

Electricity Supply (General) Amendment (Solar Bonus Savings) Regulation 2011

under the

Electricity Supply Act 1995

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Electricity Supply Act 1995*.

CHRIS HARTCHER, MP Minister for Resources and Energy

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to amend the *Electricity Supply (General) Regulation 2001*, as a consequence of the closure of the solar bonus scheme to new customers, to save the rights of certain customers to receive credits under the scheme for electricity generated by complying generators. A customer whose complying generator was not connected to the electricity distribution network on the date of closure of the scheme will still be eligible to join the scheme if the customer made an application to connect the complying generator before 29 April 2011.

This Regulation is made under the *Electricity Supply Act 1995*, including sections 15A (8F) and 191 (the general regulation-making power) of, and clause 1 of Schedule 6 to, that Act.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Electricity Supply (General) Amendment (Solar Bonus Savings) Regulation 2011.*

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Amendment of Electricity Supply (General) Regulation 2001

Clause 104M

Insert after clause 104L:

104M Saving of rights of solar bonus scheme applicants who applied for connection to distribution network before 29 April 2011

- (1) This clause is made pursuant to section 15A (8F) of, and clause 1 of Schedule 6 to, the Act.
- (2) This clause applies to a small retail customer if:
 - (a) a notice is published under section 15A (8C) of the Act, and
 - (b) before 29 April 2011, a distribution network service provider received an application under section 15A (3) of the Act by or on behalf of the customer to have customer connection services provided so as to connect, or permit the connection of, a complying generator to the distribution network service provider's distribution network, and
 - (c) the complying generator was not connected to the distribution network before the date specified in the notice.

The small retail customer is entitled to have credits (3) recorded under section 15A of the Act, and amounts paid under section 34A of the Act, in respect of electricity produced by the complying generator as if the generator had been connected to the distribution network before the notice was published.