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Dear Ms Bramley

**Re: Waiver of the Electricity Distribution Ring-fencing Guideline (the Guideline)**

The AER issues this notice pursuant to clauses 5.3.1 and 5.7(b) of the AER Electricity Distribution Ring-fencing Guideline, October 2017 (the Guideline).

The AER grants Essential Energy a ring-fencing waiver from clauses 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 of the Ring-fencing Guideline until 30 June 2024 to allow Essential Energy to provide the following contestable training courses to Accredited Service Providers: *Accredited Service Provider Initial & Refresher Training*; *Work Near Overhead Powerlines Initial & Refresher Training*; and *Safe Work Practices Initial & Refresher Training*.

This waiver permits Essential Energy to provide these training services in the locations of Armidale, Culcairn, Glenn Innes. To avoid any doubt, these services may also be provided in the 33 locations listed in the waiver issued to Essential Energy in December 2017.

Essential Energy is required by clause 5.7 of the Guideline to include this waiver on its waiver register, which must be publicly available on Essential Energy's website.

Yours sincerely



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Sent by email on: 15.08.2019