

## Penalty Notice

### ***Essential Services Commission Act 2001 (Vic), section 54S***

To: Origin Energy Electricity Limited (ACN 071 052 287)  
321 Exhibition Street  
Melbourne, VIC 3000

#### **Penalty Notice number: PN(E) 7-2024**

1. This notice is dated 29 January 2024.
2. The Essential Services Commission (**the commission**) alleges that the regulated entity, Origin Energy Electricity Limited (ACN 071 052 287) (**Origin Energy**), has contravened a civil penalty requirement within the meaning of that term under section 3 of the Essential Services Commission Act 2001 (Vic) (**the Act**).
3. On 20 December 2023, the commission formed a reason to believe in accordance with section 54S(1) of the Act that Origin Energy is a regulated entity that had engaged in a contravention of a civil penalty requirement.
4. The nature, and a brief description of the alleged contravention, are detailed in Schedule 1 to this penalty notice.
5. The amount of the penalty is \$36,984 as provided by section 54T(2) of the Act.

#### **How to pay the penalty**

6. The \$36,984 penalty is payable by **26 February 2024**.
7. Origin Energy may pay the penalty by electronic funds transfer to the following account:

Bank: [REDACTED]  
BSB: [REDACTED]  
Account number: [REDACTED]  
Account name: [REDACTED]  
ABN: [REDACTED]  
Reference: [REDACTED]

8. Please notify the commission via email to: [enforcement@esc.vic.gov.au](mailto:enforcement@esc.vic.gov.au) once payment has been made.

### **What can Origin Energy do in response to this penalty notice?**

9. Origin Energy can choose whether or not to pay this penalty notice.
10. If Origin Energy pays the amount of the penalty before the end of the time specified in this penalty notice, the commission will not commence, as appropriate, either a proceeding against Origin Energy for a contravention order in relation to the alleged contravention or a criminal proceeding for an offence constituted by conduct that is substantially the same as the conduct that constitutes the alleged contravention. If Origin Energy does not pay the penalty within this time, the commission may take such action.
11. Origin Energy is entitled to disregard this penalty notice and to defend any proceedings relating to the alleged contravention.



Sitesh Bhojani  
Commissioner  
Essential Services Commission

