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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

APPROVAL OF INDUSTRY CODE

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) may approve industry codes under section 58 of the *Utilities Act 2000* after it has undertaken any required consultation, and it is satisfied that the code is consistent with other industry and technical codes and that it is appropriate.

The Electricity Customer Transfer Code sets out practices and procedures for transferring customers between electricity retailers. It is a prerequisite to full retail contestability in the electricity market, which is scheduled to commence on 1 March 2003. The Code will apply to electricity distributors and electricity suppliers licensed in the ACT and to any applicable metering providers and metering data providers.

Copies of the Electricity Customer Transfer Code are available for inspection during ordinary office hours from the ICRC, Level 7 Eclipse House, 197 London Circuit, Canberra City. They are also available on the ICRC's website at www.icrc.act.gov.au.