLEY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

On Thursday 22 September Goanna consultants Marc & Murray will team up with Serve-Ag and the Coal River Valley Producers Association to cover practical energy saving measures. The workshop will include Energy Management Processes and employee engagement. Plus opportunities from conventional processes; such as, pumps, irrigation, motors, lighting, refrigeration, farm machinery and Energy Mapping.

INVERESKE GREEN PRECINCT OPEN DAY FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Friday 23rd September will see the launch of the Invereske Green Precinct Open Day. Goanna consultants Marc & Murray will be presenting from 2pm, showcasing Energy Efficiency strategies and techniques, alternative and renewable energy, plus the National Electricity Market, contestable contracts and more.

More information on upcoming Tasmanian energy and energy efficiency events is now available at: <http://www.goannaenergy.com.au/industryEvents.htm>

IRRIGATORS URGED TO CHECK NETWORK TARIFFS BEFORE 1ST OCTOBER

Tasmanian Irrigators who entered into Large Offer Contestable Customer (LOCC) contracts over the past 1-3 years are being urged to check their most recent electricity invoice to **determine if their current Network tariff is the cheapest alternative.**

Network Day/Night Irrigation **Tariff N08 is now an Obsolete Tariff**, meaning that no new customers can take up this Tariff. Network Tariff N08 remains in common use and is the Network tariff which sits below the bundled monopoly irrigation tariff 73/74.

However, Network Irrigation tariff, **N08a** is now available to Large Offer Contestable Customers, such as Tranche 4 users and above who qualify (ANZSIC 01) and these Primary Producer crop irrigators may choose to adopt this new network tariff **irrespective of when their energy contract expires.**

One of the **key advantages of the N08a** Network tariff is that there is **no applicable “Peak” rate during the “Summer”** pumping season, which applies from 1 October through to 31 March, where only the “Shoulder” and “Off Peak” rates apply. With the main downfall being the **9 hour window for Off Peak**, 1-2 hours less than N08.

As usual a word of caution is in order. Customers who choose to transfer off any Obsolete tariff, such as N08, lose all rights to all Obsolete tariffs for that installation, i.e. the entire installation will be required to move to currently available tariffs. However, on Page 42 of its 2011 Network Pricing Proposal, **Aurora has announced its intention to completely delete Network tariff N08 from 1 July 2012**, meaning the move to an alternative Network tariff, such as **N08a or N09, looks inevitable anyway!**

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