

VECC INTERROGATORY #6

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Reference: Evidence of Wirebury Connections Inc., paragraph 63

Preamble: “Wirebury believes that extending customer choice to existing customers will have limited adverse impact ... the associated costs will normally be prohibitive or the alternate service will not be offered to customers”

- a) Does Wirebury agree that the majority of existing end use electricity customers will not have effective choice (i.e. cost competitive alternatives to their existing LDC) even if overlapping service areas are allowed as the associated costs of supply from an alternative distributor would be prohibitively high?

RESPONSE

For most customers, switching will not be economically viable, particularly if they are required to pay all of the costs associated with the requested change of distributor. The effective choice for currently connected customers has already been made by past events, however, that should not preclude others from benefiting from competition, especially when all customers stand to benefit from a competitive market.

