



1 May 2020

Mr. Suresh Manickam
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By email: suresh.manickam@neca.asn.au

Suresh,

**Re: AM2020/12 – Section 157 Variation of Awards at the Initiative of the Commission
Electrical, Electronic and Communications Contracting Award 2010
Proposed Covid-19 Response Schedule**

I refer to the above and to your correspondence to the Commission of even date.

Frankly, I am surprised by your correspondence. I would have expected that NECA would first seek to consult with the ETU. As previously communicated to Oliver Judd, I am the appropriate point of contact within the ETU for discussions concerning the Electrical, Electronic and Communications Award.

For your information, the ETU has been actively involved in the award process to date. NECA has not. To my knowledge, NECA has not participated at all.

In any event, the ETU treats your proposal seriously. Prior to progressing this matter with the Commission, I think it appropriate that we first meet to properly discuss NECA's concerns and determine if a joint approach can be taken. I am available to meet next week should you wish to discuss.

In the interim, I am writing to the Commission requesting that it defer consideration of your correspondence until we have had the opportunity to meet.

I await your response.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allen Hicks'.

Allen Hicks
National Secretary