

Ausgrid: AustralianSuper considering partial sale of Ausgrid stake

Ausgrid has been notified that one of its investors, AustralianSuper, is presently considering its options concerning a partial sale of its 25.2% interest in Ausgrid. The partial sale being considered concerns an interest in Ausgrid equivalent to approximately 16%.

AustralianSuper will retain an interest of over 10 per cent in Ausgrid, both directly and through IFM Investors (as the largest investor in the IFM Funds), who own a 25.2% interest in Ausgrid.

AustralianSuper and IFM Investors each have a right of first offer over any sale by the other of their holdings in Ausgrid.

The NSW Government's 49.6% interest in Ausgrid will remain unchanged.

AustralianSuper has reiterated its view that Ausgrid presents an attractive opportunity for investors looking to partner in a long-term investment, with a high-quality management team which has delivered major improvements to the business since it was partially-privatised in 2016. Its future strategy means Ausgrid is well positioned to play a critical role in powering the Sydney CBD, Central Coast and Hunter Valley, particularly through the transition to the low carbon economy.

Ausgrid is the licensed electricity distributor for some of the most densely populated areas in Australia, in particular eastern Sydney, the Central Coast and the Hunter Valley. Ausgrid controls, operates and manages the largest electricity distribution network in the Australian National Electricity Market by regulatory asset base, end customer numbers, electricity delivered, and maximum demand.

AustralianSuper and IFM Investors acquired their interest via a 99-year lease of Ausgrid on 1 December 2016, in partnership with the NSW Government.