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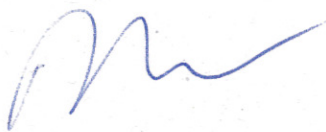
Dear Mr Pattas

**ActewAGL Distribution response to the Australian Energy Regulator's draft connection charge guidelines**

ActewAGL Distribution appreciates the opportunity to respond to the draft connection charge guidelines for retail electricity customers, released by the AER on 22 December 2011. In the draft guidelines and the accompanying explanatory statement the AER has clarified aspects of its intended approach and addressed several of the issues raised in response to the June 2011 consultation paper. However, ActewAGL Distribution has some remaining concerns with the AER's proposed approach, and these concerns are set out in the attached submission.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of our submission please contact Leanne Holmes, Manager Economic Regulation on 0412 850 715.

Yours sincerely



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