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NSW Energy Savings Scheme – Rule Change Consultation

AGL Energy (AGL) welcomes the opportunity provide feedback to Office of Energy and Climate Change (OECC) Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) Rule Change Consultation.

AGL energy is one of Australia's largest energy-led multi-service retailers, providing over 4.2 million electricity, gas and telco services to residential, small, and large businesses, and wholesale customers. We service approximately 900,000 electricity and 600,000 gas customers in NSW.¹ Our diverse power generation portfolio includes base, peaking, and intermediate generation plants, spread across traditional thermal generation and renewable sources. AGL has been a major participant in the ESS since its inception and we recognise the importance of energy efficiency in achieving a rapid and affordable energy transition.

AGL supports the OECC's proposed changes to the ESS, which are centred around the introduction of fuel switching into the scheme to align with the policy and strategic direction of the NSW Energy Security Safeguard. We welcome the expanded range of activities that will qualify as Recognised Energy Saving Activities which we believe will encourage a greater uptake of products and technologies that can improve energy efficiency in households and businesses as well as reducing reliance on non-renewable primary energy sources. Overall, AGL considers that the ESS has functioned well in driving uptake of energy efficiency activities, and we are supportive of the scheme's ongoing evolution.

¹ 896,329 small and large electricity customers; 608,197 small and large gas customers in NSW, AGL Energy & Powerdirect, Australian Energy Regulator, Retail Energy Market Performance Reporting, Quarter 4, 2021-2022.



If you would like to discuss any aspect of AGL's submission, please contact Valeriya Kalpakidis at vkalpakidis@agl.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

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