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Submission to IPART re Electricity Pricing

Dear Sirs—

I Am an Energy Australia Customer . I note that between March and September this year the base rate per KW H increased from 20.6 to 24.4c --ie by 18.4% and the top rate increased from 29.1 to 34.3 IE 17.9%.

Over this period the cut off from the base rate to the top rate fell from 1707 KW H to 899 KW H – a fall of 47%!!! Very crafty!

The result – a 46% increase in daily consumption over this period resulted in an 86% increase in base cost of electricity before discounts and GST.

I also note with concern--the latest bill has divergent statements on the cause of escalating household electricity bills-

1.from the Federal govt.--minimizing the effect of the Carbon tax & maximizing the costs of improvements to the network-

2.from the state govt doing the reverse--& quoting ipart!

Does this suggest that you are taking sides in a political debate--blaming the Tax, & green energy schemes for your increases--rather than the Electricity Companies & their cost figures & forecasts?

Having read the articles by Michael West of Fairfax (including 27 July 2012 – The Age –) and the work of Bruce Robertson—it seems clear that your independence is in question, that you are overly swayed by the energy forecasts and costs provided by the state owned electricity companies – and that your best course would be to resign.

The graph of household electricity price index (Michael West, the Age, 27 July 2012) shows, using data provided by yourself, just how wildly wrong your accepted forecasts have been.

Yours sincerely – in amazement and disgust

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