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By email: AERInquiry@aer.gov.au

Dear Mr Leuner

Draft AER Compliance Procedures and Guidelines

AGL Energy Ltd (**AGL**) acknowledges the recent release by the AER of its draft Compliance Procedures and Guidelines, which will operate under the National Energy Customer Framework (NECF).

AGL does not have any substantive comments on the draft, given that we have provided extensive comments in response to previous consultation papers on the AER's approach to compliance. We are pleased that some of our concerns regarding, for example, compliance reviews, audits and the use of market intelligence, have been addressed by the AER.

As stated in our previous submissions, AGL will work co-operatively with the AER to support its compliance monitoring and reporting functions. We again encourage the AER to take a similarly co-operative approach and to intervene only when necessary and appropriate, especially in the months following transition to NECF when new processes will still be settling down.

Please contact Anna Stewart, Manager Regulatory Policy and Strategy on 03 8633 6830 should you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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