

AUDREY ZIBELMAN MADE IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ENERGY MARKETS AT A TIME IT WAS MOST NEEDED

The leading advocate for large commercial and industrial energy users in Australia, the Energy Users' Association of Australia (EUAA) wishes Audrey Zibelman, outgoing Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director of the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), well in her new role leading a global clean energy team at X company.

"Audrey has brought new thinking and fresh ideas to the Australian energy scene and has been an important agent of change during a tumultuous time," said EUAA CEO, Andrew Richards. "In her time leading AEMO Audrey has begun to realign our energy markets to better manage a rapidly changing technology mix and significant shifts in consumer demand. We wish her well in her new role."

Large energy users play an important role in managing the market, creating stability in the electricity system and also providing an opportunity for demand reduction at times when electricity use is hitting peak demand.

"EUAA members have appreciated the opportunity to engage openly and transparently with Audrey and her team, as we worked together to improve programs run by AEMO that benefit all energy users. While more work is still to be done, we hope this willingness to improve stakeholder relations will continue," added Mr Richards.

"We wish the AEMO Board well in their search for a replacement for Audrey and hope that the critical role that consultation and collaboration plays continues to be valued as the rapid transformation of energy markets moves forward – not least of which with the ongoing development of the Integrated System Plan."

The EUAA is the peak body representing Australian commercial and industrial energy users. Our membership covers a broad cross section of the Australian economy including significant retail, manufacturing, food and materials processing industries. Combined our members employ over 1 million Australians, pay billions in energy bills every year and expect to see all parts of the energy supply chain making their contribution to delivering affordable, reliable and sustainable energy supplies.

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