



ACT
Government

SMALL AND MEDIUM FEED-IN TARIFF REVIEW AND AUDIT

BACKGROUND

The Small and Medium-scale feed-in tariff (FiT) scheme (the scheme) allows for payments to ACT households and businesses generating renewable electricity, primarily rooftop solar. The ACT electricity distributor, Evoenergy, is responsible for administration of the scheme and is required by law to provide the ACT Government with data on an annual basis.

The ACT Government has held concerns regarding the quality of the data being reported by Evoenergy for some time. Efforts to address these concerns did not satisfactorily improve reporting, so the ACT Government triggered an audit of Evoenergy's data management and reporting practices. The audit was completed at Evoenergy's own expense and was conducted throughout 2019. At the same time the Government also reviewed the legislation that established the FiT scheme.

KEY FINDINGS

The audit and review resulted in several key findings:

- > There were consistency issues with the data provided to the Government by Evoenergy, including discrepancies between generated output and recorded system capacity
- > There were weaknesses in Evoenergy's internal processes relating to FiT scheme data, and
- > Some details of the scheme's operation are unclear for consumers

HOW IS THE GOVERNMENT RESPONDING?

The ACT Government is taking action in response to the findings of the audit and review. The Government will make amendments to the legislation that underpins the scheme.

The ACT Government will:

- > enforce more robust processes on energy companies to ensure data quality,
- > introduce penalties for the provision of incorrect data by energy companies, and
- > allow more resources to manage the scheme.

The amendments will help the ACT Government to more closely monitor Evoenergy's administration of the scheme and maintain public confidence in the scheme.

Until the recommendations are implemented, it is difficult to determine the overall impact of identified data discrepancies, however any impacts are likely to be small. Evoenergy has been proactively working with the ACT Government to address these concerns over the past 12 months, and the government is confident that this improvement will continue.

QUESTIONS?

Customers with concerns about their FiT should contact Evoenergy on 13 23 86 or visit www.evoenergy.com.au.

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