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SAPN EA Update 3-3-2021

Today the unions of the SBU appeared in the Fair Work Commission (FWC) to apply for “Bargaining Orders” to force SA Power Networks back to the bargaining table. We sought that SA Power Networks return to the bargaining table and that SA Power Networks correct the record in relation to their position that bargaining has “ceased”. This was supported by the FWC.

The outcome of this conference is that SA Power Networks has agreed to forward the unions a schedule of bargaining meetings by close of business Friday the 5th of March 2021. In addition, they will issue a statement to all workers that bargaining will continue for a replacement Enterprise Agreement.

There is an important distinction that needs to be recognised, in our view, bargaining is not resuming, bargaining was never legally allowed to be “ceased” in the first place. The bargaining period is open and has been open since the initiation of bargaining in mid-2020.

We will be monitoring all communications closely to make sure we are satisfied the previous misinformation has been sufficiently rectified and that a fair meeting schedule is proposed for good faith bargaining to continue.

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